



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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#### 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.*

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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*

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*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**