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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Thursday, July 11, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

Delinquent Garbage Hauling Assessments

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 **RLH TA 24-222** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 299 BURLINGTON ROAD. (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Sponsors: Johnson

Reduce assessment from \$154.44 to \$134.31.

Matt Barrett, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Jill Barden: the property owner states autopay payments were being declined in spite of giving Waste Management updated credit card information. The property owner believes late fees should be removed. Waste Management states they emailed property owner January 25 with a notification of declined autopay, and property owner didn't contact Waste Management until early April. However, property owner states they contacted Waste Management in October 2023 with updated credit card information. The Quarter 4 payment

Moermond: this assessment is for \$144.52, with the late fees being just over \$20. Mr. Barrett, sounds like Waste Management wasn't keeping up with your credit card information as you submitted it?

Barrett: yes, and whatever happened with the system in January. We all experience it too often where your card is compromised, that happened just before October. My wife went online and updated the information. What appears to be missing was that in January there was no communication saying they had the same situation. We updated the information, you have the potential to contact us, good credit scores. Missing the communication in January missed the opportunity to avoid all of this.

Moermond: we agree, so does staff. We'll reduce this assessment to \$134.31. That is your original bill amount. I regret you have to go through this process to get this squared away. Hopefully things for residents improve when Waste Management no longer is in charge of the billing, and the City takes over the billing. Let's get that decreased. If you're ok with that recommendation, this goes to Council Public

Hearing August 14, so within a couple days of that the information will be updated with the revised amount. You should get another invoice.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/14/2024

- 2 RLH TA 24-224** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Sponsors: Kim

Approve the assessment.

Voicemail left at 9:19 am: I'm trying to reach Carol Broos, this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about your appealed special tax assessment for 1223 Farrington St. We'll call you back in 10 or 15 mins to see if you are available to talk then.

Voicemail left 9:29 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling Carol Broos again about your assessment for garbage hauling services at 1223 Farrington. I'm going to recommend the Council approve this assessment. Should you wish to appeal this recommendation follow the information on the notice for today's hearing and it will tell you how to do so. Thank you and have a good day.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/14/2024

- 3 RLH TA 24-267** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1042 HAGUE AVENUE, UNIT C, (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Sponsors: Bowie

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Jillian Barden: the property owner in Unit C was incorrectly charged an assessment. Republic Services sent it to the City in error, so they are requesting we remove it.

Moermond: an assessment for \$44.34 to be deleted.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/14/2024

- RLH TA 24-269** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Sponsors: Kim

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Jill Barden: the property owner's car went missing December 2023 and property owner became severely ill and ended up in the hospital for 2 months during Quarter 1, 2024. Waste Management states they didn't receive notice the

garbage cart was missing until April 2024, after property owner was discharged from the hospital.

Moermond: what I'm getting is that because she was in the hospital during this time period there was no way for her to ask for a service hold and we take the logistics of that into consideration. You simply can't. Straightforward deletion. The City would take on the cost of that adjustment, which I think is the right way to handle that.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/14/2024

10:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 4 **RLH TA 24-266** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1056 OXFORD STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2402A2, Assessment No. 240114)

Sponsors: Kim

Reduce assessment from \$293.27 to \$129.46.

Voicemail left at 9:26 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about your appealed tax assessment for 1056 Oxford St. We'll call you right back, it sounded like you may have answered, so we'll try you back right away.

Tried calling at 9:27 am and rang out before disconnecting the call.

Tried calling at 9:38 am and rang out before disconnecting the call.

Moermond: we're not able to get through to Lucy Bloedorn at 1056 Oxford. The first time it sounded like it was a glitch before went to Voicemail, offered Voicemail. The second two times we called it didn't offer Voicemail, it simply hung up. I'll go with the staff recommendation of decreasing the assessment from \$293.27 down to \$129.46. That takes into account the fact that Highland Sanitation didn't handle the checks in a business-like manner.

Staff you are reaching out to confirm this recommendation? Could you, in that outreach, indicate if she wants to be heard on this again she can reach out to you or Mai Vang and we can speak with her on our layover date.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/14/2024

Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS

- 5 **RLH AR 24-52** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2024. (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Sponsors: Jalali

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