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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, May 15, 2018

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 [RLH TA 18-216](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 871 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Thao

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 2 [RLH TA 18-264](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1245 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Delete; minimal snow removal.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 3 [RLH TA 18-246](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1011 ARGYLE STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 4 [RLH TA 18-249](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 358 BAKER STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Noecker

 Rescheduled per owner's request.

 Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/5/2018

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- 5 [RLH TA 18-243](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2463 BEVERLY ROAD. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Andrew S. Iskandar, owner, appeared.*
- Supervisor Paula Seeley:*
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: Andrew Iskandar
Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement
Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior
Date of Orders: 2-2-18
Compliance Date: 2-8-18
Re-Check Date: 2-8-18
Date Work Done: 2-9-18
Work Order #: 18-027087
Returned Mail?: No
Comments:
History of Orders on Property: No
- VIDEO - a modest amount of snow; crew shoveled snow & ice full width, salted/sanded*
- Mr. Iskandar: it's an odd corner*
- Ms. Moermond: noticed that you hadn't done a great job from side to side; maybe some of that was plow throw; historically, there are no Orders; some effort was made; if no same/similar by Oct 17, I'll delete this*
- Public hearing continued to Oct 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the assessment.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018**
- 6 [RLH TA 18-271](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 997 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J1807A3, Assessment No. 188542)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Vera Ashley, EMK Holding Co LLC, owner, appeared.*
- Supervisor Lisa Martin:*
Cost: \$140
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$302
Gold Card Returned by: Vera Ashley, EMK Holding
Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order
Nuisance: Mattress/Garbage/Litter rear of property
Date of Orders: 11/27/17
Compliance Date: 12/5/17
Re-Check Date: 12/6/17
Date Work Done: 12/6/17
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Work Order #: 17-219283

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: Original file: J1807A, Assessment No. 188507

History of Orders on Property: No history since 2014

Ms. Ashley: where my property line ends, there's a dead alley (has photos); the man in the back just throws everything back there; for me, to go thru a wooded area in 4 feet of snow & drag a mattress & garbage back there is preposterous; I'm with Krupenny Garbage; we pay enough money - they take anything - all of our furniture; so, there's no reason for us putting anything back there

-when that notice came, I was throwing out a couch & Krupenny did pick up the couch; that's where the confusion came

-you'll see that this is no alley

VIDEO - city crew picked up mattress

Ms. Moermond: that is on your property though, isn't it?

Ms. Ashley: I don't even go back that far; I can show you on my pictures.....

Ms. Moermond: so, the fence line goes beyond your property line

Ms. Ashley: brought up her photos & tried to explain the back of her house & the wooded area on her property where the mattress was dumped by the man who lives behind her

Ms. Moermond: I don't have a fence line or any other point of reference when I look at that photo

-you were sent a Notice to clean up the mattress; it's on your property

-reviewed the "after" Video again

-have you considered clearing out the brush in the dead alley?

Ms. Ashley: it's the end of a dead alley; can I show you more pictures of what's all back there in that dead alley?

Ms. Moermond: I think it's more affective to send an inspector out there to write Orders on things that are in the alley if it's on other people's property as a dumping area because I can look at the pictures but I don't have the ability to take action on an item; they do

Ms. Ashley: I think it's unfair because this is a dumping ground

Ms. Moermond: it appears to be something that's dumped; I think that you need to take some proactive steps - get rid of that brush & possibly put in a fence; some people use motion detector lighting; it looks like an unkempt & unwatched area with that overgrown brush & it's your property & your responsibility

Ms. Martin: call 266-8989 & give the addresses of all the other properties along that dead alley where dumped items are located; if we haven't already been there, we'll go out & take a look

Ms. Ashley: so, you want them to shoot my house up?

Ms. Martin: they won't know who called it in

Ms. Ashley: they'll automatically know because I'm the one who's been raising hell about people dumping stuff back there; I'm not going to put my life at risk
-I'm just trying to say that it's unfair that I'm getting the assessment
-I'm the one who went back to the neighbor & just had it out with him

Ms. Moermond: EMK should look at clearing out the brush there & take responsibility
-you don't have a history here but you did get Noticed & more than a week to deal with it
-will recommend approval

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

7 [RLH TA 18-228](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 618 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Khou Vang appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: BI HANG

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1-30-18

Compliance Date: 2-2-18

Re-Check Date: 2-2-18

Date Work Done: 2-6-18

Work Order #: 18-025462

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: A FEW IN 2017 - all done by owner

VIDEO - partially done by owner; city crew did the rest - salted & sanded full width

Ms. Moermond: looks like there were a few Orders issued in 2017

Ms. Vang: we bought the house back in Mar 2015; when this Order was issued, I was in the hospital giving birth to my 3rd child & I had lost a lot of blood so I was in the hospital longer & then after that, I was in & out of the hospital; my husband was trying to take of everything; he was doing a lot

Ms. Moermond: I'm seeing that a modest effort was made; in this type of situation, if there's no same or similar by Oct 17, 2018, I'll recommend that the Council delete this assessment

Public hearing continued to Oct 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 8 [RLH TA 18-252](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 659 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Thao

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council Ward 1 due back on 6/27/2018
- 9 [RLH TA 18-213](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1457 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Henningson

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018
- 10 [RLH TA 18-275](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 106 COMO AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Thao

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018
- 11 [RLH TA 18-259](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1436 COMO AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Henningson

 Delete; minimal snow removal.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018
- 12 [RLH TA 18-270](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Bostrom

 Rescheduled to June 5 at 10:00 a.m.

 Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/5/2018
- 13 [RLH TA 18-262](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 910 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

 Sponsors: Bostrom

 Approve; no show.

 Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018
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14 [RLH TA 18-261](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1 CROCUS HILL. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Ruth Blodgett, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$80

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$242

Gold Card Returned by: Ruth Blodgett, bonnieblodgett@gmail.com, 651-292-8936

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order

Nuisance: SnowWalk Ltr

Date of Orders: 02/12/18

Compliance Date: 48 hours

Re-Check Date: 02/20/18

Date Work Done: 02/21/18

Work Order #: 18-030121

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: 8 complts in 2017 but all abated

*Ms. Blodgett: a neighbor complained about my walk because of personal issues between him & me that I won't go into; I got the Notice & immediately called; I was told that I should shovel my walk again, which I did; I explained that to Mark, who was very sympathetic & understanding; I'm a runner & when I run, I always want to stay on the sidewalks that have a very thin cover of snow on them because with the freeze/thaw cycles that we have now, if you keep you keep your walk down to the absolute concrete, then, when it melts, it freezes & you can't see the ice, slip & fall; so, I have a very methodical way of doing my walk that is safe for everyone; my next door neighbor has the most dangerous walk on the block & I see people day after day avoid his walk because it's so perfectly manicured that there's always an ice cover on it, which you can't see; I explained this all to the inspector, who said he totally agreed & that we now have a new problem -then, there was the timing problem of when I called & he said
VIDEO - sidewalk with a very thin layer of snow to make walking/running more safe; city salted & sanded*

Ms. Moermond: I do understand why the crew was dispatched; looking at this photo, there's 2-3 inches more than what I'm looking at

Ms. Blodgett: it had just snowed

Ms. Moermond: no; actually, it hadn't; there was almost 1 inch that fell on the 19-20th but otherwise, there hadn't been anything since way before the Order was issued on Feb 12; there was no snow at all until .8 inches on the 19th & .3 inches on the 20th; at the same time, when the crew showed up, it was cleared; so, for future reference, we need to get it down faster than the 9 days but because what I looked at was cleared, I'm comfortable recommending this gets deleted

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 15 [RLH TA 18-240](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1129 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 16 [RLH TA 18-227](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 594 EARL STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Prince

Moua Vang & Chong Her, owners, appeared; their realtor/friend, Mai Vang, who interpreted also appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: MOUA VANG

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1-25-18

Compliance Date: 1-28-18

Re-Check Date: 1-30-18

Date Work Done: 2-1-18

Work Order #: 18-023879

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: NO

Ms. Vang: my understanding is that the Notice was sent Jan 25, 2018; at that time, a Purchase Agreement was in place; Moua Vang was the buyer; title work was done Jan 29; there were no pending assessments of any sort outstanding; the city did the work on Feb 1, 2018; my client closed on the property Feb 9, 2018; there's no way that we would know about this Order

Ms. Moermond: the only way you would know is if the seller disclosed that this Order was in place, which is incumbent upon the seller; did you ask the seller if there were pending Orders on the property?

Ms. Vang: we didn't get a chance to ask the seller; the seller was out of state; he had signed the document but they didn't tell us about anything about an assessment

Ms. Moermond: this is a 24-hour Order

Ms. Seeley: once the letter goes out, we wait 3 days (courtesy delay)

VIDEO - city crew removed the snow; salted & sanded

Ms. Moermond: the Order went to the previous owner; there was no disclosure; a lot of work was done by the city; I suggest you seek recompence from the seller;

Ms. Vang: seller is out of state; don't even know if he got the Notice; we took care of the snow in the driveway

Ms. Moermond: there was a 12-inch snowfall 3 days before the Order even went out; the crew showed up 10 days later so, there was no effort by the seller at all to address the problem & a real nuisance condition did exist; the mail went to the owner's address of record, which was 594 Earl Street
-so, I'm stuck; I advise you to seek out the seller & try to get reimbursed for this assessment

Ms. Vang: and if he refuses to pay?

Ms. Moermond: then, you can file a claim in Small Claims' Court; they did sign a closing agreement that did say that they were disclosing this information to you & clearly, they did not; that's a private matter between you & the seller
-this was ordered for the previous owner to do; he didn't do it but he sold you a property with an assessment on it; they didn't tell you that - bad on them but when you buy a property, you also buy the property's debt

Ms. Vang: my clients don't want to go thru the process of going after the seller; they have agreed to pay the assessment

Ms. Moermond: OK; I suggest you contact the seller's realtor & handle this professionally
-will recommend approval; it's a private matter now
-provided copies of documents, photos, & will try to email the Video

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 17 [RLH TA 18-219](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 783 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 18 [RLH TA 18-273](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1771 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Morgan Okney appeared o/b/o property owner Candice D. Margulies, who lives in NC.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: MORGAN OKNEY
Type of Order/Fee: SNOW/ICE
Nuisance: SNOW ICE ON SIDEWALK

*Date of Orders: 1/29/18
Compliance Date: 48 HOURS AFTER POSTMARK
Re-Check Date: 2/1/18
Date Work Done: 2/2/18
Work Order #: 25173
Returned Mail?: NO
Comments:
History of Orders on Property:*

Mr. Okney: I might not be appealing; I'm here to see if this was another assessment that I thought this was

VIDEO - crew removed snow; salted & sanded

Mr. Okney: no, we're not appealing this

Ms. Moermond: Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 19** [RLH TA 18-267](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 100 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Delete the assessment; minimal snow removal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 20** [RLH TA 18-265](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 350 GEORGE STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Delete; minimal snow removal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 21** [RLH TA 18-242](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 878 HALL AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 22** [RLH TA 18-269](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643 HUBBARD AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Delete; minimal snow removal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

23 [RLH TA 18-225](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 723 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No.188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Karen Roberts, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$270

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$432

Gold Card Returned by: SARAH NELSON

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR PROPERTY (Remove mattress on east side of garage near alley)

Date of Orders: 1-26-18

Compliance Date: 2-2-18

Re-Check Date: 2-2-18

Date Work Done: 2-6-18

Work Order #: 18-025501

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: NO

Ms. Moermond: looks like there's a mattress tucked between 2 garages leaning on one of them

*Ms. Roberts: I was out of town from Jan 28 - Feb 4, 2018; I called the inspector as soon as I had gotten home & opened up all my mail but at that time, the work had already been done; he returned my call on Feb 8 & told me what the next steps were; that's not my mattress; when it snows, I can't park there so I don't even know how long it had been there; when I went out to look, it had already been removed
-I called the city several times because everybody dumps up there; I know of 2 homes that use my garbage & dump outside my garage; most of the time, I just throw it into my garbage container & just take care of it
-I don't know what to do about that area; last time, it was a glass shower door; it was pretty heavy to move*

*Ms. Moermond: there's a note in the file that says you have no history of Orders on your property & that you clean up the dumping
-the work was done by the city but I'd like to use this as a carrot to keep the property picked up as you have been doing & so, if there are no same/similar violations by Oct 17, 2018, I'll delete this*

Public hearing continued to October 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

24 [RLH TA 18-226](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No.

188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Caseye Pofahl, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$80

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$242

Gold Card Returned by: CASEYE POFAHL

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK RAMP

Date of Orders: 2-6-18

Compliance Date: 2-9-18

Re-Check Date: 2-9-18

Date Work Done: 2-13-18

Work Order #: 18-027789

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: NO

-specifically, this was for opening up the sidewalk ramp

Ms. Pofahl: I have the corner lot & they haven't been plowing to the curb so I did it to the curb & I couldn't do the rest because it was so heavy; she said that they have on the website that "you are not required to clear snow ridges or piles left by the plow beyond the gutter;" sometimes, the crew returns to do that but if they don't, the neighbors appreciate it if you do it

VIDEO - ? can't hear what was said

Ms. Moermond: I'm going to recommend this gets deleted

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

25 [RLH TA 18-212](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 580 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

26 [RLH TA 18-253](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 507 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Irish Johnson, owner, & Kyle Johnson, husband, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Irish Johnson

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement -Snow Order

Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior

Date of Orders: 2-5-18

Compliance Date: 2-9-18

Re-Check Date: 2-9-18

Date Work Done: 2-12-18

Work Order #: 18-027275

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: Very long history including snow and tall grass.

VIDEO - corner lot; not cleaned at intersection; city crew shoveled it out, salted & sanded

Ms. Moermond: the sidewalks were clear but the concern was getting out at the corner (?)

Mr. Johnson: I actually snow blowed the entire area; we live on a high volume street area; where they show the snow has piled up, that from the city snow plow comes by & throws it back onto the sidewalk; I have video/pictures of each time it snowed, before & after my snow blowing; we also shoveled, salted & sanded; we can prove it; we were the first ones done on our block on Jan 22 (he showed the pictures); Ms. Moermond asked that he forward the photos to her

Ms. Johnson: we've been getting letters about the snow so, I told my husband to start taking photos & videos of our snow efforts; the side walks are clear but when the plow comes thru, it throws the snow right back onto the corner

Ms. Moermond: it appears that you were on top of it but not on the corner situation; people need to navigate there to get through; asked to have all the dated photos emailed to her

Ms. Seeley: there's a forthcoming assessment; on May 23, 2017, there were Orders on garbage; on Dec 7, 2017, Orders on garbage & vehicles

Mr. Johnson: all of those were abated & every time an inspector came, I was there

Ms. Moermond: asked to see the "before" VIDEO one more time

Mr. Johnson: in 2017, we reclaimed this home

Ms. Moermond: is the house on Thompson in West St. Paul a rental now that you're owner-occupying Lexington or ...?

Ms. Johnson: no; Lexington, right now, is in renovation; we just put new windows in there, painted it & we'll be renting it again, probably this summer; for the past year, there hasn't been anyone occupying the home

Ms. Moermond: I want to continue this to the next LH & combine the conversations & make a package deal on them

Layover to June 19 to go with another file, J1811A.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/19/2018

- 27 [RLH TA 18-250](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1950 LINCOLN AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 28 [RLH TA 18-280](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 431 LYNNHURST AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Henningson

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 29 [RLH TA 18-274](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 169 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)

Sponsors: Henningson

Bridgett Climmons, tenant, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Bridgett Climmons, tenant called (Owner is Hieu Vo)

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order

Nuisance: Snow & Ice

Date of Orders: 02/09/18

Compliance Date: 48 hours

Re-Check Date: 2/13/18

Date Work Done: 02/15/18

Work Order #: 18-028687

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Ms. Moermond: I have a note here that we have a large snow removal on 1 curb cut

VIDEO - snow & ice removed from the curb cut; crew salted/sanded

*Ms. Climmons: I've been there for 6 years & will be there for another year
-I always keep is clear*

Ms. Moermond: looks like you made a good faith effort; if there's no same/similar violation by Oct 17, I'll delete this assessment outright

Public hearing continued to October 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 30** [RLH TA 18-266](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 191 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Delete; minimal snow removal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 31** [RLH TA 18-251](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 267 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 32** [RLH TA 18-241](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 722 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 33** [RLH TA 18-237](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 457 OHIO STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 34** [RLH TA 18-236](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 694 ORLEANS STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 35 [RLH TA 18-202](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 819 PARK STREET. (File No. J1809A, Assessment No. 188518)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/6/2018

- 36 [RLH TA 18-239](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1768 PINEHURST AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Tami Jo Pierret, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Tami J Pierret

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement

Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior

Date of Orders: 1-29-18

Compliance Date: 2-1-18

Re-Check Date: 2-1-18

Date Work Done: 2-2-18

Work Order #: 18-025245

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: No history

Ms. Moermond: let's take a look at the VIDEO; the photographs - I'm not sure why an Order was sent thru; this looks like it's from the 1 foot snow fall

VIDEO - crew did full-width; salted/sanded

-it makes sense now; let's see the after Video

-why are you appealing?

Ms. Pierret: this was a huge snowfall - several days in a row; so my kids & I, I'm a single parent, went out scooping every 6 hours because it was dumping & we knew we couldn't manage it; so, we did it at least 3 times; it was cleared before your city snow plow came thru; 2 days later, it came thru, 40 mph down my street & threw it to my sidewalk to a high level; by the next morning, it was completely frozen ice -what you saw of the initial Video was us getting out there & scraping it the best we could to get any of this 2 feet of snow off of our sidewalk; I did call the city immediately because I spoke with them about this snowfall & about how they can't drive 40 mph - it's a residential street; they went thru it like it was America's funniest video kind of thing; since then, they have crept quietly down the road because we have a huge - 4 feet wide sidewalk

& for him to go the speed he was going to throw it over the whole sidewalk - crazy

Ms. Moermond: I know that I personally end up shoveling when plows go by & it goes on the sidewalk

-let's look at the "before" Video once more

*Ms. Pierret: it was hard, wet, heavy snow; it was ice after the plow went thru
-we do a great job; we go down to the concrete*

Ms. Moermond: I'm not seeing what you're describing

*Ms. Pierret: that's because we plowed thru the snow; it was so unbelievable; it was
completely clear & then to have the snow plow come thru - after you've done it 3 times*

Ms. Moermond: I'm looking at the snow; I'm hearing what you're saying but I'm not.....

*Ms. Pierret: after the plow went thru, the next day was below zero so to get that off the
sidewalk was impossible; I felt like we did a great job just getting that much off*

Ms. Moermond: your neighbors got it off

*Ms. Pierret: they probably got at it before the next morning - the frozen, below zero
day; it's frustrating because we always plow our snow; we've never had an issue; now,
here 4 families in a row, who are out there..... we tried 3 times to try to get it under
control because we knew it was going to be a difficult situation & then, to have the city
plow come thru; they apologized to me; I know that they knew it was a problem
because of the speed I watched them go thru; both the city & the snow plow people
understood & were sympathetic; we keep our snow plowed; this is an absolute anomaly
that this even happened the way it did but it did*

*Ms. Moermond: the Order went out Jan 29 to remove the snow & you're telling me that
the snow that was Ordered removed on Jan 29 is different snow from what was actually
removed on Feb 2 because there was new snow that was added on.... that you had it
clear*

*Ms. Pierret: 100% clear & the snow plow threw it over the sidewalk when he came
thru; then, it froze; we were off school; we had snow, snow, snow for days & we just
kept going out & getting it off; & it was clear & then to have the snow plow throw it
back onto the sidewalk*

*Ms. Moermond: we're still talking about the foot of snow that would have fallen on Jan
22 (12.4 inches); the next snow didn't happen until the day after this.....; it's not 3 days;
it's many days after that snow fall; you're saying that 3 days after the ton of snow, they
plowed & sent it back again; the Order didn't go out until Jan 29 so, there was an
additional 2 1/2 inches on Feb 3 & the clean-up crew showed up on Feb 2
-the National Weather Service: Jan 22 - 12.4 inches; Feb 3 - 2 1/2 inches
-in both you & your neighbor's case, there's no history
-given the timing of the situation, it looks like the Order went out after the snow plow
had recovered your sidewalk*

Ms. Pierret: no, because I called the city about it

*Ms. Moermond: there were 7 days between the snow fall & the Order going out
-I understand that it's frustrating
-given the timing, the Council could look at this differently than I do but I'm going to
recommend approval of the assessment*

Ms. Pierret: I totally disagree; I did call

Ms. Moermond: I'm looking at the timing: when the snow fell; when the Order went out & when the crew showed up

Ms. Pierret: the work crew did them all at the same time; we're all on the same block

Ms. Moermond: there's 3 days difference between when yours was done & when your neighbor's was done according to the work crew

Ms. Mai Vang: from Parks Records

-crew did 1762 Pinehurst on 2-2-18

-crew did 1768 Pinehurst on 2-2-18

-crew did 1776 Pinehurst on 2-5-18

Ms. Pierret: that's not true because the work crew came & did everyone at the same time

Ms. Moermond: bring your concerns to the City Council; they could look at things differently from what I do

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

37 [RLH TA 18-238](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1776 PINEHURST AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Emily Irwin, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Michael and Emily Irwin

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement

Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior

Date of Orders: 1-29-18

Compliance Date: 2-1-18

Re-Check Date: 2-1-18

Date Work Done: 2-5-18

Work Order #: 18-025244

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: No history

Ms. Irwin: my appeal is similar to my neighbor's at 1768 Pinehurst; as my neighbor indicated, we have always been diligent about shoveling our snow & we shovel immediately & multiple times a day, if necessary; we have young children & nannies who use that sidewalk so we are very diligent about making sure that they can use it in the morning & the afternoon

-the snow plow is notorious, as you know, for coming down the street very quickly & throwing the snow back onto the sidewalk; unfortunately, the plow doesn't come the day that it snows; it comes after the snow had hardened somewhat

-we do not, personally, use the front steps & sidewalk; we go out the back to our attached garage; you may recall that the weather was frigidly cold; my husband & I did shovel before the snow plow came; after the plow went thru, we did absolutely the best we could; we have never had a problem at our home; all of us on our block are very diligent about shoveling the snow

VIDEO - crew shoveled snow, salted & sanded

Supervisor Lisa Martin: it looks like half of the sidewalk was done & there's a whole patch that wasn't done

Viewed VIDEO one more time

Ms. Moermond: it looks like half of the sidewalk was done down to the concrete & half wasn't cleared down to the concrete

*Ms. Irwin: yes; there is a portion that we could not get thru because it was packed down; it's the part where nannies & the children (6, 4, 2), typically, come in & out - it's more packed down because more people walk on it
-watching the Video, there was solid ice in that particular area; we use salt & man power; it's not for lack of trying; we've never had an assessment before*

Ms. Moermond: I'm not concerned about your nanny; I'm thinking about the person with a cane, walking to a bus stop or trying to get thru & I'm seeing a section that wasn't taken care of & a section that was taken care of

Ms. Irwin: but only because we couldn't, physically, get that section

Ms. Moermond: but everybody else on your street did

Ms. Irwin: I don't think so because all of us in a row got an assessment too but they haven't appealed so they are not here today; the city cleared their's too

Ms. Moermond: I'm going to recommend approval; you were given a significant length of time; 12.4 inches fell Jan 22; Order was issued Jan 29 with a compliance date of Feb 1; it was rechecked Feb 1 & the city took care of it on Feb 5 (on Feb 3, another 2 1/2 inches fell)

Ms. Irwin: on Jan 22, school was cancelled; I travel a lot for my work & my husband handled everything because I was in Orlando for a conference; we both travel quite a bit for work; the following week, I had to go to Chicago; we do what we can when we are home; we take this very seriously; it was very, very cold & there was a lot of snow

Ms. Moermond: the Council may look at it differently; you had adequate time & had adequate Notice

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

38 [RLH TA 18-263](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1919 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Delete; minimal snow removal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

39 [RLH TA 18-278](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1925 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Tony Haider appeared o/b/o Neal L. Keppers, owner.

Supervisor Lisa Martin:

Cost: \$80

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$242

Gold Card Returned by: NEIL KEPPERS, 651-698-3215

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW/ICE

Nuisance: SNOW ICE ON PUBLIC SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1/26/18

Compliance Date: 48 HOURS AFTER POSTMARK

Re-Check Date: 1/31/18

Date Work Done: 2/1/18

Work Order #: 24859

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: SNOW COMPLAINTS ON 1/19/17 & 12/29/16

-I talked with Mr. Haider, who has been responsible for taking care of 1925 Randolph;

Mr. Keppers is a retired Veteran, who is usually not here during the winter; so, Mr.

Haider takes care of Mr. Keppers sidewalk

VIDEO - nothing

Ms. Moermond: what am I missing? I'm going to recommend deletion

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

40 [RLH TA 18-235](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 418 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

41 [RLH TA 18-217](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 48 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 42 [RLH TA 18-224](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1819 STILLWATER AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)
- Sponsors:** Bostrom
- Steven Yang, owner, appeared.
- Supervisor Paula Seeley:
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: STEVEN YANG
Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER
Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK
Date of Orders: 2-2-18 AND AGAIN 2-8-18
Compliance Date: 2-5-18
Re-Check Date: 2-13-18
Date Work Done: 2-15-18
Work Order #: 18-028708
Returned Mail?: NO
Comments:
History of Orders on Property: NO
- Mr. Yang: *I'm a first time home buyer & I did not know that the sidewalk was part of my responsibility; after I opened up the mail, it was a little bit too late but after that, I've always been shoveling it; so, I just didn't know about it; if I had known about it, I would have done it*
- Ms. Moermond: *when there was 1 foot of snow, what did you do?*
- Mr. Yang: *what do you mean?*
VIDEO - crew shoveled full width, salted/sanded
- Ms. Moermond: *a lot of work needed to be done; the letter went out; you neglected to open your mail; if no same/similar violations by Oct 17, I'll cut it in half*
- Public hearing continued to October 17, 2018 and if no same or similar, will reduce from \$322 to \$161.
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018**
- 43 [RLH TA 18-214](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 992-994 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188529) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)
- Sponsors:** Prince
- 5/15/18: *Owner did not appear. The day after the hearing, Oscar Flores contacted our office and stated he missed the hearing but wants us to review the file and make a decision based on that. On May 21st, Ms. Moermond reviewed the video of the snow removal and found that one section was cleaned and cleared of snow and one half of the sidewalk was shoveled; however, there was still ice packed to the ground. The City salt and sand the packed ice. There were 2 prior complaints but were done by owner. Ms. Moermond will continue the matter to October 17 and if no same or similar violation(s), she will recommend deleting the assessment.*

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 44 [RLH TA 18-229](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 547 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 45 [RLH TA 18-206](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 936 WESTMINSTER STREET. (File No. J1809A, Assessment No. 188518) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Nevil Kabrawala, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$372

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$534

Gold Card Returned by: Nevil Kabrawala came to office

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order (trash containers full of debris; overflow + additional materials beside the containers; need to have garbage service; called Waste Management - suspended)

Nuisance: Garbage/Rubbish

Date of Orders: 12/27/17

Compliance Date: 01/02/18

Re-Check Date: 01/02/18

Date Work Done: 01/10/18

Work Order #: 18-018453

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: Snowwalk 12/12/17 (abated by owner); junk in yard 8/10/17 (abated by owner), TGW 5/15 & 8/10/17 (abated by owner); Snowwalk 1/13/17 (abated by owner)

VIDEO - crew did the work

Ms. Seeley: I spoke to Nevil, new owner; WM service was suspended; Nevil called WM & they wouldn't pick up their containers so, the tenants kept using overflowing WM containers so, I had to WO it because there were so many complaints; & then Nevil went with Advanced Disposal

Mr. Kabrawala: I bought it Sep 29, 2017; I talked to the tenants & asked who picked up the trash; they said that they didn't know anything; the management company takes care of everything; so, I wasn't sure who to call; at that time, I also talked with Paula; when the trash people were to pick it up, we had a snow fall so, they didn't come until the next day

2-3 weeks before that, the upper level tenants moved out & I spent almost \$700 to clean up

Ms. Seeley: in my notes, it says that Advanced Disposal was supposed to drop it off on the 9th; when I went out there on the 10th, Advanced wasn't there yet, so I had to WO because there's a neighbor who's always complaining

Ms. Moermond: did you have to supply city garbage service?

Ms. Seeley: no

Ms. Moermond: I note from your record that there were Orders to shovel snow on Dec 12 but you took care of that so, I want to give you some credit; I will recommend to the City Council that if there are no same/similar violations by Oct 17, I'll cut this in half

If no same or similar violations(s) by October 17, 2018, will reduce from \$534 to \$267.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/6/2018

46 [RLH TA 18-258](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 651 WHEELLOCK PKWY EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Michael J. Michlitsch, owner, & the tenant, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: MICHAEL MICHLITSCH

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1-25-18

Compliance Date: 1-28-18

Re-Check Date: 1-31-18

Date Work Done: 2-1-18

Work Order #: 18-024398

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: NO

VIDEO: crew salted & sanded ice on sidewalk

Tenant: we did not know the snow removal laws where we moved here in Oct 2017; we removed it the best we could in 24 hours of the snowfall

Mr. Michlitsch: I received the letter at my home in Maplewood & I brought it to the tenants' attention the next day

Ms. Moermond: they also received the letter

Mr. Michlitsch: I went there & checked the following day & the work had been done; when was that letter sent?

Ms. Moermond: that letter was sent on Jan 25, 2018; clean-up happened on Feb 1, 2018

-12.5 inches fell on Jan 22, 2018

Ms. Michlitsch: the Video looked like some work had been done

Ms. Moermond: it looks to me like the crew did some work, too

-reviewed the "before" Video again

-I'm seeing deep footprints in the snow

-will recommend approval

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

47 [RLH TA 18-233](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 31 WINTER STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

48 [RLH TA 18-176](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1260 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. J1809A, Assessment No. 188518) (Amend to delete assessment)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Sara A. Alken, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: SARA ALKEN

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1-16-18

Compliance Date: 1-19-18

Re-Check Date: 1-19-18

Date Work Done: 1-22-18

Work Order #: 18-021291

Returned Mail?: NO

History of Orders on Property: NO

VIDEO -

Ms. Moermond: I will recommend that gets deleted; I think that the snowfall that was occurring on the day of the clean-up is what we were looking at & there was ice build-up; get some sand

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/6/2018

Assessment Roll

- 49 [RLH AR 18-40](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during January 26 to February 28, 2018. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

11:00 a.m. Hearings**Correction Orders**

- 50 [RLH CO 18-14](#) Appeal of Jonathan Perez to a Correction Order at 272 CONGRESS STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Noecker

Jonathan Perez, owner, appeared.

Ms. Moermond: we've exchanged emails & you have your commercial truck on your property; we have a Correction Notice - parked on unapproved surface; you talked about it needing repairs & about putting it into the garage; you asked for additional time to do the repairs

Mr. Perez: I'm willing to move the vehicle while I get the garage suitable for it; Jul 1 should be enough time to get the vehicle fixed so I can move it to some place where it can be parked until I can deal with it

*Ms. Moermond: OK; we'll go with the Jul 1, 2018 deadline
-if you can't get it done by that time, the city will do additional enforcement; it will either be an Excessive Consumption fee or they could issue a Summary Abatement (if you don't get this done, we will tow it); both are appealable*

Grant to July 1, 2018 to resolve the commercial vehicle.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/6/2018

11:30 a.m. Hearings**Summary Abatement Orders**

- 51 [RLH SAO 18-30](#) Appeal of Patrick Brown to a Summary Abatement Order at 792 THOMAS AVENUE. (Public hearing held May 23)

Sponsors: Thao

Patrick Brown, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Lisa Martin: May 3, we issued a Summary Abatement Order on the yard; they had some dismantled snowmobiles in the rear yard; wood pallets & debris in the

alley area; compliance May 10; a Vehicle Abatement Order was issued on 3 vehicles that were all inoperable - a couple with expired tabs; this file has been open for some time; we've had issues in Jan 2017-Correction Order (removing vehicles, vehicle chassis, body parts, dismantled vehicles, SUV parked in yard); an appeal was filed at that time; since then, on Apr 5, we've had other orders for vehicle abatement - same situation - inoperable vehicles; when I talked to Mr. Brown, apparently, they fix up vehicles & sell them; it appears that they are running a business; he mentioned that the vehicles are in their name & on their property; however, in the State of MN, unless you have an auto sales license, you can sell only 5 vehicles; looking at the record that we have, they have met that; photos in file

Ms. Moermond: SA May 3 yard clean-up & VA for a turquoise Ford, a blue Ford & a green Ford

Mr. Brown: the yard - I'm not trying to disagree; I just need more time; it was short notice; I've already started - all wood scraps & pallets are gone; the snowmobiles are not disassembled, they are together but I don't want them in the yard; I'm going to store them in the garage

Ms. Moermond: this will go on the City Council agenda May 23 & this should be done before then

Mr. Brown: I think I can get the yard done by May 23

Ms. Moermond: enforcement is stayed until at least May 24

Mr. Brown: does the cement around the perimeter of the house count as yard? It goes out several feet in the back; Is nothing supposed to be on that either?

Ms. Martin: patio furniture; that's it

Ms. Moermond: no more snowmobile or motorcycle storage near the house
-what about the vehicles?

Mr. Brown: those vehicles are my brother's; he lives at this house; the junky one got scrapped (blue Ford); GONE; the turquoise Ford & the green Ford are operable & run;

Ms. Moermond: turquoise Ford - needs tabs, appears inoperable, no parking in alley

Ms. Martin: the green Ford Taurus has its back end cut off
-the turquoise Ford has a camper top balanced on it

Mr. Brown: the turquoise Ford / green Ford are operable/drivable
-the turquoise Ford is parked inside the garage now

Ms. Martin: the concern is that we've got auto repair / auto sales going on at the property

Ms. Moermond: all I can look at are the Abatement Orders; the other matters are for licensing enforcement
-we still have the Ford Taurus with back chopped off; it's open to entry; missing vital parts; what's the plan?

Mr. Brown: I don't know; it's my brother's; it is operable

*-I do have a double garage but there's another vehicle parked in there
-I need to ask my brother what he wants to have done with it*

Ms. Moermond: I'll give you until May 23 to deal with it; you can go to the City Council Public Hearing to ask for more time

Deny the appeal, but no enforcement to be taken until May 24.

Referred to the City Council due back on 5/23/2018

Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations

- 52 [RLH VO 18-20](#) Appeal of Tyler Poechit to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1375 MARGARET STREET.

Sponsors: Prince

Appellant withdrew the appeal.

Withdrawn

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 53 [RLH TA 18-247](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 667 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1807A1, Assessment No. 188534)

Sponsors: Thao

Tyrone Appleton, tenant, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$400

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$562

Gold Card Returned by: Connie Appleton, tenant

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order (remove furniture, carpet from driveway)

Nuisance: Carpeting from driveway and cabinet

Date of Orders: 12/5/17

Compliance Date: 12/12/17

Re-Check Date: 12/12/17

Date Work Done: 12/14/17

Work Order #: 17-221062

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: ORIGINAL FILE: File No. J1807A, Assessment No. 188507

History of Orders on Property: Yes

Mr. Appleton: the owner is telling us that we have to pay this; our neighbor threw all that carpeting, furniture, etc, on my car back there & that caused this whole problem; I cut the grass all the time; the landlord doesn't give me anything for that & he's putting that bill on us & they took my car; that car has been back there for a whole year &

nothing ever happened

Ms. Moermond: I don't have the car assessment in front of me today; just the clean-up of the discarded furniture & carpet

*Mr. Appleton: I told our neighbor to clean up the stuff that he threw out there; it seemed like he don't care
-I thought my car was stolen, so, I called the police; they told me that it wasn't stolen - that it was towed*

VIDEO - crew took the carpet, discarded furniture, etc.

Ms. Moermond: the landlord is responsible for cleaning up the property

Mr. Appleton: the neighbor was working for somebody; I had a falling out with him; I told him to get that mess cleaned up; the landlord is trying to throw it onto me & my wife

*Ms. Moermond: I don't know if you qualify for legal aid but Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) is there for you to talk to about this; they may be able to help; clearly, you weren't the one to do this & legally, the landlord is responsible for maintaining the property
-I'm going to recommend approval of this; city crew did clean it up; a Notice went out; I don't think it's on you but if they come after you, that's the best advice that I have*

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

55 [RLH TA 18-260](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 86 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

56 [RLH TA 18-257](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1745 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Leslie A. Deckert, owner, appeared.

*Supervisor Paula Seeley:
-there's actually 2 Snow Orders:
Cost: \$320
Service Charge: \$284
Total Assessment: \$604
Gold Card Returned by: LESLIE DECKERT
Type of Order/Fee: 2 SNOW ORDERS
Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK
Date of Orders: #1) 1-24-18 & #2) 2-5-18*

Compliance Date: #1) 1-26-18 & #2) 2-6-18
Re-Check Date: #1) 1-31-18 & #2) NA SAME DAY WORK ORDER
Date Work Done: #1) 18-026182 on 2/8/2018 & #2) 18-024403 on 2/1/2018
Work Order #: SEE ABOVE
Returned Mail?: NO
Comments:
History of Orders on Property: GARBAGE, TGW IN 2017 Approve the assessment.

Mr. Deckert: I don't live in Saint Paul; it's 3 hours from Henning, MN; I hired someone to do the shoveling; they obviously missed those dates

VIDEO #1 - crew cleaned a few inches
VIDEO #1 - crew cleaned a little less than a few inches

Mr. Deckert: looks to me like my guy was there too soon; another problem I have is with the neighbor, who calls in about half an inch; it's a continual problem; he calls in if I park in front

Ms. Seeley: there were 2 garbage Orders in 2017

Ms. Deckert: an renter left everything for me to clean up
-I always call my hired guy

Ms. Moermond:

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

57 [RLH TA 18-232](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 922 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing continued to October 17, 2018)

Sponsors: Thao

Tameca Williams, tenant, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: Tameca Williams
Type of Order/Fee: Snow Order
Nuisance: Failure to Remove Snow from Sidewalk
Date of Orders: 2-1-18
Compliance Date: 2-5-18
Re-Check Date: 2-5-18
Date Work Done: 2-7-18
Work Order #: 18-025774
Returned Mail? No
Comments:
History of Orders on Property: one Order in 2017

Ms. Williams: all mail was sent to my landlord; I never received anything

Ms. Moermond: it would have been sent to the Occupant

*Ms. Williams: she sent the letter to me on Feb 2; then my son & her father went out several days & cleaned up the snow or what was left of it; then, we got the letter Apr 26 with the gold card in it; we got nothing in between
VIDEO - walk was shoveled but not full width; crew re-shoveled full width, salted & sanded*

Ms. Moermond: note says there was an Order in 2017; what happened?

Ms. Williams: I've been there 3 years now; I haven't had any other Notices from the city

Ms. Seeley: 8-16-17 - appliance in the driveway; done by owner

Ms. Moermond: I saw a good faith effort to address the snow & ice; you have a good record

Public hearing continued to October 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

58 [RLH TA 18-272](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 847 HUDSON ROAD. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Prince

Fred Niaz, Minneapolis & St. Paul Realty, LLC, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: FRED NIAZ

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW/ICE

Nuisance: SNOW/ICE ON PUBLIC SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 1/25/18

Compliance Date: 72 HOURS

Re-Check Date: 1/30/18

Date Work Done: 2/2/18

Work Order #: 24484

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments: CAT 3 VB FILE OPENED ON 9/28/01

History of Orders on Property:

2013: 1 complaint

2014: 4 work orders

2015: 4 work orders

2016: Extensive Orders

2017: 05/24/2017 Tall Grass Complaint Received.

08/14/2017 Tall Grass Complaint Received.

08/18/2017 Tall Grass WO created: PA 17-071207

Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from yard, blvd, and alley areas.

PA EC Printed: 08/22/2017

2018:

01/25/2018 Snow Walk Complaint Received.

01/31/2018 Snow Ice WO created: PA 18-024484

Remove snow and ice from public sidewalk full width including sidewalk ramp to street, salt and sand as needed.

03/01/2018 REPEAT Snow Walk Complaint Received.

VIDEO - not done full width; crew finished full width; salted & sanded

Mr. Niaz: I came because I wasn't sure; maybe it was when I was on vacation & it didn't get done; I wasn't sure when that happened

Ms. Moermond: looked to me like some parts of the sidewalk had a footpath of about 1 foot wide & the corners weren't shoveled out

VIDEO again - same

Ms. Moermond: the letter says, "full width"

Mr. Niaz: the wind blew the snow into snowbanks

Ms. Moermond: I'll have to recommend approval; the crew went out; I can divide it over 3 years

Mr. Niaz: I did do it but not full width; I don't have a machine

Ms. Moermond:

Approve & spread 3 years.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

59 [RLH TA 18-215](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1756 IOWA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Grant Pylkas, owner, appeared:

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$438

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$600

Gold Card Returned by: GRANT PULKAS

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT (remove litter, loose trash, garbage, rubbish, brush pile, tree parts, baby walker, scattered around dumpster, rear parking lot & garbage, rubbish, refuse in brown Eureka Recycling container)

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR PROPERTY

Date of Orders: 2-16-18

Compliance Date: 2-23-18

Re-Check Date: 2-26-18

Date Work Done: 2-28-18

Work Order #: 18-032539

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: 4-271- ORDERS ON REFUSE

VIDEO - crew removed a lot of stuff scattered around dumpster & recycling containers (video taken before crew cleaned up on Feb 28 & after the clean up)

Mr. Pylkas: we turned it into SPPD when we had the problem that you just saw on Video; in fact, we turned in the description of the car; license plate # & an eye witness description of the dumper; nothing happened; SPPD called me back & said that the car's title had been changed; they couldn't trace the new owner & they thought that the man who owned the car was black; the man my tenant witnessed dumping the trash you saw; notice that the dumpster itself is relatively empty; that's because when I was notified I had them go out & dump the dumpster

Ms. Moermond: it was clear to me from the Video that the dumpster was half full of garbage bags that were obviously from the tenants who use the dumpster & that the problem was the area surrounding the dumpster... and that's why it's important to hear what is described in the Order.... in the Video I saw a mattress & a couch, not mentioned in the Order

-Org Order issued Fri, Feb 16 & cleanup was Feb 28, a 1 1/2 weeks later

Mr. Pylkas: garbage service comes every single Mon morning - like clockwork; they empty the dumpster only

Ms. Moermond: so, there would have been 2 Mon mornings

Mr. Pylkas: since you saw that Video, I have increased the size of the dumpster to a 5-yard dumpster; beyond a shadow of a doubt, I know that I am the neighborhood dump

-there are 6 recycle cans up against my fence; I never ordered those cans; I have no idea why they're there; I try to remove them & they come back; it's an open invitation to use that dumpster as the neighborhood dump; in the 17 years that I've owned this property, we've turned in over 30 people; not one has been prosecuted; not a single person; so, I've just accepted the fact that I am the neighborhood dump & I have a man who goes out & cleans that up for us; I'm positive that on Feb 16, I called Highland & asked them to dump the dumpster & I also called Doug ____, the guy who works for me, who does that kind of thing; he may not have gotten to it quickly especially, if we also had snow during that time because he's also responsible for snow removal

-you usually don't hear from me because I simply take care of these matters; & if I do get a letter, I'll call & if there's any debris that the city wants picked up, we get it out of there & we've done that for 17 years

-I don't know how we got caught in this mess

-I have a snapshot camera & lights there

-SPPD isn't going to spend the time/effort to chase this kind of thing down

Ms. Moermond: I'm comfortable recommending that this gets deleted given that you worked with the police on this; I think the situation might change for you when organized collection is implemented where everyone has garbage service, which will remove the need for people to dump if they're not able/willing to pay for garbage service on their own

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

IOWA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Douglas Thompson, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: DOUG THOMPSON

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 2-1-18

Compliance Date: 2-4-18

Re-Check Date: 2-5-18

Date Work Done: 2-8-18

Work Order #: 18-025995

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: NO

Mr. Thompson: I received the letter; I was there on Feb 5 & cleared it; so, if they came back & re-cleared it, I didn't quite get edge to edge or,,, we'll see, I guess

VIDEO - crew cleared a few inches off the sidewalk; salted & sanded

Mr. Thompson: so, that's a day or 2 after I was there

Ms. Moermond: I'm agreeing with you & I think that the Order was mailed Feb 1; you went out & took care of business; it snowed again on Feb 3 - a couple days later, a couple more inches & so, this is different snow than the previous snow, so, I'm going to recommend deletion

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

61 [RLH TA 18-255](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 78 JESSAMINE AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Shaff Vang appeared with 2 others (Shwe Lone, tenant)

connected with Language Line for Keran

Watched VIDEO first - crew salted & sanded (a good faith effort had been made at shoveling)

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Shaff Vang

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement (Snow Letter)

Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior

Date of Orders: 2-9-18

Compliance Date: 2-13-18

Re-Check Date: 2-13-18

Date Work Done: 2-15-18

Work Order #: 18-028652

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: No history

Ms. Moermond: reviewed their letter

-this is going to be deleted; there will be no tax assessment

-we just looked at the Video & you're OK; there won't be a bill going to Mr. Cha Vang

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

62 [RLH TA 18-254](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 120 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Kimleang Prom, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: KIMLEANG PROM

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM WALK

Date of Orders: 2-2-18

Compliance Date: 2-5-18

Re-Check Date: 2-5-18

Date Work Done: 2-6-18

Work Order #: 18-025980

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments: 2/5/18-snow has not been shoveled all season. Thick ice covering entire sidewalk. No photos. 3/8/18 - repeat violation sent. Photos.

History of Orders on Property: 3-12-18 ANOTHER SNOW WORK ORDER

Mr. Prom: my tenant lived there; I live in Coon Rapids; I got the letter & I called the tenant, said that they were taking care of it; & I didn't have a chance to come & take a look at the property because my baby was born Jan 23, 2018; so, I was busy with my baby

VIDEO - looked like it was shoveled a little bit but the crew finished it all; salted & sanded

Mr. Prom: maybe they did some work but not all of it; I guess they lied to me but they moved out already
they didn't pay last month's rent; my first time being a landlord & I'm learning the hard

way

Ms. Seeley: we have a forthcoming one too

Ms. Moermond: Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

63 [RLH TA 18-245](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1102 MARION STREET. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Giti Irani, Golden Phoenix Investment, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: GITI

Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER

Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK

Date of Orders: 2-9-18

Compliance Date: 2-11-18

Re-Check Date: 2-13-18

Date Work Done: 2-15-18

Work Order #: 18-028661

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: FORTHCOMING ASSESSMENT FOR A SNOW WO IN MARCH

VIDEO - crew cleaned full width; salted & sanded

Ms. Irani: I have receipts for someone shoveling the snow but then it snowed again & after the shoveling, it becomes icy

Ms. Seeley: we have a forthcoming one for snow on Mar 1 (hearing not yet set)

Ms. Moermond: your next assessment will be discussed on Jun 19 & I'll continue this case to Jun 19 & look at the two of them together

Ms. Irani: on this side of the house, it's dark, no sun hits it

Layover to June 19 to go with another file.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 6/19/2018

64 [RLH TA 18-276](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1317 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519) (Public hearing to be continued to October 17)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Matt E. Ladhoff, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: MATT LADHOFF
Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER
Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALK
Date of Orders: 1-25-18
Compliance Date: 1-28-18
Re-Check Date: 1-31-18
Date Work Done: 2-2-18
Work Order #: 18-024651
Returned Mail?: NO
Comments:
History of Orders on Property: NO

VIDEO - snow not shoveled full width; crew finished; salted & sanded

Mr. Ladhoff: I'm a first time home owner; I know that I need to keep my walk clear; I didn't know the proper width; I know it now

Ms. Moermond: the photo shows only a foot path; by the time the crew came, it doubled in width; I want to give you some credit

Reduce from \$322 to \$161 and public hearing continued to October 17, 2018 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete the \$161.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 65 [RLH TA 18-234](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 749 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve; no show.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

- 66 [RLH TA 18-230](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 834 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Thao

Hoai Duc Pham, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:
Cost: \$160
Service Charge: \$162
Total Assessment: \$322
Gold Card Returned by: HOAI PHAM
Type of Order/Fee: SNOW ORDER
Nuisance: FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALK
Date of Orders: 2-13-18

Compliance Date: 2-16-18

Re-Check Date: 2-16-18

Date Work Done: 2-22-18

Work Order #: 18-029670

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: 3-9-18 ANOTHER WO DONE BY PARKS

Ms. Pham: I never received any Notice; no letter except this one; when I called in, they said that they sent out a Notice but I didn't get one; if I had, I would have taken action; we take the rules very seriously

Ms. Moermond: did you receive any mail back from the PO, Ms. Seeley?

Ms. Seeley: I just looked at 3 sets of Orders because she has a forthcoming EC on a Snow letter; and now, we have a Order to clean up garbage (mattress & debris) in the yard right now; Inspector will be back out there to check this Fri; & no mail returned on any of these Orders; maybe something is going on with your mail

VIDEO - packed down snow not shoveled; crew shoveled, salted & sanded

Ms. Moermond: I don't know what's going on with your mail; it sounds like there have been repeated problems at your property

Ms. Pham: I have a new tenant; previously, I never had any problems; the next time it snows, I will go & make sure; I don't want to get any Notices

Ms. Moermond: you have to be responsible

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018

67 [RLH TA 18-277](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 865 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1809A, Assessment No. 188518)

Sponsors: Thao

Chris Johnson, tenant, appeared.

Cost: \$160

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$322

Gold Card Returned by: Chris Johnson

Type of Order/Fee: Snow Order

Nuisance: Failure to remove snow from public sidewalk

Date of Orders: 1-26-18

Compliance Date: 1-29-18

Re-check Date: 1-29-18

Date Work Done: 1-31-18

Work Order #: 18-023539

Returned Mail? No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: No

VIDEO - snow not shoveled at commercial business; city crew cleaned it; salted/sanded

Mr. Johnson: I don't refute the fact that Parks took care of it; this has been my 3rd season renting this property; I was not aware of the letters that were sent to my landlord; so, I'll have a conversation with him; the first letter I received was back in Apr to appear here for the LH

-I hired a plow service to take care of the parking lot; I & my technicians would take care of shoveling the sidewalks, which has worked well for us in the past; I wasn't there for a few days during that particular major snow storm & my technicians called & said that they weren't able to take care of that amount of snow because of all the work they had to do removing snow from all the cars; so, I looked for a service & hired the guy who does The Best Steak House across the street; he's been taking care of it ever since

Ms. Moermond: one of the letters went to Meineke, 865 University; you said that you didn't get the letter

Mr. Johnson: I don't recall getting the letter; just got the Apr letter to attend this hearing

Ms. Moermond: it's a pretty major thoroughfare

Mr. Johnson: which is why I hired somebody; we couldn't take care of it -we've also had to deal with with dumping/graffiti; I feel we've been a pretty good steward; I've really cleaned it up since we've rented it

Ms. Moermond: it was a bad/major snowfall; now shoveling for a number of days; the crew did the work

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/6/2018

68 [RLH TA 18-256](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1089 YORK AVENUE. (File No. J1810A, Assessment No. 188519)

Sponsors: Bostrom

Charles Rundquist, owner, appeared.

Supervisor Paula Seeley:

Cost: \$316

Service Charge: \$162

Total Assessment: \$478

Gold Card Returned by: CHARLES RUNDQUIST

Type of Order/Fee: SUMMARY ABATEMENT

Nuisance: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXTERIOR PROPERTY

Date of Orders: 1-26-18

Compliance Date: 2-2-18

Re-Check Date: 2-5-18

Date Work Done: 2-9-18

Work Order #: 18-025516

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: 2 ORDERS ON REFUSE IN 2017

Mr. Rundquist: I want to see both Videos because I had everything picked up & the items won't be the same

VIDEO - crew cleaned it all

Mr. Rundquist: look at the dates; everything was cleared out; I had 2 witnesses; it was all picked up on Tue; by Fri, when the crew came, there was another pile; I had left on Thu to go out of town & I hadn't checked it on Thu, obviously

Ms. Moermond: the only thing that I can see that remained was the shopping cart

Mr. Rundquist: those show up all the time; we take them back down to Cub

Ms. Moermond: but otherwise, I think that receipt does document that you cleared the area out & what was in the Video was different from what was written in the Order

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/27/2018