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> Councilman Chris Tolbert  
> Ward 3  
> St Paul, Mn

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> Dear Mr Tolbert

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> I am writing to you in relation to real estate  
> administration fee that I was assessed, upon completion of  
> of the Davern-Jefferson Phase II Residential Street Vitality  
> Project, that was completed last November.  
> The issue unfolded as such: Once the breadth of this  
> street/sewer/water pipe issue became clear, my task was  
> obviously how to approach paying for it. After lengthy  
> conversations with various city departments, which included  
> Lori Lemke, in the Sewer Department, and Lisa Falk-Thompson  
> in Construction, I deemed to pay for the project as the  
> various pieces of it came due, and not to finance it. One  
> of my issues against having the amount assessed, was the  
> administration fees added on to the cost, which I see as  
> front end interest. In the application for Sewer  
> Assessment, they mention a \$60.00 administration fee, this  
> is clear in the paperwork. I did not sign this document,  
> nor submit it. This I initially discussed with Lori Lemke,  
> in which I was told that the sewer project would be  
> completed and billed in two parts. The sewer main to the  
> property line and the house hook-up to the street or  
> property line, to account for this delineation of  
> billing.

> I was told that I would be billed for the project upon  
> completion, and that the construction firm would bill me  
> separately for final part of this project. The house part  
> of it had been completed and paid for on 7/5/2012 as noted  
> below, the sewer main to my property line being the final  
> piece of the project, before the road repaving. I expected  
> this late in 2011, as they finished in October. Later it  
> was said that the billing would be done in Spring of 2012.  
> My payments have been as such:

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> Capra Construction \$3075.00 on 7/5/2011  
> homeowner end of water pipe and sewer project  
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> City of St Paul \$2092.80 on 11/2/2011  
> road paving and street lights  
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> I have been waiting for the statement for last piece of this  
> project. It was done on time and was badly needed. I  
> have no qualms with the project, the contractors or the City  
> in any other aspect of this reconstruction.  
> I was extremely dismayed, and angry when I received the  
> notification of the Ratification of Assessment on March 1.  
> Included in the total for this Assessment of which I  
> submitted no request for, I was billed a \$118.72 Real Estate  
> Administration Fee. I called Lori Lemke, the same day to  
> question this. I was under the understanding that I was to  
> be billed by the construction firm, and that this was not to  
> go to the city for processing. She was of a similar  
> understanding. It appears that the City of St. Paul wants  
> \$118.72 to send me a bill for details they never gave me, on  
> paperwork that I never signed. The Request for Sanitary  
> Service Repair, that I submitted, and signed on 4/15/2011,  
> made no mention of an assessment fee on the price quoted.  
> It was broken down as a connection fee and \$ per foot.  
> I question if the actions of the City of St. Paul are legal,  
> not to mention ethical. I will be out of town for the  
> hearing on 3/21/2012, in which this matter will be open for  
> discussion. I would greatly appreciate any help that you  
> could give me in this matter. This is very  
> disconcerting. Thank you very much for your time. Please  
> contact me as needed.  
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> Sincerely  
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