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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

Delinquent Garbage Assessments

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 **RLH TA 25-333** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 782 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. CG2503A2 , Assessment No. 250117)

Sponsors: Yang

Reduce assessment from \$152.32 to \$125.

Stephanie Pruitt, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Jillian Barden: the property owner requested a hearing to dispute the extra bag charges because she asked for a larger cart January 27th and the swap didn't occur. The extra bag charges occurred October 3, 2024 and were invoiced on the Quarter 1, 2025 bill.

Pruitt: I requested larger receptacle. I'm on a fixed income. I piecemeal projects around the house together. They were supposed to drop it off on Thursday they didn't. They are saying I didn't pay a bill in the amount of \$154, and Waste Management's website was down and I couldn't get through to anyone. I couldn't access anything. When it was finally back up and running my bill was listed at \$0. When I did finally talk to them they just told me Waste Management no longer servicing St. Paul. They said I had to contact the City and hung up. I was never aware of an outstanding balance with Waste Management. I don't believe it is ethically appropriate for them to not have given me full disclosure in what happened to the bill. It isn't appropriate to be brought into this level of hearing over a bill that I was going to pay and wasn't able to, then was told I didn't owe anything. I believe there are standards within the Board of Commerce against these unethical practices.

Moermond: First an explanation, when Waste Management goes for a full quarter, say January – March and the bill doesn't get paid it gets sent to the City for assessment. The accounts are cleared out, and on top of that their contract with the City ended. I'll recommend the late charges are removed, \$25, and get your bill down to \$125.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/13/2025

- 2 RLH TA 25-342** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2319 STANDISH STREET. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Sponsors: Privratsky

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Jillian Barden: property owner says Aspen agreed to remove the late fee and Aspen forgot to process the removal and Aspen will reach out to the City to remove the fee. That didn't happen. Staff attempted to contact Aspen Waste on two separate occasions and got no response. Staff recommends removing the assessment.

Moermond: the owner is Wibur Purcell and Nancy, his daughter, reached out to the City explaining what happened. Staff reached out to the hauler with no response. Recommend deletion of the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/13/2025

- 3 RLH TA 25-341** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 560 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Sponsors: Johnson

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Moermond: property owner talked to Republic, you did as well?

Staff report by Jillian Barden: property owner submitted a Temporary service hold January 30, 2025 to pause garbage service from February 3 to April 30, 2025. Republic did not acknowledge receiving the hold and charged the PO for service for the whole quarter and assessed the PO for 44.27 (after the \$40 payment in Jan was applied). When an assessment inquiry was submitted to Republic asking for more information about the service hold, they said we could remove the assessment if Public Works have a copy of the email sent to Republic Services, which we do have. Staff recommends removing assessment.

Moermond: recommend deletion.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/13/2025