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Minutes - Final - Final Legislative Hearings

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Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

September 21 City Council

- 1 **RLH TA 11-304** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 1583 HAZELWOOD STREET.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 1583 Hazel St 1.pdf
 1583 Hazel St 2.pdf

Approve the assessment.

Re: 1583 Hazelwood Street

No one appeared on 9-12-11.

Ms. Moermond:
-reviewed the file
-approve assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 2 **RLH TA 11-273** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessments for Real Estate Project No. ~~J4114P~~ J1114P1, Assessment No. ~~448405~~ 118131 at 20 SEVENTH PLACE WEST and 408 SAINT PETER STREET.

Sponsors: Thune

Delete the assessment

Re: 20 Seventh Place West (also known as 408 Saint Peter Street)

No one appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

-wrong building was noted
-recommend deleting

Ms. Moermond:
-deleting the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011

- 3 **RLH TA 11-328** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1383 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: 1383 Minnehaha Ave E.TGW & Refuse Work Orders.pdf

Approve the assessment

Re: 1383 Minnehaha Avenue East

(Video shown)

*Inspector Essling:
-owner already left this Legislative Hearing*

*Ms. Moermond:
-work was done by the City
-approve assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

October 5 City Council

- 4 [RLH AR 11-87](#) Ratifying Towing of Abandoned Vehicle services in April and May 2011 (File No. J1104V, Assessment No. 118124)

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: [Assessment Roll](#)

- 5 [RLH AR 11-89](#) Ratifying Demolition services from July 2011 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J1117C, Asmt No. 118126)

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: [Assessment Roll](#)

- 6 [RLH AR 11-90](#) Ratifying Boarding and Securing services during July 2011. (File No. J1113B, Asmt No. 118127)

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: [Assessment Roll](#)

- 7 [RLH AR 11-91](#) Ratifying Excessive Inspection services billed June 13 to July 01, 2011. (File

No. J1111E, Asmt No. 118128)

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: [Assessment Roll](#)

- 8 [RLH AR 11-98](#) Ratifying Property Clean Up services during June 30 to July 28, 2011. (File No. J1116A, Asmt No. 118121)

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: [Assessment Roll](#)

- 9 **RLH TA 11-333** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 1210 ALBEMARLE STREET.

Sponsors: Helgen

Approve the assessment.

Re: 1210 Albemarle Street

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

-recommend approval of the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 10 [RLH TA 11-327](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1104V, Assessment No. 118124 at 10 BENHILL ROAD.

Sponsors: Thune

Attachments: [10 Benhill Rd Vehicle abatement 4.15.11.DOC](#)
[10 Benhill Photo 4.21.11.DOC](#)

Ms. Moermond recommended laying over to September 20, 2011

re: 10 Benhill Road

Todd Fyden, owner, appeared.

Inspector Seeley:

-vehicle abatement order; date of orders April 15, 2011 with a compliance date of April 21, 2011; rechecked April 22, 2011 and found to be in noncompliance

-orders sent to Luelle Palmer, 10 Benhill Road; Todd Fyten/Madeline Fyten, 10 Benhill Road; Occupant, 10 Benhill Road

-office received a complaint

-Mercedes was open to entry, appeared undriveable, blocking public right-of-way

-BMW blocking the sidewalk

-vehicles were red tagged by the police

Mr. Fyten:

-heart failure a few years ago

-trying to open a brewery

-both of cars were off the public sidewalk

- car was operable and going to be restored
- given financial and health issues, the vehicles were not restored
- 5 children
- someone has been harrassing the family for the last five years
- Mercedes went flat over the winter
- Councilmember Dave Thune knew he was working on the brewery
- was not aware that car was going to be towed
- had no income coming in for 1.5 years because of health issues
- the vehicles were not parked in the garage because it is full
- car was sold for thousands

Ms. Moermond:

- does not matter who filed the complaint, it is whether the violation exists
- Mercedes has been sitting there since winter
- the sidewalk is blocked
- this is a clear code violation
- the money is taken and directly applied to the abatement, so car was sold for maybe several hundred dollars

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11 **RLH TA 11-315** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 1136 BURR STREET.

Sponsors: Helgen

Attachments: 1136 Burr St. photo.DOC
 1136 Burr St.Sa.DOC

Approve the assessment and spread over four years.

Re: 1136 Burr Street

Carla Goss, owner, appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

- summary abatement pre-authorized work order to maintain exterior property
- she went out on July 14, 2011 with a compliance date of July 18, 2011; work was done on July 18, 2011
- cost of \$556
- quite a history on this property
- Parks could not get the DVD to work

Ms. Moermond:

-significant amount of garbage in the photograph

Ms. Goss:

- owner of the proeprty
- husband was manager
- he was supposed to be in charge
- obvious he did not take care of the property
- he did not pay the mortgage
- she is losing the property
- she has moved into the property now
- everything is all taken care of
- should have been on top of the property, but she thought her husband was taking care of it

-requesting a reduction in assessment or giving her more time to pay

Ms. Moermond:

-a lot of material, so it is hard to delete anything from it

-approval of the assessment and spreading the payments over four years

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- 12 [RLH TA 11-325](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 716 COMO AVENUE.

Sponsors: Helgen

Attachments: [716 como Ave SA 7.7.11C.DOC](#)
 [716 Como Ave.Photos.7-7-11.pdf](#)
 [716 Como Ave.Photos.7-27-11.pdf](#)

Laid over to September 20 so that more information can be gathered

Re: 716 Como Avenue

Richard Easton, Moira Gaidzanwa

Inspector Seeley:

-summary Abatement order issued July 7, 2011 with a compliance date of July 27, 2011; property not in compliance; work was done on July 27, 2011

-no returned mail

-sent to Moira Gaidzanwa, 451 Lynnhurst Avenue East; Emerald Rental Properties, 1360 Unviersity Avenue West, Unit 181

(Video was shown)

Mr. Easton:

-issue with people dumping in this area

-tires were on City property

-open area beyond the bushes

-homeless people in the open area

-dumping issues in the open area

-posts have been added so the access is restricted

-property cleaned up three times in this time frame

-they put up barrier because it is an ongoing problem

Ms. Gaidzanwa:

-woody area

-lots of properties around woody area

-people bring stuff to sleep there

-she got a notice in June, gave it to Easton, and the area was cleaned up

-Easton did not receive notices to the University Avenue address

-in answer to a question by Moermond about cutting the overgrowth, Gaidzanwa responded that it is a huge area

-they do not know who owns the large area

Inspector Essling:

-on one inspection, the couches were not seen because it was overgrown]

-woud like to check out what they have done further

Ms. Moermond

-concerned about the overgrowth
-property owner is ultimately responsible
-Essling will look into this and get back to her

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/20/2011

- 13 **RLH TA 11-331** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 349 COOK AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Helgen

Attachments: 349 cook ave e. sa.DOC
 349 cook ave E. photo.DOC

Delete the assessment.

Re: 349 Cook Avenue East

(No one appeared.)

Inspector Paula Seeley:
-pre-authorized work order
-City did the work before the deadline
-recommends deleting the assessmen

Ms. Moermond:
-deleting the assessment

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- 14 **RLH TA 11-339** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 466 EDMUND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: 466 Edmund Ave.Summary Abatement

Assessment reduced to a total of \$233.

Re: 466 Edmund Avenue

Vadim Komisarchik, owner, appeared.

Inspector Joe Yannarely:
-Summary Abatement ordered on July 1, 2011 with a compliance date of July 6, 2011; work was done on July 8, 2011
-Category 2 Vacant Building
-list of previous orders

Mr. Komisarchik:
-he was at a Legislative Hearing a few weeks ago
-house is done
-someone dropped off the couches
-he called the inspector on June 13 and never received a return call
-he cannot control the dumping
-purchased the property this year

(video was shown)

Ms. Moermond:

-regarding the June 13 call mentioned, this was an order that went out on July 1
-she is not sure these are the same items
-will cut the assesment in half for a total amount of \$233 becauase he is a new owner; appears to be dumping, but the owner is still responsible; work is almost done, which means he moved in quickly to take care of it
-will cut the assessment in half; total of \$233

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- 15 **RLH TA 11-373** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 1457 EDMUND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

Attachments: 1457 Edmund Ave Tall grass and weeds letter 7.20.11.pdf
 1457 Edmund Ave Photo 7.25.11.DOC

Reduce the assessment to \$200 total.

Re: 1457 Edmund Avenue

Sylvia Antonescu, owner, appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

*-tall grass and weeds order went out July 20 with a compliance date of July 24;
inspector went out on July 25; work was done on July 28
-cost is \$300
-orders were mailed to Sylvia Antonescu and occupant at 1457 Edmund*

(Video shown)

Ms. Antonescu:

*-son cut it every two weeks
-does not know how this happened*

Ms. Moermond:

*-fast turn around
-\$100 reduction*

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- 16 **RLH TA 11-317** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1111E, Assessment No. 118128 at 1003 EUCLID STREET.

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: 1003 Euclid St SA 6.7.11.DOC
 1003 Euclid St. EC letter 6.17.11.pdf
 1003 Euclid St.Photo.6-14-11.pdf

Approve assessment

Re: 1003 Euclid Street

Nadya Paulson, owner, appeared

Inspector Joe Yannarely:

- excessive consumption for tall grass and weeds*
- date of order June 6, 2011 with a compliance date of June 12, 2011; rechecked on June 13, 2011 and found to be noncompliant; work was done by owner*
- total assessment of \$70*
- 5 orders and 3 work orders issued in 2011; condemned in July 5, 2011*
- last vacant building fee was February 2010*

Ms. Paulson:

- there was a vacant building fee*
- property was completed a week later*
- evicted tenant*
- file closed*

(there was discussion about the vacant building fee, which is not on today)

Ms. Moermond:

- limited ability to go backwards to deal with this issue*
- approve assessment*

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- 17 **RLH TA 11-322** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No.118121 at 790 FRANK STREET.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Delete the assessment.

Re: 790 Frank Street

No one appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

- this was a cleanup*
- three vacant lots squished together and she got the wrong lot*
- recommend deleting the assessment*

Ms. Moermond:

- delete the assessment per the inspector*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 18 **RLH TA 11-316** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1111E, Assessment No.118128 at 812 FULLER AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: 812 FULLER AVE. EC.DOC
 812 fuller Ave. Photo.DOC
 812 Fuller Ave. Sa.DOC

Approve assessment.

Re: 812 Fuller Avenue

Pat Ware, owner, appeared.

Inspection Paula Seeley:

- excessive consumption*
- orders issued March 21, May 17, and July 1, 2011*
- assessment for \$70*
- they went out to the property three times in one year, hence the reason for the assessment*

Ms. Ware:

- wasn't doing property management until later*
- during this time period, there was a previous tenant*
- she has records dating back to May 20*
- in 60 days, she was there 40 of those days*

Inspector Yannarely:

- showed photographs*

Ms. Moermond:

- photographs are available on line to the appellants*
- multiple violations exist*
- new management, but they are valid violations*
- approve assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 19 RLH TA 11-318** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No.118121 at 812 FULLER AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: 812 Fuller Ave. Sa.DOC
812 Fuller Ave.Photos.7-1-11.pdf

Assessment reduced to a total of \$233

Re: 812 Fuller Avenue

Pat Ware, appellant, appeared

Inspector Pat Seeley:

- summary abatement order issued on July 1, 2011 with a compliance date of July 5, 2011; rechecked on July 5, 2011; and work was done on July 5, 2011*
- no returned mail*
- total assessment of \$466*

(Video was shown)

Ms. Ware:

- the video showed the second load*
- they had filled the trailer and moved it once*
- the city must have emptied it before they did*

Ms. Moermond:

- believes it was the second load of trash and is the second violation*

*-the chair was still there that was mentioned in the cleanup
-valid for the City to run the trip
-will reduce the assessment to a total of \$233 because there was different material there*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

20 **RLH TA 11-337** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 489 HATCH AVENUE.

Sponsors: Helgen

Attachments: 489 Hatch Ave.Summary Abatement

Approve assessment

Re: 499 Hatch Avenue

No one appeared.

*Ms. Moermond:
-approve the assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

21 **RLH TA 11-314** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 1848 &1850 HYACINTH AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 1848&1850 Hyacinth Ave E.sa.DOC
1848 Hyacinth Ave e. Photo.DOC

Approve assessment

Re: 1848 and 1850 Hyacinth Avenue East

No one appeared.

*Ms. Moermond:
-approve the assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

22 **RLH TA 11-332** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J11115E, Assessment No. 118128 at 899 JENKS AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 899 Jenks Ave. SA.DOC
899 Jenks PAEC letters..pdf
899 Jenks Ave. photo.DOC
899 Jenks Ave.PAEC grass Photos.6-16-11.pdf

Approve assessment

Re: 899 Jenks Avenue

No one appeared.

*Ms. Moermond:
-approve the assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 23 **RLH TA 11-334** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 2006 LARPENTEUR AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve assessment

RE: 2006 Larpenteur Avenue East

No one appeared.

*Ms. Moermond:
-approve the assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 24 **RLH TA 11-342** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1111E, Assessment No. 118128 at 51 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Helgen

Delete the assessment.

Re: 51 Lawson Avenue East

Lori Kustritz, EMK, appeared.

*Inspector Joe Yannarely:
-excessive consumption fee; letter sent on June 24, 2011 with a compliance of 72 hours; rechecked on June 26, 2011; work was done by owner
-extensive report on property*

*Ms. Kustritz:
-vacant building monitoring on it
-owned since November*

*Ms. Moermond:
-crew arrived after recheck
-work was done at that point
-good history on this property
-delete the assessment*

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 25 **RLH TA 11-374** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 323 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Helgen

Attachments: 273 Lawson A.DOC Summary abatement 7.20.11.DOC
273 Lawson Ave E Photo 7.25.11.DOC

Laid over to September 20 Legislative Hearing.

Re: 323 Lawson Avenue East

Roman Ganzalez Haro appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

*-work order for tall grass and weeds; sent summary abatement on July 20; rechecked on July 25; City crew went out on July 27
-\$300 fee*

(video was not available)

Mr. Ganzalez:

-got a machete and cut it themselves

Ms. Seeley:

*-they cut the back yard, but left a lot of ragweed
-crew called and asked them what they should do and she told them to cut it*

Ms. Moermond:

*-would like to look at the video
-this will be laid over to the September 20 Legislative Hearing*

Referred to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/20/2011

26 RLH TA 11-313 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 653 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 653 lawson ave e. Sa.DOC
653 Lawson Ave E. 1st photo.DOC
653 Lawson Ave E. photo.DOC

Delete the assessment.

Re: 653 Lawson Avenue East

Gunnar Unger appeared.

Inspector Paula Seeley:

*-summary abatement order issued on June 22, 2011 with a compliance date of June 28, 2011; work done on June 30, 2011
-cost of \$456
-sent to Gunnar and Sahron Unger, New Brighton, Stella Martin 653 Lawson, Unger Ventures, Roseville*

Mr. Gunner:

*-cleaned up the building
-brought it 3 to 4 years ago
-remodeled it
-sold it to Stella Martin*

-Martin fell behind in payments and walked away from it
 -went to the property, staked things against the garage
 -son took the stuff he had piled up and put it in the garage and left it there until he could take care of it
 -it was hauled away
 -they had done all the work and cleaned it up
 -their attorney said the previous owner really owns the proeprty and Gunner did not have the right to remove items

Ms. Moermond:

-asked was the contract-for-deed registered to the property
 -2011 tax statement shows Gunner as the owner
 -abatement order was mailed to Stella Martin, also

Mr. Gunner:

-purchased it approximately 2 to 3 years ago
 -they did haul it away
 -debt goes with the property

(video shown)

Ms. Seeley:

-not the same stuff that was there previously

Ms. Moermond:

-insignificant material
 -delete the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

27 **RLH TA 11-305** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1111E, Assessment No. 118128 at 1092 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 1092 Magnolia Ave E. 1st SA.DOC
 1092 magnolia Ave E. EC.DOC
 1092 Magnolia Ave E. SA.DOC
 1092 Magnolia Ave E.Photos.6-27-11.pdf

Approve the assessment.

Re: 1092 Magnolia Avenue East

The following appeared: Lisa Leslie, Bill Ronan, American with Disabilities Advocate, Robert Leslie, Andrew Pahl

Inspector Paula Seeley:

-excessive consumption for failure to maintain exterior properties
 -orders issued June 17 to clean up the yard and driveway
 -went out on June 27 and realized there was a typo on her part
 -sent out a corrected summary abatement and gave owner until July 5
 -this is an ongoing file
 -this is a \$50 excessive consumption
 -Leslie said he needed more cleanup and she gave him until July 11
 -work was done on July 11

Robert Leslie:

- he is appealing on the Americans with Disabilities Act because he had a broken leg from an accident*
- told the inspector he was unable to repair the condition of his yard*
- he has filed for the conduct of the inspector against his family*

Mr. Konan:

- to not be in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act is a federal act*

Ms. Moermond:

- this does not apply with enforcement activity*

Andrew Pahl:

- before the second assessment, she was informed the owner was injured*
- he wondered why the time frame had to be so short*
- holiday weekend meant it was hard to haul things*
- they were limited on funds for even gas to haul things off the property*
- inspector had a lack of understanding the situation*
- everyone in the house is a disabled person*

Ms. Moermond:

- looks like there was a significant amount of time between the issuance of the original set of orders on June 17 and the actual billing for excessive consumption which happened on July 27*
- she asked about a summary abatement that connects to this excessive consumption order*

Ms. Seeley:

- first one was issued on June 17 and there was a typo because she put a compliance date of the 17th*
- she went out on the 27th, realized there was a typo, and gave them until July 5*
- June 6 was the compliance date of the second abatement, junk was still over yard, and told him to move it by the 11th*
- she went out on the 11th, the driveway was cleaner, but there were other items in the yard*
- son said he needed more time and she told them to file an appeal*
- rechecked on the 20th, the appeal had not happened, time had elapsed*
- she went out on August 1 and issued a work order*
- she went out there also on September 2 and wrote another order for junk in the yard and vehicle abatement*

Mr. Leslie:

- he had a broken leg when Ms. Seeley came to the house*
- costs money to haul things away*
- he gets \$300 for disability, and he told inspector he did not have money to get things away*
- told inspector his wife and son are disabled*
- inspector told his son he had to work harder in 90 degree weather*
- the engine blew up on their vehicle*
- inspector wanted to know where they took the tires*
- son tried to clean up the yard and it is clean*

Ms. Moermond:

- looking at an excessive consumption*
- there was a trip out to the property and the work was not done*

Mr. Ronan:

- sometimes people do not see the disability
- he wonders if the people are qualified to diagnose disorders, medical or psychiatric
- the City is imposing things in violation of federal law

Ms. Moermond:

she asked if the law does not apply to people with disability

Mr. Ronan:

- if somebody is arrested for jaywalking and someone else is arrested for murder, murder is the higher law
- Seeley admitted she had no training in DSA

Ms. Moermond:

- Seeley's training is in identifying whether or not a violation exists
- violation did exist
- additional time was granted by inspector
- the work was taken care of by owner
- the work was not done in a timely fashion
- this assessment is about too many inspection trips

Mr. Pahl:

- he asked why such short time span if the inspector knew there were people with disabilities
- the person responsible for the property was not able to do it

Ms. Moermond:

- normally that would be a one week order, but this was 5 to 6 weeks
- bill did not come out until July 27
- she is disabled right now and is responsible for taking care of her yard
- if she is speeding down I-94, she has the same law applied as any other driver
- the bill was July 27, five weeks after the original orders were issue
- approve the assessment

Mr. Leslie:

- there will be an ADA issue

Ms. Ronan:

- ADA says that an ADA person cannot bear the cost of accommodation

Ms. Moermond:

- this is not an accommodation
- an accommodation would be to make sure that this hearing and services are available to you
- a classic example is providing sign language services
- there was no request for accommodation in this setting

Mr. Ronan:

- this is new
- he understands that Ms. Moermond is not used to dealing with this
- this is attention deficit disorder, post traumatic stress disorder

Ms. Moermond:

- she understands these are valid disorders
- feels Seeley made an accommodation in additional time, even though it was not

*incumbent on her
-approve assessment*

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- 28 **RLH TA 11-323** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121at 1832 MONTANA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 1832 Montana Ave E. SA.DOC
 1832 Montana Ave E. photos.DOC

Approve the assessment

Re: 1832 Montana Avenue East

No one appeared.

*Ms. Moermond:
-approve the assessment*

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- 29 **RLH TA 11-336** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No.J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 1668 PROSPERITY ROAD.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 1668 prosperity Rd. grass order.pdf
 1668 Prosperity Rd.Photos.6-29-11.pdf

Approve the assessment

Re: 1668 Prosperity Road

The following appeared: Kenneth Mauer, owner, lives in Fort Myers; Rick Lesch, Afton

*Inspector Paula Seeley:
-tall grass and weeds order mailed July 24, 2011 with a compliance date of June 29, 2011; work was done on July 1
-assessment is for \$300
-order sent to Promised Land of Minnesota, 15201 Afton Hill Drive South, Afton
-no returned mail*

*Mr. Mauer:
-has dual residence and lives in Afton and Fort Myers*

(Video was shown)

*Mr. Mauer and Mr. Lesch:
-did not get notice
-Chuck Repke, district rep., told them to take care of a couple of feet in
-watershed says to plant weeds, but the City does not want weeds
-oil cans, tires, etc. was there before they got the property
-notice did not go to the owner of record*

-for 7 years, everything was sent to one address

Ms. Seeley:

-an inspector drove around with one of the men here and explained that properties need to be maintained

-in answer to a question by Ms. Moermond, notices were mailed to Promised Land in 2010

-someone called Ramsey County and got the address changed, but the inspectors cannot do that

Ms. Moermond:

-tremendous problem with the property not being maintained

-the notice was sent to the owner of record

-recommend approval of the assessment

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- 30 **RLH TA 11-338** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No.118121 at 863 ROSE AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Attachments: 863 Rose Ave E. Sa.DOC
 863 Rose Ave E.Photos.6-3-11.pdf

Approve the assessment and spread the payments over three years

Re: 863 Rose Avenue East

The following appeared: Charles Belcher, owner; Richard Terrell (phonetic)

Inspector Paula Seeley:

-summary abatement orders issued June 3, 2011 with a compliance date of June 7, 2011; went back on June 30, 2011; Parks cleaned it up on July 5, 2011

-forthcoming assessment for trash

Mr. Belcher:

-never received a call back from the inspector

-he was too ill and could not move fast

-just added siding on the home

(video shown)

Mr Belcher:

-has a learning disability

-he may have called the wrong number when he called the inspector

-they took the siding

-asked the workers to take the concrete

-owns his own business; work is down right now

Mr. Terrell:

-tried to break up the concrete that someone dumped

Ms. Moermond:

-got a month extension

Ms. Seeley:

-she has received no calls for this issue
-she granted an extension because she has dealt with this property before and thought he would take his time as he has cleaned it up before

Ms. Moermond:

-he got the notice

-the owner was accommodated

-assessment was approved and spreading the payments over three years

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 31 **RLH TA 11-324** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1111E, Assessment No.118128 at 1891 SEVENTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: 1891 7th St E. Sa.DOC
 1891 7th St E. EC.DOC

Approve the assessment.

Re: 1891 Seventh Street East

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

-approve the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 32 **RLH TA 11-326** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No.118121 at 1891 SEVENTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Attachments: 1891 7th St E. Sa.DOC
 1891 7th st e. photo.DOC

Approve the assessment.

RE: 1891 Seventh Street East

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

-approve the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 33 **RLH TA 11-370** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No.118121 at 673 SHERBURNE AVENEUE AKA 675 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: [675 Sherburne Ave Photo 7.25.11.DOC](#)
 [675 Sherburne Ave TGW letter 7.21.11.pdf](#)

- 34 [RLH TA 11-341](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 929 SIXTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Laid over to September 20 Legislative Hearing for further information

Re: 929 Sixth Street East

Nadya Paulson appeared

Inspector Joe Yannarely:

-tall grass and weeds letter

-issued June 17, 2011; rechecked on June 23, 2011; work was done on July 5, 2011

-Category 2 vacant building opened on July 12

-2 work orders done this year

-mail was sent to two places and they figured one was valid

Ms. Paulson:-

-address needs to be changed

-property was in foreclosure

-purchased 2 months ago

Ms. Moermond:

-said she would delete it (but, Yannarely did not understand the reason for the deletion)

(Video was shown)

Ms. Moermond:

-doesn't look like the lawn was maintained for the entire year

Ms. Paulson:

-that person was fired

-they were not able to do the reporting of a new owner because of a bank requirement

-does not recall the date of the closing, but can provide it.

Ms. Moermond

-will hold off on making a decision on this assessment until she gets further information

Referred to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/20/2011

- 35 [RLH TA 11-335](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 2023 STILLWATER AVENUE.

Sponsors: Lantry

Approve the assessment.

Re: 2023 Stillwater Avenue

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

-recommend approval

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

RLH TA 11-371 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1113B, Assessment No. 118127 at 770 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: Invoice from RestPro

Delete the assessment.

Re: 770 University Avenue West

Venita Carter appeared

Inspector Essling:

-we have an invoice

-do not have a police report

Inspector Yanareally:

-requested by Police Department

-one board was installed

-\$271.95 plus administrative prices

Ms. Carter:

-there was a break-in at their business

-suspect was arrest

-suspect should get the assessment

-in answer to a question, she does have business insurance, but has not talked to the company

-unknown if the suspect appeared in court

Ms. Moermond:

-normally they would be looking for restitution through the court system

-hard to know if the police had to get the boarding contract instantly because of other calls

-will look at police report and get back to the appellant with her decision

-later after reviewing the police report, Moermond decided to delete the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

36 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1113B, Assessment No. 118127 at 770 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

37 RLH TA 11-340 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1113B, Assessment No. 118127 at 499 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: 499 Western Ave.Work Order.7-27-11.pdf

499 Western Ave.Respo invoice.7-29-11.pdf

Approve the assessment and spread the payments over five years.

(also see RLH TA 11-343)

re: 499 Western Avenue North

Nghi Huynh appeared on behalf of owner.

Inspector Yannarely:

*-summary abatement order was issued for garbage, rubbish, weeds
-orders were July 21, 2011 with a compliance date of July 26, 2011
-orders sent to secure the property for a total of \$163.90*

Mr. Huynn:

*-owner asked him to appear
-cost is very high
-City came in because of no electrical
-request the Council remove this assessment
-everything is done nicely; the interior is done*

ms. Moermond:

-approve the assessment and spread over 5 years

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011

- 38 RLH TA 11-343** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1116A, Assessment No. 118121 at 499 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Sponsors: Carter III

Attachments: 499 Western Ave.Summary Abatement

Approve the assessment.

(also see RLH TA 11-340)

re: 499 Western Avenue North

Nghi Huynh appeared on behalf of owner.

Inspector Joe Yannarely:

*-summary abatement issue on July 21, 2011 with a compliance date of July 26, 2011; parks abated the nuisance on July 28, 2011
-cost of assessment if \$428*

(video shown)

Owner:

*-furniture belonged to the tenant
-tenant did not pay the rent
-they cannot touch the tenants property
-tenant is gone now*

Ms. Moermond:

*-fee was low
-the work did occur
-owner does have the right to cleanup the property*

-the owner has to hold onto the property, but not in the driveway
-approve assessment and spread over five years

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011