

The owner of 115 Wabasha St. S. expressed her concern over the assessment amount of nearly \$90,000 for the construction and lighting, as related to RES PH 16-90. She said that the business only makes about 2 million dollars a year, and they are still just getting by, they aren't living on a high horse, and this all needs to be considered when the City wants to assess such a high rate for these projects. She said even if she decided to sell her building/business, nobody would buy it due to the already high taxes, and now the high assessments that will be added on. She said that this is part of the reason that the business portion of the new apartment building across the street, the West Side Flats, still sit empty this many years after being built. She bought her building through a program the City of Saint Paul offered to help her get her business going without raising costs, and now the rates are so high that it's not realistic to continue on for much longer.