



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, October 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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29     [SR 17-137](#)

Review request of Deborah Moriarty, owner, to a Ratification of Assessment File RLH AR 17-59, adopted by City Council on September 6, 2017, for property at 1199 REANEY AVENUE (File No. J1713A, Assessment No. 178523).

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Deborah M. Moriarty, owner, appeared.*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-this is a courtesy hearing; it already has been adopted by the City Council; we are looking at it again*

*Supervisor Paula Seeley:*

*-Summary Abatement Order issued Apr 6, 2017; compliance Apr 13; re-checked Apr 13*

*-work done Apr 17 for a cost of \$144 + \$162 service charge = \$306*

*-remove car seat, bags with soda cans in rear/side yard*

*-sent to Deborah Moriarty, 1199 Reaney Avenue & Occupant*

*Ms. Moriarty:*

*-it seems like once you get something on your property, you keep getting something  
-when I first bought the property almost 20 years ago, the person hadn't paid rent & they turned me in & had the inspectors throughout my whole house; I did everything that was supposed to be done*

*-the last time, I just had enough; I resided my garage - had taken the numbers off; there were high numbers on the front of my house; the order said that I didn't have reflective numbers; I put them on & I asked my neighbors if they got any order; my neighbors didn't even have an address on their house at all; they hadn't gotten any order*

*-I talked to the inspector & it finally stopped & haven't gotten an Order for a long time*

*-then, .... my son is about 600 lbs & I had a seat for him in the yard; it was part of a sectional; I had it stored for winter under the some steps with the other furniture; it wasn't a car seat - it was part of a sectional*

*-I got hurt at work & I wasn't collecting my mail; they used to give us 3 weeks to get our stuff up*

*-finally, I went back to work & I opened this letter at work; it said they were coming for a bag of cans: I had a couple of garbage cans that I saved recycling in; and something about a car seat (?) (I was thinking about a baby car seat - (?))*

*-before I got this letter, my son had said something to an inspector about they were*

*not supposed to go into somebody's yard & ever since then, I've been getting Notices again - I'm being targeted; even though, the neighbor's yard is a disaster & the stuff between the garages is their stuff*

*-I called my daughter's boyfriend; he went & picked up all the garbage cans & put them in the garage*

*-all they took was..... I want to see the tape because. ....*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-I don't know that they have it.....they didn't grab it at the office*

*Ms. Moriarty:*

*-the only thing they took was that seat that I have for my son that was underneath my steps for storage; my son can't sit in the yard without having something strong like those seats - they hold up to 1000 lbs*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-staff doesn't have the VIDEO along today*

*-go to 375 Jackson Street; park in the 6th St pkg lot*

*-I'm looking a photos of cans strewn throughout the yard, dumped garbage cans, plastic garbage cans, cooler, pavers, car seat, scrap metal that wasn't written up*

*Ms. Moriarty:*

*-I've seen those pictures and all that was taken care of*

*-the seat was stored underneath the steps; I don't know why they took it*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-because that's not actually legal storage spot for furniture*

*-I'm wondering why you didn't come to your regularly scheduled hearing*

*Ms. Moriarty:*

*-I got that paper; it said if you want to appeal, send in the yellow thing; I sent it in but I never got anything back about when the hearing was but when I came in here last week to find out about it, they said the date was on the paper with the yellow thing*

*-I talked to the inspector that morning & I told him that I didn't have anything like a car seat & he said, "Well, it's kind of like a red bean bag;" and I said, I don't know of any red bean bag; I had called that morning to say that it was all picked up - they didn't need to waste a trip; they said that someone would come by & if it was all picked up, they wouldn't do anything; so, I felt confident because I didn't have any car seat or red bean bag in my yard & I didn't know that you couldn't store anything on your property*  
*-I can show you pictures of the neighbor's yard; the city didn't clean up their yard*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-if you have concerns about your neighbors yard, call 266-8989 to complain*

*-will recommend cutting the assessment in half payable over 2 years; I think that you could have been confused; I think that there could have been better communication*

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*Will do a new resolution to amend adopted resolution by City Council on September 6, 2017.*

*Will go to City Council on October 18.*

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