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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

9:00 a.m. Hearings

- 1 **RLH TA 25-262** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1724, 1748 AND 1760 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Sponsors: Yang

Reduce assessment from \$1,857 to \$1,609.

Michael Buelow, property representative appeared via phone

[explains appeal process]

Martin: Summary Abatement Orders were issued for three properties on 3/10 to remove the garbage, furniture, and debris on the properties around the dumpsters with a compliance date of 3/17. Recheck confirmed that the issues had not been abated and a work order was submitted and performed on 3/24. There is a long history of trash orders at this property.

Buelow: If you ever looked at a map of this site, there are 7 apartment buildings on Sims/Case, we basically own the whole alley. We have four dumpster areas up and down the alley. We have an issue with illegal dumping on a regular basis. It's not fair to me to get a bill for things that other people have dumped. I have maintenance and management on site and this is still happening. In March we caught a moving company dumping things on our property and they came to clean it. I want to see the pictures and proof that this was done by the City. This just isn't fair. Maybe I should go to the City Council. The City should subsidize trash pick up for everyone. The City shares the problem. It's not my problem, it's our problems. This isn't unique.

Moermond: There should have been a packet sent to you on 5/28 that includes photos from the contractor. The photos on the re-check look the same which leads me to believe that this was not abated. The City hires a private contractor to do these work orders. We get the bill and attach a service charge. I am going to recommend that there only be one service charge instead of three. That is a slight reduction which gets you from \$1857 down to \$1609. In terms of your larger policy question about whether the City should be participating in removing garbage for investment properties, I'm not sure what you would be looking for in terms of how that cost would be covered. If that means you reducing rent and sharing that with City or paying higher property taxes. I'm sorry that your property is experiencing illegal dumping.

Buelow: I will be at the City Council meeting to contest this. I do not believe the photos attached are adequate to show that the City's crew cleaned it up, because I pay for cleanup services regularly.

Moermond: We have before/after photos. Did you receive those?

Buelow: I only got three photos?

Moermond: You should have received three packets. We can resend the packets. The hearing is 7/16, the information is in the letter that was sent.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

2 RLH TA 25-256 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 941 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve and make payable over 5 years.

Kim Aughenbaugh, daughter of property owner appeared via phone

[provides background of appeals process]

Martin: On 2/28 there was an Summary Abatement Order issued for property to remove and dispose of a rug, car bumper, and miscellaneous debris from the property with a compliance date of 3/7. At reinspection on 3/17 the issues had not been abated. A work order was issued and completed on 3/19. History of orders at property.

Aughenbaugh: My mother cannot have this conversation. She has breathing issues and dementia. She is on a fixed income. She has called routinely about garbage being dumped on her property. She did not understand if she should remove it or if the City would charge her. This wasn't clear to her.

Moermond: Ms. Martin do you have any more information about previous complaints?

Martin: We have complaints going back to 2015. Every letter would include information about appealing or talking to the inspector. With dumping, if it is on private property, it is unfortunately your problem. If the brush in the backyard had been cleaned up, that might help with the dumping.

Aughenbaugh: I am just now starting to care for my mother. I have a full time job too. She has neighbors that are helping with the lawn. She is on a limited income, if she has to pay this, could she make payments?

Moermond: Ms. Martin, what kind of assistance could she get?

Martin: Ramsey County House Calls would be a good start. They can help with a lot that she might qualify for (provides phone number).

Moermond: We can look to see if this assessment could be deferred. If it can, I'd be happy to make that recommendation. If it cannot be deferred, I'd recommend that it be made payable over five years. You'd get an invoice that you can either pay or it can go to your property taxes.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

3 RLH TA 25-253 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1814 JAMES AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Sponsors: Jost

Continue CPH to January 7, 2026 and if no same or similar violations reduce assessment from \$298 to \$149 otherwise approve in full.

John Ewen, owner appeared on phone

[explains appeal process]

Martin: 3/12/25 a Summary Abatement Order was issued to remove pallets from the rear of the property. The compliance date in the orders was 3/19. On reinspection, the items had not been removed and a work order was submitted. When the crew arrived, the pallets had been removed. The service charge/fee was still charged.

Ewen: I was in Portland, OR for the winter, and there was a delay in getting the mail. My grandson is living at the property and he removed the pallets when asked. Apparently that happened after the deadline.

Moermond: What is your ask?

Ewen: I don't agree with being asked to remove pallets from my own yard. Two wrongs don't make a right, but there are worse properties in the area. If the pallets were positioned differently would this still be an issue?

Martin: Pallets are considered scrap wood and this is not a correct storage situation. Mail was sent to both property owner and occupant.

Ewen: I don't know if my grandson opened the mail.

Moermond: I understand that this was inside the fence, but it is still visible. Property maintenance standards apply to private property, regardless of a fence or not. This would also be a violation of the nuisance code. I think moving forward you will have no problem maintaining your yard and I believe you can train your grandson to open the mail.

Ewen: Yes, I can tell him not to keep pallets in the yard. He obviously took care of it, just not in a timely fashion. We agree that he took care of it?

Moermond: Yes, this is a trip charge. He did remove them.

Ewen: When was the letter mailed?

Moermond: March 12.

Ewen: I got it around March 17.

Moermond: Is that your garage in the picture?

Ewen: Yes.

Moermond: There are a variety of issues that we would send orders for. For example, snow and ice. This time of year it could be tall grass and weeds. I would like to set this up to be decreased if there are no further violations. The City Council could see it differently. If there are no same or similar violations through the end of the year, I would recommend cutting this bill in half.

Ewen: I still don't agree with this.

Moermond: You can speak to the City Council if you like.

Ewen: You're going to recommend that the fee be cut in half if there are no violations based on someone else's judgement? I want someone to come out every month and walk the property with me.

Martin: We are not a property management company.

Ewen: I'm asking for a proactive way to say the property is okay. Not reactive with a letter.

Moermond: This is a complaint-based system. You can check your property every month for these things. If you get an order that you feel isn't justified, you can appeal it.

Ewen: What are my next steps? I go to the City Council meeting on 7/16 and they will hear your recommendation. Do I need a reservation?

Moermond: No. It is a public hearing. All the information is in the letter.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

- 4** **RLH TA 25-259** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 617 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Sponsors: Noecker

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Supervisor Lisa Martin: Recommend deletion. Contractor photos are not available.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

10:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 5** [RLH TA 25-248](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1470 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. 2504T, Assessment No. 259004)

Sponsors: Kim

Approve and make payable over 5 years.

Voicemail left at 10:05 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council trying to reach Elton Mykerezi about an appealed tax assessment for tree removal at 1470 North Dale. We couldn't reach you a couple weeks ago, we will try you again and hopefully connect.

Voicemail left at 10:17 am: this is Marcia Moermond again from St. Paul City Council calling about your appealed assessment for tree removal at 1470 North Dale. We've tried a few times without success. This is \$3,909.48 and I'm going to ask the Council to make this payable over 5 years. If you are looking for a different outcome, that is fine, reach back to us to discuss. We'll send a follow up email.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/18/2025

6 [RLH TA 25-247](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 588 FOREST STREET. (File No. 2503T1, Assessment No. 259007)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve the assessment and make payable over 5 years.

Ford Wagner, property representative appeared via phone

Moermond: This is continued from 5/20/25. You said that you did not receive notice. Forestry staff did speak to the owner on record, who continues to be the fee owner. We believe that proper legal notice was provided. The assessment is valid. Upon review, the tree is on your property. You can appeal further to the council if you would like. I could recommend that this be made payable over 5 years.

Wagner: How did you come to the conclusion that this is on my property? Just by looking at it?

Moermond: Yes, you could provide a survey if you disagree. We could reexamine this if you have information that contradicts this.

Wagner: You said you reviewed an assessment of the tree location. Can you share the assessment that you reviewed with me?

Moermond: It's the same information we reviewed in the hearing. Happy to consider an alternative if you have more information to share. You could bring that to the City Council or provide that to me. Would you like my recommendation to be that this be made payable over 5 years? It's really up to you.

Wagner: Payable over time is fine. I guess this is an issue between Joe Steinmaus and myself, are there other notices that Joe received that I will be billed for?

Moermond: The CAO has reviewed that this is properly noticed. A concern about notice is a private matter between you and the fee owner of the property that does not involve the City.

Wagner: I thought there were multiple visits made to the property and different notices given. True or false?

Moermond: We can redo the staff report.

Strehlow: The initial notice was handed to Joe Steinmaus on 7/15/24. He wanted to

give it to the contractor, we are required to wait the full 30 days for the compliance date to expire before it can be given to a contractor. A recheck was completed on 9/30/24. Photos and an urgent notice was left at the property.

Wagner: But the notice was not mailed.

Strehlow: Only the initial notice is mailed. Further notices are left at the physical property where the tree resides.

Moermond: You can appeal to the City Council on 6/18/25. You don't need to let us know ahead of time if you want to testify, unless you want to testify by phone in which case you do need to sign up.

Wagner: How do you know it was Joe Steinmaus?

Moermond: We know him.

Wagner: He claims he never had this conversation. How are you confirming it was him?

Moermond: That's between the two of you. City staff know who Joe is. If the notice isn't shared with the fee and tax owner, that's between you.

Wagner: Who can I talk to have notices sent to me instead?

Moermond: The City references the County information. The County shows us who the tax owner is.

Wagner: Will I get a follow up email?

Moermond: The original notice is accurate. There will not be a follow up.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/18/2025

7 RLH TA 25-251 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1845 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)

Sponsors: Privratsky

Approve the assessment.

Robert Lancaster, owner appeared by phone

[provides background of appeals]

Martin: DSI received a complaint from SPFD for an unsafe staircase. We issued order 10/17/24 specifically regarding the deck and stairway. The compliance date was 11/18/24, it was reinspect on 11/27/24 and 12/12/24. Some work was done without a permit and an excessive consumption charge was sent. There is an active permit pulled on 1/16/25 but nothing has been approved or inspected.

Lancaster: The inspector or whoever made some false accusations about the staircase. The staircase has been there for over 40 years and has been approved by other inspectors. I was trying to evict a tenant at another property. This has all been a mess. I did pay this charge in December 2024. Even though I question the need for any of this. The staircase is fine. I keep calling the inspector and he never calls me

back.

Moermond: Who are you calling? The building inspector or the code enforcement inspector?

Lancaster: The code inspector.

Moermond: Ms. Martin do you have any records of this?

Martin: We have no record of any calls. There were rechecks and ECs sent. There was a permit pulled in January 2025.

Lancaster: I paid all of this.

Moermond: There are three bills. They were issued because the work was not done. You have only paid one. With respect as to who made the determination that this was unsafe, that would be SPFD. They make that determination. With respect to how the staircase gets fixed... I know you don't believe that it needs to be fixed. That's a building code issue. I can't comment on building inspector determinations. All I can look at is whether the deadline was met or not. As soon as you pulled the permit the bills stopped. You need to resolve this with the building inspector.

Lancaster: He needs to answer his phone. I will not pay these or be picked on for his insecurities.

Martin: You need to schedule a final inspection with John Caldwell.

Lancaster: They never call back! This is a waste of my time.

Martin: I will have him call you.

Lancaster: I was going to replace the handrail anyway. I live here. I have students that rent bedrooms upstairs. I don't know who complained.

Moermond: The fire department made the determination.

Lancaster: Who called the fire department?

Moermond: It doesn't matter.

Martin: How many students do you have living there?

Lancaster: I have three students that I rent to. And I host a bible fellowship. The house has been inspected by the fire department years ago when Xcel caused the house to start on fire.

Moermond: The first bill was paid. This is the second bill. I will recommend that these be paid and that you work with the building inspector to resolve your differences.

Lancaster: It was a different guy.

Moermond: John Caldwell is the building inspector. He will decide when this is in compliance. That is who you need to deal with. This needs to be resolved because it needs to be safe for everyone in the house.

Lancaster: *It's been like this for 40 years.*

Moermond: *Things change in 40 years. Your public hearing at City Council is July 8.*

Lancaster: *Maybe I'll just sell the house and get out of the county.*

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

- 8 **RLH TA 25-261** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)

Sponsors: Kim

Layover to June 17, 2025 @ 10am (unable to reach PO).

Tried again 10:12 am: call dropped twice.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/17/2025

- 9 [RLH TA 25-260](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1654 JUNO AVENUE. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534) (Refer to August 5, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors: Jost

Refer back to LH August 5, 2025 at 10 am. Recommendation forthcoming pending hauler notes re: PO contact.

Eric Carrara, owner appeared by phone

[explains appeals process]

Martin: 1/13/25 there was a Summary Abatement Order issued for miscellaneous items from the rear of the property near the alley. The compliance date was 1/20. There was a recheck on 1/23 and a work order was submitted and the work was completed on 1/27. No history of issues at this property.

Carrara: We called our trash hauler about the sink and we were in Florida the rest of the winter. We thought the hauler picked it up. This should be on them because the City refuses to let us pick our hauler. We did not receive any other notices until the letter for this hearing.

Moermond: You should contact Public Works about your communication with the hauler (provides number). My recommendation will be to ask the City Council to continue this to see if we can reach a private resolution. If worse comes to worse, I do have faith that you tried to resolve this. We will have this explored with the hauler. Let's talk again on August 5. You will receive a follow up email with this information.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/4/2025

- 10 **RLH TA 25-255** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2451 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)

Sponsors: Privratsky

Delete the assessment (waiver on file).

Moermond: Recommendation to delete. There was already a waiver on file, so they should not have been billed. How does this process work?

Martin: A complaint comes in and a letter is automatically sent to the property owner and a work order is sent to parks.

Moermond: Has anyone at this point looked for a waiver?

Mai Vang: I asked the DSI call center about the waiver. They said there was not a waiver and the owner should resend it. I found the waiver in STAMP. I reached out to Real Estate to find out who processes these in parks, no one seems to know. I reached out to Tom Hagel and he told me he could look, but also recommended that I talk to DSI.

Martin: This should go to Director Wiese and Director Rodriguez.

Moermond: I will send the email.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

- 11 RLH TA 25-257** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2516 WABASH AVENUE. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)

Sponsors: Privratsky

Delete the assessment (waiver on file).

No one appeared

Moermond: Recommending deletion, there was a waiver on file and it should not have been assessed.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

Special Tax Assessments Rolls

- 12 RLH AR 25-52** Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during March 10 to 28, 2025. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Sponsors: Noecker

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

- 13 RLH AR 25-53** Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during January 31 to February 28, 2025. (File No. CRT2509, Assessment No. 258208)

Sponsors: Noecker

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025

- 14 **RLH AR 25-54** Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement service billed during November 22 to December 20, 2024. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025**
- 15 **RLH AR 25-55** Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal service during October 21 to February 4, 2025. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Referred to the City Council due back on 7/16/2025**

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Making Finding on Nuisance Abatements

- 16 [RLH SAO 25-26](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 145 LAWSON AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 25-23.
- Sponsors:** Bowie
- The nuisance is abated and the matter resolved.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/11/2025**
- 17 [RLH SAO 25-21](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed of JoAnn Lorvig Tsoumanis to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1400 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-2. (Legislative Hearing June 3, 2025)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- The nuisance is not abated.*
- JoAnn Lorvig Tsoumanis, owner, appeared via phone*
- Staff update by Supervisor Lisa Martin: we still have a large amount of exterior storage. Loose block. Metal fence sections. Miscellaneous debris throughout the entire yard. Two trailers full of scrap wood on the street. We have rubber floor tiles on the boulevard. Some other items leaning up against the house. Definitely not completed as far as we are concerned.*
- Moermond: and the inspector took photos today to show that?*
- Martin: correct.*
- Lorvig Tsoumanis: I am working on it. I am ill. I am old. I have to work because I'm broke. I have gotten the wood out of the yard. I've got some other stuff out of the yard. No, I am not done. I have tried. It rained for a week and a half.*
- Moermond: the Council originally looked at this in February and this was given*

staggered deadlines so you would be able to accomplish it. The May and June deadline you missed. We did put these deadlines with you being part of the conversation. You knew the expectations. I'm going to report back to the Council that the conditions haven't been cleaned up---

Lorvig Tsoumanis: they are in progress! I have made good progress! I have not NOT done anything. I understand I didn't meet the deadlines, but I am not NOT trying. I am a 62 year old handicapped woman that's broke.

Moermond: and running a business out of your house.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: I'm trying to get everything under control but it doesn't happen overnight. It doesn't happen in 3 months. I've tried really hard to work with you and if you want to send a crew and bill me \$5,000 I'm not paying it. Just keep the bill. I can only do what I can do. I'm sorry. I don't know what else to do.

Moermond: the Council Public Hearing is tomorrow at 3:30 and what I would suggest is if you want a different outcome you need to come talk to the Council about it. That information was also in your email from last Wednesday.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: I can't take off from work to do that. I can't be every place. In another couple weeks to a month it will be done. I'm making progress. I have places rented for it to go. I am one person.

Moermond: I'm going to recommend the Council find the conditions have not been taken care of and a crew should be authorized to clean it up. If you want a different outcome please talk to the City Council.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: you're not even trying to work with me. I'm not NOT making progress. I'm not working against you. I haven't left things stagnant. I'm doing the best I can do. What am I supposed to do? I don't have unlimited resources to hire. I am handicapped. I have to work. I am old. I don't have the resources to hire. Even if I have my own guys do it I have to pay them. Then I'm not making money to pay other bills.

Moermond: you made choices. That's up to you. If you want a different outcome you need to ask the Council for that and whether that is worth your time and money is also up to you. I think you've been given a fair chance to deal with this.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: you guys just don't care. You don't care. You don't care if someone is trying. There is a difference between those who don't try and those who do. And those who care. And you don't care if somebody cares.

Moermond: I didn't say that. I've been working with you for months.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: that's your attitude now. No recognition that I've made progress. The wood is out of the yard. So yes, it is on my trailers, but it is out of the yard and the trailers are moving today.

Moermond: you can talk to the Council, I'm not changing my recommendation.

Lorvig Tsoumanis: yeah I know. Yep. Bye.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/4/2025

1:00 p.m. Hearings**Vacant Building Registrations**

- 18 [RLH VBR 25-26](#) Appeal of Brett Johnson, tenant, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1514 CARROLL AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bowie

Layover to LH June 10, 2025 at 1 pm (unable to reach PO).

Tried calling at 1:13 PM: voice mailbox full, unable to leave message.

Voicemail left at 1:30 PM: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about your appeal for 1514 Carroll. We tried you a bit ago and were unable to leave a message. We'll try again in a few minutes.

Voicemail left at 1:36 pm: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling Brett Johnson. We've tried twice to get ahold of you. I will lay this over for 1 week and try to reach you then to resolve your appeal. We'll send a confirmation email to you.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/10/2025

1:30 p.m. Hearings**Orders To Vacate - Fire Certificate of Occupancy****2:00 p.m. Hearings****Fire Certificates of Occupancy**

- 19 **RLH FCO 25-35** Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 358 ARBOR STREET.

Sponsors: Noecker

Layover to LH June 10, 2025 at 2 pm. Recommendation forthcoming pending further submissions from PO.

Ron Staeheli, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Mitch Imbertson: this is a duplex in our Fire Certificate of Occupancy program determined to need a Fire Certificate of Occupancy per a previous appeal. After that was determined, it has been in the program and due for renewal. Appointment letter sent April 23 to schedule that inspection. Not met at that inspection, report showing some exterior items, and no access to inside of property. Unless we have new information we are still seeing the property requires Fire Certificate of Occupancy and need access to the building and repairs to the exterior items.

Staeheli: four times prior to the appointment I called Frank, letting him know Vicki moved out and Diane moved from upstairs to downstairs and therefore doesn't need a Certificate of Occupancy. I got a call saying I didn't show up. He finally called me back after I appealed saying "I don't know what was wrong with my voicemail." His Voicemail currently says he is out until February 3. Something he wasn't dealing with well, clearly. I included with my mail 2 pieces of mail Diane received there. I can provide voting information, copy of her driver's license, just got a title there I just got a copy of. I know there was some conflict because of the downstairs tenant got something in her head, she's rather tenacious in her lying to the City about it. There's no evidence to the contrary. Diane lives there. She doesn't spend all her time there, but doesn't spend all her time anywhere. DMV has her there. Secretary of State has her there. She votes there. She lives there. It is not a Certificate of Occupancy building, and there's no evidence to contradict that. I have a real problem with the copper on the chimney then all of a sudden the gas appliances were spilling carbon monoxide. As soon as we took it back off we don't have that problem anymore. We just put a rain cap on as a compromise. I also have a problem with an extension cord, we like to sit outside with lights in the summer. The code doesn't say no extension cords, it is extension cords used for permanent wiring. This is temporary lighting. That meets code. The entire section is moot because it isn't a Certificate of Occupancy property.

Moermond: do you have anything that may be different to submit since we last spoke December 2023.

Staeheli: she has a new driver's license.

Moermond: you're welcome to submit that. When we last spoke Vicki Christenson was on her way out at that time. That would have been downstairs. You're saying Ms. Staeheli moved downstairs then?

Staeheli: yes.

Moermond: what I'm interested in is anything new and different. When a report was prepared January 2, 2025 they listed the occupant as Linda O'Brien and upper as Mary Kay Brennan. I'm not clear about who Linda O'Brien is.

Staeheli: I think that may be a roommate or maybe Diane is getting mail for her. I can check with Diane.

Moermond: she would have been present if Fire Squad 2 was writing it up.

Staeheli: that's the carbon monoxide thing from putting the cap on the chimney. I think Diane was in Florida at the time.

Moermond: there was a lot going on that day, they have a list including a red tagged appliance.

Staeheli: yeah, whatever. I blame half of it on the chimney cap. There was no heat because they turned off the gas. Maybe it was just the boiler. I can't remember.

Moermond: I'm interested in anything new since Council made its decision in December 2023. Any different or additional information would be the critical piece. Right now, I have this Fire Department statement. I should note the photocopy you provided of an Xcel bill envelope and one from OFS, both of those are undated so it is

hard to tell when they're from. The invoice should have dates if you open the envelope. That would be additional information which would be good.

Your main argument regarding the violations is you don't think you should be subject because it is owner occupied?

Staeheli: yes. The garage---some time ago someone tried to finish the eaves and they didn't do a good job. I can work with the inspector on that. There isn't much on there. I'll send you some stuff and look for your response.

Moermond: I'll review it net Tuesday, do you want a call then?

Staeheli: no, I'll get an email?

Moermond: yes, with my recommendation.

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3:00 p.m. Hearings

Other - Water Appeals

- 20 [RLH WB 25-2](#) Appeal of Suleiman Awl Isse to a Water Service Bill at 97 BATTLE CREEK PLACE.

Deny the appeal.

Moermond: he isn't here and hasn't yet applied for the Water Works assistance. I would love If we could follow up if he's talked with Water to make a payment plan or if that's helpful. I'm inclined to recommend approval.

Referred to the Board of Water Commissioners due back on 6/17/2025

- 21 [RLH WB 25-3](#) Appeal of Brandon Hunter to a Water Service Bill at 1829 DAYTON AVENUE.

Deny the appeal.

Voicemail left at 3:09 pm: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling Brandon Hunter about your water appeal and wondering if you talked to CAP or anyone on this. Let us know, we'll send a follow up email and I'll put a decision on the record next week. If you have more to share please get that in so we can include it as part of

Referred to the Board of Water Commissioners due back on 6/17/2025