

March 3, 2014

City Council Chambers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall – Court House  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: St. Paul City Council Public Hearing  
Notice Ratification of Assessment  
Property Address: 979 University Ave

Dear Council President Lantry and Members,

I am asking to go on the record for this Assessment to be put on hold until this issue is resolved. I have a dental procedure on March 5, 2014. I am not sure if I can be at this meeting.

On or about July 9, 2012 Walsh Construction did the sewer repairs in front of my building. The construction worker hit my rock foundation and knocked a hole in it. The construction worker said that he didn't know that I had a basement. Now that the sidewalk is completely finished. The sidewalk is slopped, so that the water from rain and melting snow will flow toward my foundation. WATER is now coming inside of my basement. This will cause mold, mildew and weaken the foundation. I need to know when this will be corrected.

I want this problem resolved before I pay this bill.

I have enclosed a letter from Walsh and pictures of the water on the sidewalk.

Sincerely,



Betty L. Charles  
CC: Council Members,  
Dai Thao  
Dave Thune  
Chris Tolbert  
Russ Stark  
Amy Brendmoen  
Dan Bostrom

CC: Mayor Coleman



# Saint Paul City Council Public Hearing Notice Ratification of Assessment

**OWNER OR TAXPAYER**

**Betty L Charles**  
979 University Ave W  
St Paul MN 55104-4704

COUNCIL DISTRICT #  
PLANNING DISTRICT #  
FILE #19082C  
ASSESSMENT #126007  
PROPERTY ADDRESS  
**979 UNIVERSITY AVE W**  
PARCEL ID  
**35-29-23-24-0215**

**PROPERTY TAX DESCRIPTION**

WEED & LAWRENCE'S ADDITION TO SAINT PAUL, MINN. LOT 4 BLK 1

**THE TIME:** Wednesday, March 05, 2014 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:  
Sanitary Sewer Repairs within the street right of way as part of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project-University Avenue.

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION** The proposed assessment for the above property is **\$2,566.08**. 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 **4.2500%** 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.

<b>ASSESSMENT CALCULATION</b>	Service Replacement	10.80	X	220.00 / foot	=	\$2,376.00
	City Processing Fee	10.80	X	17.60 / foot	=	\$190.08

**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**



Walsh Construction

A MEMBER OF The Walsh Group

Monday, August 27, 2012

Shear Pleasure Salon of Beauty  
979 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55104

**Subject: Claim for Structural Damage to Building**

Dear Madame:

We are writing to notify you that we have completed our review of your report of damage to your property at 979 University West on or about 7/9/12. You allege that vibration from Walsh Construction Company (Walsh) work caused exterior damage to sidewalks and extensive interior cracking of plaster walls.

Pre-construction photos and video show the exterior damage existed before our work started. There are old exterior cracks in the building that radiate through to the interior plaster walls. Our investigation of the building, including the basement, revealed old sagging floors. When a floor sags there is so much stress and movement to the building that old plaster walls crack severely. Our investigator observed and photographed wall cracks that had spider webs and/or showed evidence of previous patching. Thus they could not have been new cracks.

After careful consideration of these facts, we are denying any liability for the alleged damage. However, in a show of good faith that we want to be a good neighbor we will repair the loose foundation stones shown in the photograph below if you will sign a waiver.







March 3, 2014

Susan Haigh, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street N.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Walsh Construction

Dear Ms. Haigh,

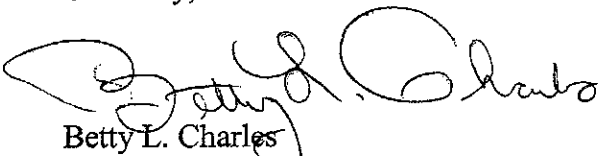
I am asking for help to get my issue resolved.

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CC: Council President Lantry ✓  
Mayor Coleman