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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 970 SIXTH STREET EAST for Project #: J1106G, Assessment #: 118024 in Ward 7

..Property Address

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation Reduce the assessment from \$540 to \$290.

Tax Assessment Worksheet Cost: \$400.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$540.00

Gold Card Returned by: Candice Cobb

Type of Order/Fee: Hauler SA

Nuisance: No weekly refuse removal

Date of Orders: 11.24.10

Compliance Date: 11.29.10

Re-Check Date: 12.2.10

Date Work Done: 12.08.10, 12.22.10 & 21.29.10

Work Order #: 10-929102 10-935876 10-936964

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: Costs are to drop two containers, two weeks of refuse removal and to remove containers.

History of Orders on Property: Work order-clean up-done 8.23.10

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

Sue Rosas, Urban Enterprises (management company), appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that this assessment for 970 Sixth Street East is for weekly refuse removal. The Summary Abatement was mailed on November 24, 2010 with a compliance date of November 29, 2010. It was re-checked on December 2, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the City stated providing weekly refuse removal that same week (one container for four (4) weeks). The cost is \$400 plus \$120 service charge for a total of \$540.

Ms. Rosas stated that she really had no idea what this was for. She hadn't gotten any of the Notices. Mr. Essling responded that the Notices were sent to Daniel Kingston, Steve Schmitz and the Occupant. Ms. Moermond suggested that Urban Enterprises become the Certificate of Occupancy responsible party. Mr. Essling said that Ms. Rosas should call Maynard Vinge, 266-9057, to change the C of O responsible party from Mr. Schmitz to Urban Enterprises. He noted that Absolute Value Enterprises on Carroll is listed as the tax owner. Ms. Rosas commented that Mr. Kingston bought the property in October 2010. She said that Waste Management should have picked up all of December; they paid the bill. Mr. Essling related that according to the inspector's notes, the garbage service had been stopped on November 3, 2010 for non-payment. It was resumed December 11, 2010. Ms. Rosas added that she had been told the garbage services resumed December 1, 2010.

Mr. Essling added that there is another assessment for cleaning the property that has already been levied for \$622 (done between November 1 and December 2, 2010).

Ms. Moermond stated that she is willing to take a portion off the total assessment because the City re-checked on December 2, 2010 to see if the service had started and the appellant's service started on December 1, 2010, of which the City would not have been notified about until later; so, she will recommend to the City Council that they charge the appellant for the drop-off of the container, the pick-up of the container and a week's service plus the administrative fee for a total of \$290 from \$540.