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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 **RLH TA 18-55** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 784 AGATE STREET. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

No one appeared; however, DSI staff recommends deleting \$122 EC fee.

Reduce from \$279 to \$157.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 2 [RLH TA 18-24](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1024 ARKWRIGHT STREET. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Cheng Pao Yang, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$316

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$478

Gold Card Returned by: Cheng Pao Yang

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order

Nuisance: Debris, litter, weeds from sidewalk

Date of Orders: 09/26/17

Compliance Date: 10/02/17

Re-Check Date: 10/02/17

Date Work Done: 10/4/17

Work Order #: 17-196831

Returned Mail?: No

Mr. Yang: when I received the letter, it stated that the branches must have a clearance of 7 feet, so, that's what I did

Ms. Moermond: it says "Remove debris, litter from sidewalk" - you've got trash on the

*sidewalk caught up in the grass & around the fence
-was there a separate Order issued for branches at another time?*

Ms. Seeley: there were 2 SA's; one on Sep 21 for the overgrown vegetation, including trees branches impeding the public ROW; he took care of that; when I re-checked it, I noticed quite a bit of litter, debris all along the sidewalk & fence; so, I sent another SA

Ms. Moermond: so, the branches were taken care of but there was a lot of litter accumulation so, she sent you another letter

Mr. Yang: I don't think I received that letter; I live in this property but sometimes my tenants receive my mail & they'll hold on to it when I'm not home; Molly Xiong is the previous owner of the property; I acquired this property Aug 25, 2017

Ms. Moermond: I will recommend that this gets deleted; the Order was sent to the previous owner of record; it was also sent to the Occupant & you are the occupant but it didn't come to you in your name & it should have come to you in your name in addition to one going to the Occupant

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 3** [RLH TA 18-40](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1590 BEECH STREET. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 4** [RLH TA 18-44](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1173 BRADLEY STREET. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 5** [RLH TA 18-38](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2110 BUSH AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Prince

Thomas J. Vachuska, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$354

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$516

Gold Card Returned by: TOM VACHUSKA

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR PROPERTY (Remove all brush pile,

old grill & rubbish in rear yard)
 Date of Orders: 9-22-17
 Compliance Date: 9-28-17
 Re-Check Date: 10-3-17
 Date Work Done: 10-4-17
 Work Order #: 17-201102
 Returned Mail?: NO
 History of Orders on Property: 6-22-17 ORDERS ON VEHICLE OWNER TOOK CARE OF

Mr. Vachuska: part of that mess was from my neighbor's tenants; they moved out & left a lot of stuff; they've been using my trash can; I called in as soon as I got the letter & told them I needed some time; I had to take care of some things; I also put a box spring/mattress out there & I called my trash company to get rid of it & they took half of it on Oct 2; I discovered that I called the inspector on Tue, the 3rd & said, "Hey; they can't pick this up until Mon; I'm going to the city came the 4th

VIDEO - crew removed brush pile, mattress & rubbish from rear yard

Mr. Vachuska: my compost ...

Ms. Moermond: that's a brush pile

Mr. Vachuska: but I did call on the mattress Tue morning - into the office here to say, "Hey, my trash company can't pick that up until the next Mon; it was too heavy for 1 guy to lift;" someone else picked up the grill

Ms. Seeley: the mattress charge is \$10

*Ms. Moermond: Order went out Fri, the 22nd; compliance date was Thu, the 28th, so they gave you to the next Wed (you called for an extension); between when you got the Order, you put out a mattress/box spring, as well; the grill was gone; your company took the box spring & left the mattress; so, the city came to pick up the mattress & the brush pile
 -because the mattress wasn't in the original set of Orders, I can decrease the amount a little bit; I can get you down to \$500*

Reduce from \$516 to \$500.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 6 [RLH TA 18-37](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 588 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 18805A)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Delete the assessment per DSI staff recommendation; carts with trash in were moved from the neighboring property.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 7 [RLH TA 18-32](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1116 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Delete the assessment; Fire inspector sent orders with different deadline for the clean-up.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 8 **RLH TA 18-35** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1250 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Stark

Owner called to reschedule.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018

- 9 **RLH TA 18-53** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1524 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Stark

Owner called to reschedule.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 10 am

- 10 [RLH TA 18-60](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 129 COMO AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete, wrong address assessed.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 11 [RLH TA 18-14](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 925 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1801B1, Assessment No. 188106)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Rescheduled per owner's request. This is the 2nd time owner has rescheduled; no more continuance after the February 6. PH is 2/7 at 3:30

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/7/2018 (Legislative Hearing on 2/6/18)

- 12 [RLH TA 18-39](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 637 EARL STREET. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 13 **RLH TA 18-48** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 889 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Prince

Owner called to reschedule.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 9 am

- 14 RLH TA 18-30** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 893 FOURTH STEET EAST. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Prince

William D. Alfveby, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$400

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$562

Gold Card Returned by: WILLIAM ALFVEBY

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR

Date of Orders: 10-16-17

Compliance Date: 10-20-17

Re-Check Date: 10-24-17

Date Work Done: 10-25-17

Work Order #: 17-207566

Returned Mail?: no

History of Orders on Property: 9-25-17 ORDERS ON REFUSE

-Remove overflowing garbage in recycling container & misc garbage from the ground in rear yard near alley

*Mr. Alfveby: I'm looking for clarification; when I got the letter, I called right away & talked to James Hoffman & I told him that we had tenants who had moved out on Oct 16, 2017 (same day as garbage pick-up but they missed it); we called our garbage hauling company & told them that there was extra garbage that was to be picked-up; they picked-up & charged us for 4 additional bags & an extra 96-gallon cart that was on the following Mon; when I went to look a day or two later, it was gone; Inspector Hoffman said that was fine with the extra few days
-I have my garbage hauling bill that charged me for this extra stuff they picked up on 10-23-17 (scanned)*

Ms. Seeley: we have no VIDEO

Ms. Moermond: will recommend Deletion

Delete the assessment due to no video.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 15 [RLH TA 18-46](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 956 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

16 RLH TA 18-50 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 50 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Xin Zhou, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Joe Yannarely:

Cost: \$316.00

Service Charge: \$162.00

Total Assessment: \$478.00

Gold Card Returned by: XIN ZHOU

Type of Order/Fee: SA

Nuisance: GARBAGE/RUBBISH

Date of Orders: 9/28/17

Compliance Date: 10/3/17

Re-Check Date: 10/3/17

Date Work Done: 10/4/17

Work Order #: 201344

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

03/09/2017 : SA Printed: 03/09/2017

08/10/2017 : SA Printed: 08/10/2017

08/16/2017 : 08/16/2017 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 17-070526

Remove pile of scrap wood near the garage and alley.

09/28/2017 : SA Printed: 09/28/2017

10/03/2017 : 10/03/2017 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 17-201344

Remove contents of overflowing garbage and recycling containers, garbage bags, rubbish, recycling materials, etc., from the Southwest end of the property.

10/11/2017 : SA Printed: 10/11/2017

Mr. Zhou: I want to see the VIDEO

VIDEO - crew removed overflowing container & the rubbish on the ground near the alley (SW corner)

Mr. Zhou: so, the letter was sent Sep 28; postmark was a day later; I date I actually got it was Oct 1; the due date was Oct 3; I tried to call to tell the officer that the garbage pick-up date was Wed Oct 4, the same day as the the city took it

Ms. Moermond: you didn't get an extension; you didn't appeal the Order to me

Mr. Zhou: no; I

Ms. Moermond: that was an option; you could appeal & say, "I didn't get an extension but I need one so I have time to deal with this"

Mr. Zhou: I called the phone number on the letter about 5 times; & I left a voice mail at least 4 times

Ms. Moermond: I'm looking at the mess you have there & I don't care what garbage company you have; they're not going to go pick up loose garbage all over the ground; they'll empty the container but they will not clean up that mess

Mr. Zhou: I made a effort to tell the officer.....

Ms. Moermond: did you call the tenant? Who's Ku Vang?

Mr. Zhou: Ku Vang is not living there; he is the prior owner; I'm the new owner; I tried to tell the officer that the garbage company will pick up that day; I also told the tenant to make sure to clean up; the tenant said, "I was in the Klink;"

Ms. Moermond: because that's raw garbage.... on the ground; we need tight timelines to take care of garbage issues; the city went out & did the work

Mr. Zhou: but he never responded to my phone call

Ms. Moermond: and you didn't file an appeal

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 17** **RLH TA 18-22** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 66 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Owner called to reschedule.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 9 AM

- 18** [RLH TA 18-36](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1458 HAZELWOOD STREET. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 19** **RLH TA 18-58** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1976 IVY AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Bostrom

To be continued to July 11 Public hearing. Recommendation pending, resulting from July 6 inspection.

(There are no minutes; no one appeared.)

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 20** [RLH TA 18-57](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 671 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 21 [RLH TA 18-26](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1144 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH. (File No. J1803P, Assessment No. 188402)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Delete; waiver on file.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 22 [RLH TA 17-566](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1683 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1803A1, Assessment No. 188504)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Karl W. Kaiser, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Joe Yannarely:

Cost: \$700

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$862

Gold Card Returned by: KARL KAISER

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE A DOWNED TREE OVER FENCE

Date of Orders: 6-28-17; there was a previous Order on 5-23-17

Compliance Date: 7-12-17

Re-Check Date: 7-15-17

Date Work Done: 8-3-17

Work Order #: 17-039479

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments: 2 SUMMARY ABATEMENTS AND EXTENSION GIVEN PER MANAGER WE SENT TO TREE CONTRACTOR TO REMOVE

Mr. Kaiser: When I received the letter, I called Stephon; I told him that I might need a little bit more time; he gave me an extension

-the person who owns the property on the other side of the fence has a tenant, George, who has threatened to burn my home down; he threw bricks at me; I got a signed document from Colleen, the owner of the property, saying that I could go onto her property to take care of this problem; I went there & George has 4 dogs, he always lets them out; so, I called the police twice; I have reports; I had to watch to make sure he wasn't home & I went over there to start cleaning up the tree; I never received the 2nd Notice; every time I'd go over there, George would let his dogs out or he'd come out & threaten me; I asked Stephon, "What happens if I get injured when I'm on that property? Is the city going to be sued or do I sue that home owner or what is the process;" a couple times he said that he'd have to check with his supervisor & call me back; I did not have a problem doing the job but George was the problem

Ms. Moermond: the tree is rooted on your property but it fell over the fence onto the neighbor's property; so, it's on both properties (photos)

Supervisor Paula Seeley: Mr. Magner says that the property where the tree is rooted is

responsible

*Ms. Moermond: I'd like to see the code that supports that because the nuisance exists on both properties; Orders should have gone to both properties (my take)
-I have a concern about asking somebody to clean up on someone else's property
-I will follow up with the City Attorney's Office on this
-if it goes your way, Mr. Kaiser, I will cut the assessment in half; if the code is clear that it's your responsibility, you can go to small claims court on it*

Reduce from \$862 to \$431.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/7/2018

- 23** [RLH TA 18-6](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2235 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. 1801T, Assessment No. 189000)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Rescheduled per owner's request.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/6/2018

- 24** **RLH TA 18-21** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 892 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Thao

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 10 AM

- 25** **RLH TA 18-43** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1171 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Stark

Rescheduled per owner's request.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 10 am

- 26** [RLH TA 18-54](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1763 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 27** [RLH TA 18-27](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1164 NORTON STREET. (File No. J1803A, Assessment No. 188502; amended to File No. J1803A2, Assessment No. 188515)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/7/2018

- 28 RLH TA 18-59** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 991 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Rescheduled per owner's request.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018 @ 10 AM

- 29 RLH TA 18-33** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 973 RAYMOND AVENUE. (File No. J1803P, Assessment No. 188402)

Sponsors: Stark

Delete; waiver given to inspector at hearing.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 30 [RLH TA 18-45](#)** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1029 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J1803P, Assessment No. 188402)

Sponsors: Prince

Delete, waiver on file.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 31 RLH TA 18-29** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1849 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Prince

Adam Wendle & Adam Chesin, Encore Housing, LLC, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$566.00

Service Charge: \$162.00

Total Assessment: \$728.00

Gold Card Returned by: ADAM WENDLE AND ADAM CHESIN

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR PROPERTY (Remove all furniture, mattresses, garbage & misc rubbish from the rear of the property near the alley)

Date of Orders: 10-9-17

Compliance Date: 10-13-17

Re-Check Date: 10-16-17

Date Work Done: 10-17-17

Work Order #: 17-205058

Returned Mail?: NO

History of Orders on Property: 11-30-17 EMERGENCY ABATEMENT DONE BY

OWNER

Mr. Wendle: we've had an issue with dumping on this property since we bought the place; we an \$839 stint 2 months ago; we didn't even get any of the information on it until after it had switched into our name; they were sending stuff to Gunter Corp & they weren't telling us about it; we bought the property Jun 30, 2016; we got the \$839 assessment in Aug, which we ended up paying; we tried to appeal it at that point & it was too late in the process

-none of this is our tenants' stuff; we have a for profit advocate group that works with the tenants there; we don't have any turnover; our tenants are mentally disabled; they don't have tires - none have cars; people are throwing tires, mattresses, couches, you name it; they're throwing it out there; we already got burned so, we've talking with the city: Paula, DSI, Greg Tanem, Kathy Lantry, Heather, PW, Nate Edwards, Ellen Biales, Beth ___; I've spent 40 hours on the phone with different people trying to get to the bottom of all of this; in Sep 2016, we spoke with multiple people from the city; eventually, we spoke to a nice lady named Paula Seeley, DSI; I have notes galore; -in Jul 2017, there was furniture & large items left in the bldg & we were told by different people from the city (PW; DSI) that we need to call to have them come out to remove it

Mr. Chesin: let's first differentiate between the driveway & the alley; originally, the stuff was dumped in our driveway near our dumpster; since then, (couches, tires) it's dumped in the alley because we got a lock for our dumpster

VIDEO - crew removed furniture, mattresses, garbage, tires, couches, misc, rubbish from alley

Mr. Chesin: a lot of stuff is sometimes on the neighbor's property too; we have a police report (scanned); we got a call from Stephan on Nov 30 at 9:02 am; he says that the garbage outside of our place has to be removed within 23 hours or it would cost from \$500-\$1000; we didn't have access to a truck so we had to rent a trailer & we drove there at 11 pm; it's not the safest area so, we called a police officer (Kolby Bragg) to come out; he watched us grab bag after bag that he said he wouldn't even touch; we put it into one of our garages; there were some bags on the neighbor's property; Officer Bragg documented everything in the police report -the Oct stuff, we called to have that removed; we were told that if it's in the alley, just call the city, I'm not making this up - we were told that was what we were supposed to do

Ms. Martin: as a fire inspector, for many years that property/previous owner had the same situation with dumping; I often called them to get a truck to remove the dumped items; there are several apartment buildings next to each other & there's a lot of dumping to the point that PW won't even pick it up anymore -the owners have to install the cameras; they have to work with police but until they install the cameras to make an effort; the dumping is nonstop

Mr. Chesin: we got a quote of \$17,500 for a camera system - to zoom in with night vision to see license plates & we can't afford that; PW/DSI told us to put up signs; if we put up a \$200 camera system, it's not going to do any good

Ms. Seeley: Supervisor Greg Tanem said that they're not cleaning it up any more; they're done

Ms. Moermond: PW was cleaning this up for a while

Ms. Martin: they did a few times but then, we met with the previous owners & let them know that they had to have a camera system; otherwise, we were not longer assisting because we've taken so much from that area; so they needed to be proactive, as well

Mr. Chesin: and we were never aware of that; but there was some Order from DSI to PW to not pick up from

Ms. Moermond: the previous owner had this information; they didn't transfer it to you; there is a shared responsibility; you do have responsibility for this part of the alley; I'm hearing that good faith efforts have been made; I know what you're talking about; I know what the police would be looking for in terms of clarity on a license plate/face but that's a different kind of a camera; a lot of people are using "trail cameras;" like hunters use to see the deer, etc. & they run in the \$750 range; they have night vision capacity

Ms. Seeley: what did Kathy Lantry tell you?

Mr. Chesin: Ellen Biales said that what we're doing is what we need to do & we need to do police reports; Greg Tanen said that every single time someone dumps, we need to call the police & have a police report, then PW will come out & pick up the stuff

Ms. Seeley: the police report needs to be sent into our office

*Ms. Moermond: can you email to us the police report numbers that you have; we can load them into our files; we can share that information
-go with the camera; show those proactive steps*

Mr. Chesin: this has been an on-going battle; I don't think we would have bought the building had we known about this dumping problem; we've already been fined a bunch of money; we're trying to be good landlords - proactive - trying to do the right thing & it just feels like we can't win in any situation

Ms. Moermond:

-I'm hearing that you're making a good faith effort

-I'd like to continue this for a number of months to give you a chance to get the cameras installed

-when you get dumping, make police reports; try to clean it up yourselves; don't wait for the city to do it

Mr. Wendle:

-we've done that; we just spent a fortune cleaning up

Mr. Chesin:

-I just spent \$700 the other day with a big dump trailer; I loaded up stuff in our garages: 13 couches, 12 mattresses, futon, 30 tires, 11 box springs, so, I had to go to different counties, cities, to get rid of it

Ms. Moermond:

-let's talk again Mar 20, 2018 LH at 9 am (have the cameras installed by then)

-get the district councils to work with you

To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on March 20 at 9 am.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 32 [RLH TA 18-47](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 826 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 33 [RLH TA 18-34](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 721 TUSCARORA AVENUE. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)

Sponsors: Noecker

Kenneth J. Williams, owner, appeared.

Ms. Moermond: this is an Excessive Consumption fee based on a Correction Order

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$122

Service Charge: \$35

Total Assessment: \$157

Gold Card Returned by: Kenneth Williams

Type of Order/Fee: Excessive Consumption Fee from 08/21 to 09/21/17

Nuisance: Failure to comply with summary abatement order - due to a Semi-trailer not approved as an accessory structure

Date of Orders: Correction Notice sent on 03/07/17

Compliance Date: 9-20-17

Re-Check Date: 9-20-17

Date Work Done: na

Work Order #: 17-016097, Inv # 1331448

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: This file was appealed and the owner given more time to remove a trailer from the yard. Non-compliance. Two more EC's pending and the city will hire a private contractor to remove the large semi trailer per previous hearing.

-we have one forthcoming EC

Ms. Moermond: the Mar 7 Orders were appealed; I heard that appeal on Apr 25, 2017; I gave you until Sep 15 to take care of the cargo trailer; you could go to the City Council Public Hearing if you did not agree with that; you did not go to City Council, so, the deadline remained Sep 15, 2017

-it wasn't taken care of by Sep 15; an inspector was dispatched & the city is charging you for that trip because the work wasn't done when it was supposed to be done

-today, you are appealing that trip charge

Mr. Williams: entered documents; the trailer now has a license plate on it; it sets next to my motor home; it's perfectly legal to be there; where is Mark Kaisersatt?

Ms. Moermond: his boss is here, Supervisor Seeley

Mr. Williams: why does he do all his work in the alley?

Ms. Moermond: we're going to talk about your property today; you have a semi-trailer in the back & you're saying that it's legal; I'm telling you that it's not a legal structure to

have in your yard; the Correction Order was valid at the time; you did not appeal it to the City Council; if DSI wishes to, they can continue to charge you Excessive Consumption fees because you have not removed that trailer; having a semi-trailer in your yard is an explicit violation of the Exterior Maintenance Code in the city; you were given 6 months to deal with it but you didn't deal with it; you can't have the semi-trailer there; it can't be used for storage in Saint Paul; it's a violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code; eventually, staff will go out there & tow it; they'll send you an Order to tell you they will tow it to the Police Impound Lot & then, you can sort it out with SPPD -I will recommend approval of this assessment
-it is not legal to have a semi-trailer in your back yard; it is not a building; it's a semi-trailer

Mr. Williams: yes; & it has a license plate on it

Ms. Moermond: that doesn't make it a building; that makes it a licensed semi-trailer

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 34 RLH TA 18-51** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 304 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Thao

Appellant called to reschedule.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/20/2018

- 35 RLH TA 18-52** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 640 VICTORIA STREET SOUTH. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)

Sponsors: Noecker

Chris Sauro, appeared.

Supervisor Joe Yannarely:

Cost: \$290.00

Service Charge: \$162.00

Total Assessment: \$452.00

Gold Card Returned by: CHRIS SAURO

Type of Order/Fee: SA

Nuisance: APPLIANCE NEAR ALLEY

Date of Orders: 10/23/17

Compliance Date: 10/27/17

Re-Check Date: 10/27/17

Date Work Done: 10/31/17

Work Order #: 209150

Returned Mail?:

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

5 ORDERS IN THE LAST YEAR. EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTIONS. ETC.

Ms. Moermond: why are you appealing?

Mr. Sauro: because there was no appliance there; & I don't know why it would be my responsibility if it's in the alley; I can't have my garbage can in the alley so, why is it my responsibility?

Ms. Moermond: showed him a picture of the appliance in the alley

Mr. Sauro: it's my house but not my appliance

Supervisor Paula Seeley: there's no VIDEO

Ms. Moermond: no video evidence; will recommend deletion

Delete due to no video.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 36** [RLH TA 18-41](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1039 VICTORIA STREET NORTH (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018

- 37** [RLH TA 18-23](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 805 YORK AVENUE. (File No. J1804E, Assessment No. 188303) (Public hearing to be continued to July 11)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Tekesteberah Tefera appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$244

Service Charge: \$35

Total Assessment: \$279

Gold Card Returned by: Hellen Tekesteberah Tefera

Type of Order/Fee: Excessive Inspection

Nuisance: Garbage/TGW (furniture, mattress, brush, garbage from vacant lot; cut weeds & rank plant growth)

Date of Orders: 7/24/17

Compliance Date: 7/28/17

Re-Check Date: 7/31/17

Date Work Done: 08/02/17 (work done by owner) -generated a PAEC

Work Order #: 17-061463 Inv # 1323061 & 1323063

Returned Mail?: No. Mail was sent to Occupant at 805 York and Hellen Tefera, 1045 Hazelwood St, St. Paul MN 55106

History: not much - SA for the same thing Jan 2016

Comments: There were 2 WOs, one for TGW and one for garbage. However, there was only 1 EC letter sent regarding the garbage/rubbish. The EC letter on the TGW was not sent. May have to reduce.

Mr. Tefera: I did everything; I got the letter 1 day before the deadline; I started to get rid of the stuff the same night; the 2nd day, I got everything gone; I had workers; I spent about \$200 on that; for the workers, I rented a car; also, cut the grass; I finished everything; by the time they came, everything was done; I was really upset because I had only 1 day to do the work

Ms. Moermond:

Continue to public hearing on July 11, 2018 and if no same or similar, will delete assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/7/2018

Special Tax Assessments- ROLLS

- 38 RLH AR 18-6** Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 21 to September 21, 2017. (File No. J1805E, Assessment No. 188304)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018**
- 39 RLH AR 18-7** Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during October 2 to 30, 2017. (File No. J1805A, Assessment No. 188505)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018**
- 40 RLH AR 18-8** Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during September 23 to November 8, 2017. (File No. J1803P, Assessment No. 188402)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 3/7/2018**

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Correction Orders

- 41 [RLH CO 18-5](#)** Appeal of Maria T. Denison to a Correction Notice at 1990 HOYT AVENUE EAST. (Legislative hearing on February 20, 2018)
- Sponsors:** Bostrom
- Rescheduled to Jan 30. Appellant arrived one-hour late.*
- Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/30/2018**

11:30 a.m. Hearings

Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations (none)**1:30 p.m. Hearings****Fire Certificates of Occupancy**

- 42 [RLH FCO 18-11](#) Appeal of Mieczyslaw Glowka to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 2314 HILLSIDE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

Mieczyslaw Glowka, owner, appeared.

Fire Supervisor A.J. Neis: Fire Inspection Correction Notice issued by Fire Inspector Laura Huseby

-appealed is #6 - unit entry doors installed in the common corridor; these are new doors that replaced the existing original doors; however, when the doors get replaced, they need to be brought up to current code, which require 20 minute fire rated doors; no permit was on file for them

Mr. Glowka: these doors were installed 17 years ago when I bought the place in May 2001; one of the doors swung open to the hall & was the same type; the house was built around 1900 & the doors were original; the entry door was 44 inches wide, a 6 panel door made out of Ash, still in good condition; the door to apartment #1 was a little compromised so I did correct the swing of the door from the outside to the inside; also, they are 7 feet tall doors (taller than the usual market doors); so, we tried to keep the feel of the old house by installing doors of the same height, type, etc; the main floor has 9 1/2 foot ceilings

Ms. Moermond: so, this was the door that was in place 17 years ago?

Mr. Glowka: both of them were; I installed doors that were look alike to the original doors; this is an old house that was converted into a 4-plex, based on my search in the census, around the 1940's & has been rented out since then; there's been a lot of work done since I acquired the building; I also live in apartment #3

-they are lumber core doors, 1 3/8 inch thick

-I have always been very proactive with repairs, etc.

-the rest of the list is all corrected

Mr. Neis: I'm not seeing much of an issue with the doors

Ms. Moermond: Mr. Neis has no concerns about #6; I'm going to recommend that your appeal is granted

Grant the appeal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/14/2018

2:30 p.m. Hearings**Vacant Building Registrations**

- 43 [RLH VBR 17-77](#) Appeal of Calvin Mickel to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 316 SUPERIOR STREET. (Public hearing continued from December 6, 2017)

Sponsors: Noecker

Deny the appeal; no one appeared and no steps to making repairs.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/14/2018

- 44 [RLH VBR 18-4](#) Appeal of Andrew Davis to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 823 LAFOND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

1/23/18: Deny the appeal; no one appeared.

1/25/18: appellant called and stated he called the front desk to reschedule. This information was not given to staff. Rescheduled to February 13 per his request.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/13/2018