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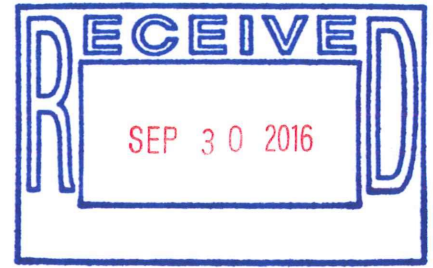
Office of Financial Services

Real Estate Section

25 W 4<sup>th</sup> St.

1000 City Hall Annex

St. Paul, MN 55102-1660



SUBJECT: Assessment # 165208 - FILE # 19198

PARCEL ID: 34-29-22-24-0020

PROPERTY TAX DESCRIPTION: MOREVEC ADDITION NO. 2- LOT 16 BLOCK MORAVEC ADDITION NO 2V  
LOT 16 BLOCK

ADDRESS: 1535 3<sup>RD</sup> St. E

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Reference is made to notification, dated 09/08/16, regarding St. Paul City Council Public Hearing Notice Ratification of Assessment.

I am at a loss as why we have to pay such a high assessment because of all of the taxes that we pay. Recent news articles in the Mpls Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press printed that St. Paul East Side residents feel ignored in spending priorities. St. Paul is home to 33% of St. Paul, and it only gets 19% of CIB funding for public construction projects.

The mayor wants to subsidize the new soccer stadium and give them sales tax exemption on materials which could result in millions of dollars on funds that could be used for public construction. The majority of St. Paul residents are not interested in soccer. Why should we subsidize a rich man's playground, where players will get paid multi-million dollar salaries. Most people cannot afford to attend these games. The people who want this stadium should pay for it.

The St. Paul City Council wanted to levy an increase of 8.6% in property tax, which the mayor vetoed. Now it's down to only 7.9% (114.M). Tainted to the city council members who approved this measure. One of the biggest items is improving the Department of Parks & Recreation by spending one million dollars. I suggest charging user fees to people using these facilities and not the rest of us.

While taxes are going up, city service is not. On June 27, 2016, I called Public Works three times as listed on the next page:

Call #1: Received a voice mail. I left a message for the lady to call me. The employee was on vacation and called back two weeks later and said it would take several weeks to make a decision and call me back. She never returned the call and it has been 3 months.

Call #2: Talked to a man. Referred call to Inspector to put up temporary / permanent "No U Turn" signs and no parking signs within 5 feet of driveway. He said he would talk to the inspector and see if temporary signs could be put up for the construction at Harding High entrance. He never showed up.

Call #3: I called again and left a message to call me. Man returned call approx. 1:47 P.M.

Nothing was done. I had told them that many vehicles were making "U" turns in my, and my neighbor's driveways. The drivers were ignoring the construction zone signs at Hazelwood and East Third Street. By the end of the day, approximately 200 vehicles were turning around in our driveways. Drivers make "U" turns in our driveways 24 hours a day. I don't know how often it happened, but twice I have witnessed cars backing up and hitting cars across the street while making "U" turns in my driveway. One day it may be a child. I also said the City should pay for the signs.

I also said I wanted a sign that says do not park with 5 feet of my driveway entrance and that I would pay for that sign. Nothing happened and it's been 3 months. Vehicles are parked right up and within the entrance of my driveway. There have been times that I have a hard time getting in and out of my own driveway.

Three times I have contacted the city regarding putting traffic enforcement signs at East Third Street at Hazelwood. Even just putting two stop signs at the intersection of East Third Street and Hazelwood would help, and it would not cost much money. Nothing was ever done. Are they waiting for another child to get hurt or killed? One child was killed three years ago. There have been a number of accidents at that intersection over the years.

Then the mayor endorsed the Superintendent of Schools, Valeria Silva, for a second term, along with the school board, costing the taxpayers over \$800,000 when she was fired for not doing her job that she got paid to do.

When will this overspending end and just what services are we getting in lieu of all the taxes we are paying? If the city employees are not doing their jobs, the jobs should be eliminated and save the taxpayer dollars.

The city council gets voted in to represent the constituents that voted them in. You need to do a better job for the taxpayers.

Sincerely,

  
Alice E. MacLennan

1535 3<sup>rd</sup> St E

St. Paul, MN 55106-5437



# Saint Paul City Council Public Hearing Notice Ratification of Assessment

**OWNER OR TAXPAYER**

Alice E Maclellan  
1535 3rd St E  
St Paul MN 55106-5437

COUNCIL DISTRICT  
PLANNING DISTRICT #  
FILE #19198  
ASSESSMENT #165208  
PROPERTY ADDRESS  
1535 3RD ST E  
PARCEL ID  
34-29-22-24-0020

**PROPERTY TAX DESCRIPTION**

MORAVEC ADDITION NO. 2 LOT 16 BLK 3

**THE TIME:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 at 5:30 PM  
**PUBLIC PLACE:** City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall-Court House  
**HEARING** Written or oral statements by any owner will be considered by the Council at this hearing.

**PURPOSE** To consider approval of the assessment for:  
Street Rehabilitation - Third Street between Johnson Parkway and White Bear Avenue  
(2016 SPS Project)

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION** The proposed assessment for the above property is **\$2,968.00**. If the City Council approves the assessment you will have 30 days to pay without interest. Any unpaid balance will be collected with your property taxes over **20** year(s) at **5.0300%** interest. The proposed roll for this project is available for review in the Real Estate Office, 25 W. 4th Street - 10th floor - City Hall Annex.

**ASSESSMENT CALCULATION**

Grade and Pave	53.00	X	56.00 / foot	=	\$2,968.00
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**NOTE** **THIS IS NOT A BILL.** YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVOICE AFTER THE HEARING SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT.

**Invoice will be sent to the taxpayer**

**DEFERRED PAYMENTS** Persons 65 and older or permanently disabled may qualify for deferred payment of special assessments with a term greater than 1 year. If it would be a hardship and you homestead this property, you may apply for deferred payment after the City Council approves the **RATIFICATION OF ASSESSMENTS**.

This is not a forgiveness of payment. It is a deferred payment plan in which interest continues to accrue. The deferred payment shall be for a period no longer than the term of the special assessment. Assessments with a term of 1 year are not eligible for deferral.

For more information on deferments, please call **651-266-8858**.

**VIEW ASSESSMENTS** To view assessments online visit our website at [www.stpaul.gov/assessments](http://www.stpaul.gov/assessments). Properties can be looked up either by street address or by parcel identification number.

**QUESTIONS** Before the public hearing call 651-266-8858 and refer to the File # on page 1 of this notice. City staff will be available to answer any last minute questions located on the 10th floor of the City Hall Annex the same day as the hearing. After the public hearing call 651-266-8858 and refer to the Assessment # on page 1.

Tenemos a su disposición servicios de intérpretes gratuitos 651-266-8858. Adeegyada tarjumaada oo lacag la'aan ah ayaad helaysaa 651-266-8858. Yog koj xav tau tus neeg pab txhais lus dawb 651-266-8858.

**APPEAL** City Council decisions are subject to appeal in the Ramsey County District Court. You must file a notice stating the grounds for the appeal with the City Clerk within 20 days after the order adopting the assessment. You must file the same notice with the Clerk of District Court within 10 days after filing with the City Clerk.

**NOTE:** Failure to file the required notices within the times specified shall forever prohibit an appeal from the assessment.

Section 64.06 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires regular assessment payments to be made even if an assessment is under appeal. If the appeal is successful, the payments including interest will be refunded.

**NOTICE SENT BY THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
REAL ESTATE SECTION  
25 W. 4TH ST.  
1000 CITY HALL ANNEX  
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102-1660**