



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Meeting Minutes - Action Only

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, February 21, 2017

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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#### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

##### Special Tax Assessments

- 1 RLH TA 16-565** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 992 ARMSTRONG AVENUE. (File No. VB1704, Assessment No. 178804) (To be laid over to the February 21, 2017 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors: Noecker

*Will reduce the VB fee in half if owner is done with the repairs by the end of April.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/3/2017**
- 2 RLH TA 17-47** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 411 BEACON AVENUE. (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405)

Sponsors: Stark

*Delete the assessment; waiver on file.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**
- 3 RLH TA 17-44** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1053 BEECH STREET. (File No. J1704E, Assessment No. 178303)

Sponsors: Prince

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 3/15/2017**
- 4 RLH TA 17-26** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1032 CARROLL AVENUE (File No. CRT1705, Assessment No. 178204).

Sponsors: Thao

*Bruce Johnson, owner, appeared.*

*Fire Supervisor Leanna Shaff:*  
*-Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection cost: \$202 + service chg \$155 = \$357*

-sent to Bruce Johnson, 180 Mounds Blvd, St. Paul 55106  
 -sent appointment letters: 6/1 & 8/8/16; compliance date 8/9/16; billing dates: 8/11 & 9/12/16  
 -comments: the original bill was for \$455 (included 2014, 2015 & 2016 provisional fees); the city cannot assess provisional fees  
 -understands that your letter to Mai Vang indicated that you mailed the check; however, we did not receive a check  
 -we bill twice: 1) a couple days after the Fire C of O is approved; and 2) if it hasn't been paid 30 days later & you get 15 days to pay it; after that, if it hasn't been paid, it goes to assessment

Mr. Johnson:

-I mailed the check in between the Sep & Oct statements but apparently, they didn't get the check so when I got this bill, I mailed another check but it came back to me  
 -I have no problem paying the \$455 because that's what I paid

Ms. Shaff:

-it would be cheaper for you to pay the assessment fee than to pay your bill because your total assessment is \$357 and your bill was \$455 because the city can't assess provisional fees; and after it goes to assessment, we can't take any more money

Ms. Nhia Vang:

-and you can't pay the assessment until the City Council takes action  
 -approve

Approve the assessment.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 3/1/2017**

- 5 **RLH TA 17-56** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 915 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Thao

Approve; no show.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 6 [RLH TA 17-50](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 2340 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. CRT1706, Assessment No. 178205)

**Sponsors:** Stark

Rescheduled per owner's request.

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 3/21/2017**

- 7 **RLH TA 17-55** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 711 HOPE STREET. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Prince

Approve; no show.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 8 **RLH TA 17-49** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 680

MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405)

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Delete; waiver on file.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 9 RLH TA 17-57** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 573 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*To continue public hearing to May 3, 2017 and if owner is done with the repairs, will reduce from \$2240 to \$560.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 10 RLH TA 17-28** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 81 SEVENTH PLACE EAST/ 428 MINNESOTA STREET (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405).

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Delete; waiver on file.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 11 RLH TA 17-63** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 598 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 12 RLH TA 17-59** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1169 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Stark

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 13 RLH TA 17-53** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 2389 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405)

**Sponsors:** Stark

*Delete; waiver on file.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 14 RLH TA 17-61** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 419 WHITALL STREET. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 15 RLH TA 17-60** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 214 WINIFRED STREET EAST. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Delete. Category 2 VB filed opened in October of 2015 and closed on December of 2016. Owner was only 2 months into the Program.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 16 RLH TA 17-64** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1174 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 17 RLH TA 17-54** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1809 YORKSHIRE AVENUE. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Tolbert

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 18 RLH TA 17-66** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 853-855 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 19 RLH TA 17-65** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 380 DUNLAP STREET NORTH. (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Delete; waiver on file.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 20 RLH TA 17-62** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 372 FRY STREET. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Stark

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 21 RLH TA 17-67** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1083 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Reduce the assessment from \$275 to \$155.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

### Special Tax Assessments - ROLLS

- 22 RLH AR 17-9** Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during October 3 to 20, 2016. (File No. J1705P, Assessment No. 178404)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 23 RLH AR 17-14** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during April 27 to September 23, 2016. (File No. VB1705, Assessment No. 178805)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 24 RLH AR 17-15** Ratifying the assessments for Boarding and/or Securing services during September 2016. (File No. J1704B, Assessment No. 178103)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 25 RLH AR 17-16** Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection/Abatement services billed during September 26 to October 21, 2016. (File No. J1705E, Assessment No. 178304)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 26 RLH AR 17-17** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 12 to October 6, 2016. (File No. CRT1706, Assessment No. 178205)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

- 27    **RLH AR 17-18**    Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during November 10 to December 24, 2016. (File No. J1706P, Assessment No. 178405)

Sponsors:        Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/5/2017**

## 2:30 p.m. Hearings

### Vacant Building Registrations

- 28    **RLH VBR 16-81**    Appeal of Denise Skorka to a Vacant Building Registration Fee warning Letter at 1104 COOK AVENUE EAST. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on February 21, 2017)

Sponsors:        Bostrom

*Grant owner to be released from the Vacant Building Program.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 3/15/2017**

- 29    **RLH VBR 17-18**    Appeal of Sara Carter to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1036 LOEB STREET.

Sponsors:        Brendmoen

*Waive the VB fee for 90 days.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 3/15/2017**

- 30    [RLH VBR 17-11](#)    Appeal of Mike Kelleher to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement and Order to Vacatet 2137 WELLESLEY AVENUE.

Sponsors:        Tolbert

*Layover to March 14: Supervisor Matt Dornfeld and a trade inspector will inspect the property and make a determination whether this should remain a VB Category 2 and a code compliance inspection is needed. In the meantime, the interior needs to be cleaned-out.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 3/14/2017**