

Interdepartmental Memorandum CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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SUBJECT: Responses to emailed questions re: 2016 ROW objection hearings

The City received emails on October 7, 2016, from John Hoeschler, Ferdinand Peters, and Craig Wildfang, on behalf of their various clients, questioning the procedure for the 2016 ROW assessment appeal hearings.

I contacted each of these attorneys by telephone on the same day, October 7, 2016, to address their questions about the anticipated procedure for the hearings. Specifically, I pointed them to Minn. Stat. §429.061, Subd. 2 which sets-forth the general guidelines for the council in considering assessment objections. I also reiterated that no findings regarding constitutional issues would be made following the ROW hearings. I answered other related questions they asked during the telephone conversations.

I did not, however, answer questions regarding the City's legal position or speculate on possible arguments the City would make if any of the assessments were appealed to the district court.

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