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Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Via Telephone Hearing

Special Tax Assessments

9:00 a.m. Hearings

- 1 [RLH TA 20-436](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1016 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. CG2001E3, Assessment No. 200118) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduced from \$76.02 to \$50.

1016 Aurora Avenue

Fanny Faye Neal is on the phone line.

Neal: I didn't appeal. I paid it, but they said I still owed it.

Marcia Moermond: We need to talk about that.

Neal: I have been sick. I had a blood clot. I was in the hospital, and that's why I didn't pay it. I sent the \$100 to Highland Park.

Clare Pillsbury: Stated reason for appeal: "I got a letter from you saying that I hadn't paid for my trash. I sent you all \$100 to take care of it, and I shouldn't owe \$76.02. It shouldn't be going to my taxes because I've already paid the \$100. I paid it up for 2019. It's been paid up, what I owe." Staff says that the hauler confirmed that they had not received any payments from the property owner for Quarter 4 2019. The City of St. Paul Assessments Office confirmed that they did receive a payment of \$9.61 on 5/12/2020 for the Quarter 4 2019 assessment. This brought the total amount owed from \$85.63 to \$76.02. There was also a payment of \$90.39 paid on the same day for the Quarter 3 2019 assessment. This is most likely what the property owner was referring to when they stated they made a payment of \$100; therefore, staff recommends approving the remaining assessment of \$76.02.

Moermond: You're saying the owner didn't pay in the 4th quarter to the hauler but did make payments at other times. The payment became a credit.

Pillsbury: She also made a payment to Assessments during the 4th quarter, but that

went to cover Quarter 3. A small portion went to cover Quarter 4.

Moermond: She paid enough to cover all of Quarter 3 and part of Quarter 4?

Pillsbury: Yes.

Moermond: You've been sick?

Neal: I mailed \$100.

Moermond: Were you at home the whole time? Were you hospitalized?

Neal: I was in the hospital for almost 2 weeks. Then I was home and had someone help me out.

Moermond: Size container?

Neal: I think I have a medium.

Pillsbury: She has a small every week pickup.

Moermond: It does look like you owe the money. You paid other quarters, but not the first. I can see that the last thing on your mind is calling the garbage hauler. The current amount is \$76.02. I'm going to take it down to \$50. I will give you some credit for the time you are in the hospital.

Neal: I have another bill.

Moermond: We will talk about that another time. Recommend reduction from \$76.02 to \$50.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 2** [RLH TA 20-438](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 BAKER STREET WEST. (File No. CG2001A3, Assessment No. 200102) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve the assessment.

42 Baker Street West

(Owner is not attending.)

Clare Pillsbury: Appellant says that she paid this bill in November 2019, and it was by phone. She doesn't understand why she's getting notices for this bill that has been paid. Her trash has been paid up. The hauler confirmed that there had been no payment received during Quarter 4 2019. Property owner did call on 1/15/2020 to remove their husband's name off of the account; however, they did not request to make a payment. Staff also contacted the City of St. Paul Assessment Office and confirmed that there had been a payment made in November 2019; however, this was for a Quarter 3 2019 assessment; therefore, staff recommends approving this assessment.

Marcia Moermond: E-mail address for them?

Pillsbury: No.

Moermond: Follow-up by phone and let her know that the payment in Quarter 4 is covering the 3rd quarter. I'm recommending approval.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 3** **RLH TA 20-445** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2101 DUDLEY AVENUE. (File No. CG2002B3, Assessment No. 200126)

Sponsors: Jalali

Unable to reach; layover to 7/23 at 9 a.m.

2101 Dudley Street

(Staff tried calling the appellant 3 times. Went to voice mail each time.)

Marcia Moermond: I will lay over to next Thursday.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 7/23/2020

- 4** [RLH TA 20-429](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1253 ETNA STREET. (File No. CG2001B4, Assessment No. 200107) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Yang

Approve the assessment.

1253 Etna Street

Mai Vang: No contact information

Clare Pillsbury: Staff is recommending approval. Appellant says "On Friday, July 3rd of 2020, I received a Ratification of Assessment, for \$80.90 for services provided by Advanced Disposal for October through December 2019. I do not understand why I received this, as I also have in my possession from Advanced Disposal a statement dated 4/6/2020 showing a credit of \$146.34. Furthermore, the statement details charges and payments made for the previous quarter, January to March of 2020. It lists charges of \$67.28, payments of \$67.28 made 1/14/2020, \$134.72 made 1/14/2020, and \$80.90 made 2/11/2020 resulting in credit balance of \$146.34." Hauler confirmed that the payment of \$80.90 for the Quarter 4 2019 assessment was made 2/22/2020, which was after the invoice had been sent to the City as an assessment. The \$80.90 paid was added as a credit on the account; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: The owner is likely misreading the account statement. Will recommend approval.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 5** **RLH TA 20-444** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1866

GRAHAM AVENUE. (File No. CG2002B3, Assessment No. 200126)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Reduce from \$77.36 to \$67.29.

1866 Graham Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: The property owner has Alzheimers and the daughter has been helping with her affairs. She is confused as to why the City of Saint Paul was charging the owner \$77.36 when it appears they are current with their hauler. As a courtesy to the property owner, staff recommends removing the late fees and reducing to \$67.29. I spoke to the daughter about the billing process.

Marcia Moermond: Recommend a reduction to \$67.29.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 6 **RLH TA 20-443** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1598 HAZEL STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2002B3, Assessment No. 200126)

Sponsors: Yang

PW staff follow up on owner's record of payments.

1598 Hazel Street North

Walter Montpetit is on the phone line.

Clare Pillsbury: The owner said the bill was paid. Staff comments are that the hauler confirmed that there was no payment during Quarter 1 2020. The only payment that they received from the property owner in 2020 was in May 2020 for the Quarter 2 2020 invoice; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: Hauler is saying you paid in May, but you didn't pay January through March. They credited your second quarter but nothing on Quarter 1.

Montpetit: My daughter was supposed to pay it. I was out of town.

Moermond: We can send you summary information about payment receive. Would that be helpful?

Montpetit: Why don't you apply that to Quarter 3?

Moermond: Because it was applied to Quarter 2. You get a bill for Quarter 1, and you have 3 months to pay it. Then you start fresh with Quarter 2 and you have 3 months to pay it. There is an empty space in Quarter 1 they want to collect on. You thought it was paid. Do you want to look into that and get back to us?

Montpetit: I know it wasn't paid, but my daughter was supposed to be looking into it. What was the bill for? I called for a small container, too.

Moermond: They are billing you for a medium size container. Do you want a small? You can have collection every week or every other week.

Montpetit: Difference?

Pillsbury: Medium cart is \$93.09, small cart with weekly pickup is \$67.29, small cart with every other week pickup is \$57.60.

Moermond: We can change that today.

Montpetit: What are the sizes?

Pillsbury: Medium is 64 gallons, small is 35 gallons.

Montpetit: I'll keep what I have. I'll find out what happened to that payment.

Moermond: We can call you back in 2 weeks? Follow-up e-mail?

Montpetit: w.montpetit@yahoo.com

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 7/30/2020

- 7** **RLH TA 20-397** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2166 LINCOLN AVENUE. (File No. CG2002A1, Assessment No. 200123)

Sponsors: Jalali

Approve the assessment.

2166 Lincoln Avenue

Steven Tripp is on the phone line.

Marcia Moermond: You appealed a late fee on a garbage bill in Quarter 1.

Tripp: I think we're all good. I was right on the onset. After you contacted them, they ended up crediting me the amount they had taken from me. They were prompted to post that credit to my account. I just have to figure out how to pay you \$4.

Moermond: You can pay online. Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 8** [RLH TA 20-439](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 912 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2001D1, Assessment No. 200112) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Yang

Approve the assessment.

912 Magnolia Avenue East

Clare Pillsbury: Appellant wants to contest at the City Council meeting. He was adamant that he did not want to attend this hearing. He stated they submitted payment of \$220.99. The assessment office confirmed that the payment was for a Quarter 3 2019 assessment. Staff also contacted the hauler for this property who

confirmed that there had not been a payment made on that date for the Quarter 4 2019 invoice; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Mai Vang: He wants the assessment removed.

Pillsbury: There are no e-mails that say it is unfair. It just states his grievances.

Marcia Moermond: To confirm, during the fourth quarter, he paid the City and not the hauler. He paid Quarter 3 to the City at that time and nothing to the hauler in Quarter 4. Recommend approval of the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 9 [RLH TA 20-430](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1905 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2001C3, Assessment No. 200130) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve the assessment.

1905 Minnehaha Avenue East

Jennifer Halbert is on the phone line.

Clare Pillsbury: This is in regard to the special tax assessment of \$110.48. Owner says she has bank statements showing that she paid \$199.28 to the Assessment line on 10/23/2019. The Assessment office confirmed that the payment of \$199.28 was for the Quarter 3 2019 delinquent garbage assessment of \$110.48, Quarter 2 2019 delinquent garbage assessment of \$4.80, and the annual sweeping and lighting fee of \$84. There has been no payment made since then to the assessment office; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: For me to summarize, Halbert made a payment and that payment covered everything up to Quarter 4. Quarter 4 would have been paid to the hauler; it was not sent to Assessments. All this old stuff is prior to Quarter 4.

Pillsbury: Correct.

Halbert: After I left the voice mail, I called the Assessors office. I went through my bank statements. She said I did owe the \$110 because I made 2 payments to the hauler. I paid in March and then May. I do owe the \$110. I will pay that to the City. There is no issue.

Moermond: That makes sense. Recommend approval of the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 10 [RLH TA 20-437](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1701 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A2, Assessment No. 200101) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Reduce from \$600.74 to \$288.24.

1701 St. Clair Avenue

Rupinder Singh is on the phone line.

Clare Pillsbury: The appellant is enquiring about this \$600.74 charge for garbage services from October to December 2019. He is not sure why he is paying \$200 per month for garbage service as this seems incorrect. He just made a payment for \$279 for the last 3 months. Hauler confirmed that the total Quarter 4 2019 bill of \$600.74 consisted of \$269.27 for the back bill and \$331.47 for the Quarter 4 2019 bill of three 35-gallon carts with weekly pickup (\$288.24) with additional late fees of \$43.23. The property was under billed for Quarter 4 2018, Quarter 1 2019, and Quarter 2 2019 by a total of \$249.41; therefore, the back bill should be reduced to \$249.41. The late fees of \$43.23 on the Quarter 4 2019 invoice should also be removed and the invoice reduced to \$288.24, which would be the base cost of three 35-gallon carts with weekly pickup; therefore, staff recommends reducing the total assessment.

Marcia Moermond: The back bill should be reduced to \$249?

Pillsbury: That was the original recommendation. We updated that. Republic did not provide enough information. We recommend removing the late fees because of the incorrect billing.

Moermond: Half the bill.

Singh: I think I had some correspondence with Clare. Are you coming back with a different recommendation?

Pillsbury: That was the original recommendation. I updated that to just remove the back bill entirely.

Moermond: Are you satisfied with that?

Singh: I am unemployed. Yes, that sounds fair to me.

Moermond: We'll go with that. Reduce from \$600.74 to \$288.24.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 11 RLH TA 20-448** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1347 SIMPSON STREET. (File No. CG2002B3, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Jalali

Delete the assessment.

1347 Simpson Street

Clare Pillsbury: The appellant says that there has been no service since July of last year (2019) when Carol Kelsey passed away. Cans have been in storage since. As a courtesy, staff recommends removing assessment.

Marcia Moermond: We also deleted Quarter 3 for the same reason. We are being consistent.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 12 [RLH TA 20-441](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 674 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CG2001E3, Assessment No. 200118) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve the assessment.

674 Thomas Avenue

Calvin Burton is on the phone line.

Burton: There was a mistake. She sent a check, and it should be coming. It was sent to an Ann Burton.

Clare Pillsbury: Reason for appeal "You will find the garbage bill I received from Republic Service on 2/5/20 stating that I only owe \$16.53 which has been paid previous to this letter. The amount of this assessment was also not attached to the bill I received dated 1/5/20. Should I have had an unpaid balance for October to December 2019, it would have stated this on the bill. As far as my records show, I have paid all the bills I have received from Republic; therefore, I no longer owe them anything." Hauler confirmed that there was no payment made during Quarter 4 2019; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: Comment here was that a payment was made in February. By the time February rolled around, Quarter 4 was closed out, and it was sent to the City for Assessment. From the hauler's perspective, it is water under the bridge.

Burton: I just figured they would rebill it again. I believe they sent it to Ann Burton. Maybe it was already sent it. It should be received today or tomorrow.

Moermond: Did she pay the City?

Burton: I'm not positive.

Moermond: If she sent it to the City, it would be applied to this assessment. If it was sent to Republic, they will do a credit on her account. Just payment to the City will work now. Should the billing be changed to go to you?

Burton: Yes.

Moermond: You're in Hudson, Wisconsin?

Burton: Yes.

Moermond: Chris Swanson will talk to Republic to see if the bills can be changed into your name. You're the owner?

Burton: Yes.

Moermond: Recommend approval of the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 13 [RLH TA 20-440](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 727 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CG2001E3, Assessment No. 200118) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$117.80 to \$102.44.

727 Van Buren

Marcia Moermond: This is another Shah Vang, in which he indicated he does not want to appear for these appeals in the Legislative Hearing process.

Clare Pillsbury: The appellant says that they have no idea where the garbage hauler sent the first bill and have since updated their billing address with the garbage hauler. He also states that moreover, the garbage hauler neglected to pick up trash for a period of 4 weeks during the city-wide garbage kick off. They are asking that we delete the assessment of \$117.80 from the captioned file as they are in no fault. Staff records indicate that Republic Services did have an incorrect mailing address for the property owner during Quarter 4 2019. In regard to the missed pickups, the hauler has confirmed that there have been no missed pickups for this property since the beginning of the coordinated collection program; therefore, staff recommends removing the late fees and reducing the assessment to \$102.44.

Marcia Moermond: We did the Quarter 4 2018 ages ago. We didn't hear there were 4 missed weeks from anyone in that neighborhood. That is new information. Because of the change in address, you're saying to delete the late fees. That gets down to \$102.44.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

10:00 a.m. Hearings

- 14 [RLH TA 20-428](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1191 BEECH STREET. (File No. CG2001D4, Assessment No. 200115) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve the assessment. (Follow up to owner with additional information)

1191 Beech Street – 2nd try calling

Ronald Peltier is on the phone line.

Peltier: I asked for information to be sent. I never got it.

Clare Pillsbury: Resident states all bills have been paid on time with money order and even once in person. Hauler confirmed that the property owner had not made any payments since the start of the coordinated collection program; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: There is something attached to the record in front of me. We can e-mail it to you. In the information that they sent us, it does not look like any payment

coming in to them.

Peltier: I sent money orders to you, and I dropped cash off . I asked them to send me receipts for it.

Moermond: Were you paying Aspen or the City?

Peltier: The City.

Moermond: The record from Aspen shows you didn't pay them. You're paying the City. We can look at your history of paying the City.

Peltier: How far behind am I?

Pillsbury: It looks like \$69.95 October to December. New assessment \$66.20 for April to June.

Peltier: Should have received another assessment recently. I will just start sending them to Aspen.

Moermond: Do you have an e-mail address or do you use U.S. mail?

Peltier: U.S. mail.

Moermond: Swanson said Quarter 1 is paid; Quarter 2 has not been paid yet. We will get you a statement from the assessment office. Address for you?

Peltier: 1191 Beech.

Moermond: We will ask for a summary of all your payments. It is probably a lot simpler if you directly pay Aspen.

Peltier: I went a month when I didn't have garbage pickup.

Moermond: We will also send a business card for Swanson. Recommendation is approval, but Tanya would have deleted it as being paid. We are approving it, but it's a moot point. Mai, follow-up with Tanya.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 15 RLH TA 20-446** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1320 CONSERVATORY COURT. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Reduce from \$100.58 to \$87.47.

1320 Conservatory Court

Mai Vang: The property owner will not be attending.

Clare Pillsbury: "I have association that has been chasing me every month for garbage. Why I get an assessment if I pay my bills?" The hauler confirmed that here was no payment made during Quarter 1 2020. The homeowners' association was not

being sent the invoices. Rather, they were being sent to the property owner. Hauler confirmed that they updated the mailing address on 4/3/2020 so that the invoices and notices of nonpayment are sent to the homeowners' association; therefore, the invoices for Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 2020 were sent to the correct address. Staff recommends approving the assessment.

Moermond: Does this include late fees?

Pillsbury: Three late fees of \$4.37 each

Moermond: Will recommend reducing from \$100.58 to \$87.47. That is deleting the late fees off of the bills as a courtesy.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 16 RLH TA 20-447** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 793 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Delete the assessment.

793 Cottage Avenue West

(Phone number for appellant is unknown.)

Clare Pillsbury: The owner said the trash was not picked up for over two weeks. "This past winter during an ice storm, our trash sat in the street 1½ weeks, so I deducted 2 payments. I will not pay for a service I did not receive." Hauler confirmed that there were no missed pickups recorded during Quarter 1 2020; therefore, staff recommends approving the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: This is not the way the owner should be taking care of missed pickups. Could someone e-mail him that I'm going to delete this as a courtesy. Moving forward, he needs to contact the hauler or the City. There will be no reductions as a courtesy moving forward.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 17 RLH TA 20-348** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve the assessment.

1223 Farrington Street

(No one picked up this phone call, and there was no option to leave a message. The line was tried twice. The machine recording was "Please hang up and try your call again later.")

Marcia Moermond: Recommend approval of this assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 18 [RLH TA 20-433](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2049 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2001C1, Assessment No. 200108) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Yang

Reduce from \$109.64 to \$60.83.

2049 Hawthorne Avenue East – 2 assessments

Todd Fairbanks is on the phone line.

Clare Pillsbury: Property owner stated that they have never used the service. All residential properties with up to four units are required to have a garbage cart and receive garbage service for each dwelling unit. There is no option to opt out of the citywide garbage service.

Marcia Moermond: Mr. Fairbanks said he has never used the service. Oftentimes, I have reduced the assessment to the small cart size. Could you look at what a small cart every other week would cost?

Fairbanks: I recycle, and I throw the rest in the dumpster at my job.

Moermond: I can't get you out of the program. I can get your bill down.

Fairbanks: You are going to recommend the smallest cart.

Moermond: Yes. Do you want that?

Fairbanks: I'm not going to use the small cart either. I'm paying for something I'm not going to use.

Moermond: The pickup day in this neighborhood?

Chris Swanson: Wednesday.

Moermond: What you should do next week when you bring the recycling out, bring the garbage cart out too. They will pick it up and change it. I'm sorry I can't get you out of the program.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 19 [RLH TA 20-449](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2049 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Yang

Reduce from \$107.02 to \$57.56.

2049 Hawthorne Avenue East – 2 assessments

Todd Fairbanks is on the phone line.

Clare Pillsbury: Property owner stated that they have never used the service. All residential properties with up to four units are required to have a garbage cart and receive garbage service for each dwelling unit. There is no option to opt out of the citywide garbage service.

Marcia Moermond: Mr. Fairbanks said he has never used the service. Oftentimes, I have reduced the assessment to the small cart size. Could you look at what a small cart every other week would cost?

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Moermond: I can't get you out of the program. I can get your bill down.

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Moermond: Yes. Do you want that?

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Moermond: The pickup day in this neighborhood?

Chris Swanson: Wednesday.

Moermond: What you should do next week when you bring the recycling out, bring the garbage cart out too. They will pick it up and change it. I'm sorry I can't get you out of the program.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

20 RLH TA 20-431 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1089 MARION STREET. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve the assessment.

1089 Marion Street

Brenda Malone is on the phone line.

Malone: The resolution is that I'm going to go ahead and pay what I said. My daughter said she paid that and for me not to worry about that. She is going to get a money order and send it in again.

Marcia Moermond: The one we are talking about today goes to the City. The other goes to Advanced.

Malone: Advanced sent a bill and it said minus.

Moermond: You may have overpaid for a previous quarter. Have the size cart you want?

Malone: Yes. Do you have it in front of you how much in money order I should get?

Moermond: \$114.34. Let me check to see if your daughter paid it already. It is still showing up as unpaid. Yes, do the money order for the City.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 21 RLH TA 20-387** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 37 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. CG1904D3, Assessment No. 190158) (To be referred back to July 16, 2020)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public Works staff to gather more information from hauler.

37 Hatch Avenue

Marcia Moermond: This is an add on. It was before the Council yesterday. Staff are still doing follow-up on it. They have communication with the owner. We will continue to next week until we get some answers. Lay over to July 23.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 7/23/2020

11:00 a.m. Hearings

- 22 [RLH TA 20-435](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1289 HARTFORD AVENUE. (File No. CG2001B1, Assessment No. 200104) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Delete the assessment.

1289 Hartford Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: The property has been vacant since the start of the coordinated collection program. Staff has confirmed that the property was vacant during Quarter 4 2019. Recommend removing the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: Delete the assessment. It has been vacant in that time period.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 23 RLH TA 20-451** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 755 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2002C3, Assessment No. 200130)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve the assessment.

755 Minnehaha Avenue West

Marcia Moermond: It seems clear she does not want to have a Legislative Hearing. Small and medium cart. Unpaid bill and late fees. Has she paid any bills? She seems to object to the program more than the issue. She doesn't agree with the program. We talked to her as clearly as we could to decrease the size of the bill.

Clare Pillsbury: She has 2 every other week carts now.

Moermond: When did that happen?

Pillsbury: Got confirmation from Republic that they had two 35-gallon carts on site. I can check to see when they were delivered.

Chris Swanson: I have that information. It was swapped on 4/17/2020.

Moermond: That will affect her Quarter 2 bill. We will have to disentangle the bill and credit. She didn't decrease cart size until after Quarter 1.

Swanson: The assessment sent to the City for Quarter 2 does show a credit in switch of cart size. We are clear there.

Pillsbury: For missed pickups, there were 2 documented missed pickups from February 7, 2020; the carts were not out for pickup.

Moermond: She didn't have the carts out.

Swanson: Staff recommends they send out a form.

Moermond: Approval.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

- 24** [RLH TA 20-434](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1232 SCHEFFER AVENUE. (File No. CG2001B1, Assessment No. 200104) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Delete the assessment.

1232 Sheffer Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Staff has confirmed that the property was vacant during Quarter 4 2019; therefore, we recommend removing the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: Deleted, as building was vacant.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 25** **RLH TA 20-394** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1206 WATSON AVENUE. (File No. CG2002B1, Assessment No. 200124)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Delete the assessment.

1206 Watson Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Follow-up was to find when Quarter 1 was paid: it was paid on 1/25/2020.

Marcia Moermond: This was a 2 week miss. We could as a courtesy delete this assessment. As a courtesy, this can be deleted on Watson.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020

1:30 p.m. Special Tax Assessments-Renoticed for July 22 Public Hearing

- 26** [RLH TA 20-419](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 315 ANNAPOLIS STREET WEST. (File No. CG2001A3, Assessment No. 200102) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Delete the assessment.*
- 315 Annapolis Street West*
- Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment. "Remove back bill." We recommend removing the assessment.*
- Marcia Moermond: Is that entire thing back billed? It sounds like they want us to subtract off of what the back bill would have been, but they didn't say what the amount was.*
- Chris Swanson: Republic told us to remove the back bill. We would remove that from future payment to the hauler.*
- Moermond: If it's a mistake, they are eating the cost.*
- Swanson: Correct.*
- Moermond: Recommend the Council delete the assessment.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020**
- 27** [RLH TA 20-413](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 518 ASHLAND AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Delete the assessment.*
- 518 Ashland Avenue*
- Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment. "Incorrect." Already sent over in a separate e-mail, and we submitted a credit for this per what the City requested. Staff recommends removal of assessment.*
- Marcia Moermond: Did you get a separate e-mail?*
- Pillsbury: I don't see anything. All of those would have come through me.*
- Moermond: There is no documentation of an e-mail being sent. Assessment gets*

deleted per request of hauler, and we have no communication which is different than what they said.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

28 [RLH TA 20-453](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 309 AURORA AVENUE (File No. CG2001E3, Assessment No. 200118) (Legislative Hearing July 21)

Sponsors: Thao

Layover to July 21, 2020 at 3 pm. (Public Hearing July 22, 2020)

309 Aurora Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested that back bill be removed. We're investigating this property.

Mai Vang: There is a mistake. This is 4th quarter.

Moermond: Invoice?

Pillsbury: October 1 to December 31.

Moermond: Also, an e-mail from the owner on this one.

Vang: (Read the e-mail.)

Moermond: You gave a figure that she got an invoice. Was it \$62.66? That doesn't make sense to me. Was there a change along the way?

Pillsbury: Looking at the initial assessment roll, \$260.59.

Moermond: Republic did not specify the amount of a back bill. Was there a Quarter 1 or Quarter 2 for that amount?

Vang: \$62.66 is Quarter 4.

Moermond: That should be corrected. When would that one have been heard?

Chris Swanson: We should ask for information from Republic and Assessment office.

Pillsbury: I can drop an e-mail to Republic.

Moermond: There request is to remove the back bill. The assessed amount is less than the billed amount. She is saying she paid it.

Pillsbury: Maybe she paid part of it. That's an assumption. For \$260 to \$66, there must have been a payment made to the Assessment office. We can follow-up with Republic. There seems to be some weird amounts sent to Assessments.

Moermond: Communication with Republic?

Swanson: A week.

Moermond: It's on the Council agenda for Wednesday. Let's do it next week. Mai, let's continue this to Tuesday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 29 [RLH TA 20-454](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 967 CHARLES AVENUE (File No. CG2001E3, Assessment No. 200118) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve the assessment.

967 Charles Avenue

Marcia Moermond: The reason for appealing has lots of swear words.

Clare Pillsbury: Under citywide garbage service, all residential properties with up to four units, are required to have a garbage cart and receive garbage service for each dwelling unit. There is no option to opt out of the citywide garbage service. We recommend approving the assessment.

Moermond: Large cart. Recommend approval.

Chris Swanson: Staff has reached out to resident a couple of times.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 30 [RLH TA 20-418](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 130 COLORADO STREET EAST. (File No. CG2001A2, Assessment No. 200101) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Noecker

Delete the assessment.

130 Colorado Street East

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment. "Incorrect, already sent over in a separate e-mail and we submitted a credit for this per what the City requested." No appeal filed. Deletion.

Marcia Moermond: Previous communication on this one?

Pillsbury: I have no record of contact with him.

Chris Swanson: Do not see any record of e-mails on this property.

Moermond: Republic said they sent an e-mail, but there is no record in Public Works that they did. Delete the entire amount.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 31 [RLH TA 20-452](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 164 CONGRESS STREET WEST. (File No. CG2001A3, Assessment No.

200102) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Approve the assessment. PW to staff follow up with owner.

164 Congress Street West

Marcia Moermond: Quarter 3 bill. I can read their e-mail into the record: contacted title company, previous owner is responsible, both title companies are handling the matter, requesting 6 months. Doesn't seem like it should take that kind of time.

Clare Pillsbury: When you take ownership of the house, you take ownership of the assessments. This is a private matter. It will be added to the property taxes in November.

Moermond: We received an e-mail. Let's e-mail them back. Will this accrue interest before it goes to County?

Chris Swanson: No. We'll add that it won't hurt their credit.

Moermond: Recommend approval of the assessment. PW to staff follow up with owner.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 32** [RLH TA 20-410](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 118 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment.

118 Dale Street North

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment, delete, wrong address certified. \$88.91, October 1 to December 31. No appeal filed by owner. It appears they certified the wrong address. There is a back bill divided between 4 properties.

Marcia Moermond: Don't understand their note. It's not clear. Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 33** [RLH TA 20-416](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 481 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$726.26 to \$712.11

481 Dayton Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Fourth quarter, October 1 to December 31. It was an incorrectly assessed amount. Decreased to \$712.11.

Marcia Moermond: So recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 34** [RLH TA 20-411](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 541 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment.

541 Dayton Avenue

Marcia Moermond: Both owner and hauler (Republic) wanted this put this on our agenda.

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment, incorrect, wrong address certified. \$104.62.

Marcia Moermond: Michael Schumann is alleging the City is not going by Charter. Known address would be the access he listed with Ramsey County. The mailing got sent to that person. That is not a reason to delete or decrease the assessment. Republic is asking it to be deleted because they certified to the wrong address. Not sure what they mean by that. It is coming out of their pocket. We will delete the assessment. Shumann said he wants to testify at the Council meeting, but would have received notice testimony is my voicemail and email.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 35** [RLH TA 20-424](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 66 GEORGE STREET EAST. (File No. CG2001A4, Assessment No. 200103) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Reduce from \$650.19 to \$192.16.

66 George Street East

Marcia Moermond: Republic said it was already sent over.

Clare Pillsbury: \$214.07, Republic said the assessment is incorrect. Note, this is not an appeal by the property owner. I have not seen an email regarding this property. We recommend removing the assessment.

Marcia Moermond: They sent an email and say they were responding to a request.

Chris Swanson: I don't see anything in my emails.

Moermond: It does not appear we have a record of asking them to submit a credit or of them responding to this request. We will delete the assessment of \$214.07.

Chris Swanson: To clarify: Republic, \$650.19.

Moermond: Removing it and correcting the worksheet. Reduce from \$650.19 to \$192.16.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 36** [RLH TA 20-414](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 695 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$432.31 to \$192.16.

695 Hague Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment. "Incorrect-Already sent over in a separate e-mail and we submitted a credit for this per what the city requested." No appeal filed by the owner. Staff is requesting the assessment be removed.

Chris Swanson: I found the communication. It was included in the previous back bill.

Marcia Moermond: How did you communicate with them?

Swanson: I was able to identify an email that was sent to the City. In this instance, Republic recommended we reduce it to \$379.32 from \$432.31. The City looked at that and felt it did not add up. Further reducing it to \$334.47. Incorrectly back billed the residence. Further reduce the assessment to \$192.16. That is the base service cost for 2 medium carts.

Moermond: That is resolved. Recommend reduction from \$432.31 to \$192.16.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 37** [RLH TA 20-409](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 754 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment.

754 Hague Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic wants us to delete the this assessment, which is for a late fee. Again, this is requested by the hauler.

Marcia Moermond: So recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 38** [RLH TA 20-415](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 903 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment.

903 Laurel Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic said the wrong address had been certified. Adjustment requested by them.

Marcia Moermond: What do they mean by certified?

Pillsbury: It was meant for a different property. The delinquent bill was for another property address.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 39** [RLH TA 20-417](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 193 MACKUBIN STREET. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$804.95 to \$288.24.

193 Mackubin Street

Clare Pillsbury: \$804.95 – Quarter 4 – Republic says the assessment is incorrect. They submitted credit based on what the City requested. This is not an appeal from the property owner. Staff will investigate this further.

Chris Swanson: This was also on the question list. Staff is recommending an additional reduction of \$288.24.

Moermond: Reduce from \$804.95 to \$288.24.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 40** [RLH TA 20-412](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1006 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A1, Assessment No. 200100) (Legislative Hearing July 21)

Sponsors: Thao

Layover to July 21 at 3 pm. (Public hearing July 22). Staff to follow up with hauler.

1006 Marshall Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requests the assessment be adjusted. It was incorrect. They had sent over a separate e-mail to the City and had submitted a credit. There is no appeal record of this communication.

Chris Swanson: Republic found that they sent out the Quarter 1 invoices and had a small charge. This is an account that was impacted. They issued a credit to make up for the small increased charge.

Marcia Moermond: This is Quarter 4. They made a mistake in Quarter 1 and in Quarter 4.

Swanson: I don't see any interactions between the City and Republic for the Quarter 4 bill. We may want to follow-up with Republic on this one. I don't see a response and they are recommending it stays the same.

Moermond: They have it on their list. It's incorrect. It's already sent over in separate e-mail and sent as a credit. That is a layover to Tuesday at 3:00.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 41** [RLH TA 20-426](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 741 PIERCE BUTLER ROUTE (File No. CG2001C4, Assessment No. 200111) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$760.54 to \$204.88.

741 Pierce Butler Route

Clare Pillsbury: Quarter 4 October 1 to December 31, Republic said the assessment is incorrect. They submitted a credit. This appeal was an adjustment request by Republic. Staff is going to investigate for past communication with Republic.

Chris Swanson: Republic recommends reducing to \$549.05. Staff's final is \$204.88. That is a cost of 2 large carts, removing back bill, and no late fees.

Marcia Moermond: So recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 42** [RLH TA 20-425](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 667 ROBERT STREET SOUTH. (File No. CG2001A4, Assessment No. 200103) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Reduce from \$667.24 to \$192.16.

667 Robert Street South

Clare Pillsbury: Republic requested assessment adjustment. Incorrect assessment amount. No record of public communication, no record of communication from Republic on this property.

Chris Swanson: Republic looked at this because we asked them to. They recommended reducing from \$667.24 to \$192.16. Staff agrees. That is two medium carts, no back bill, no late fees.

Marcia Moermond: So recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 43 [RLH TA 20-422](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1888 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A4, Assessment No. 200103) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Reduce from \$310.96 to \$220.99.

1888 St. Clair Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Republic asked to reduce to \$220.99.

Marcia Moermond: Let's get that reduced accordingly.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 44 [RLH TA 20-420](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 350 STEVENS STREET WEST. (File No. CG2001A3, Assessment No. 200102) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Reduce from \$653.53 to \$192.16.

350 Steven Street West

Clare Pillsbury: Republic said the assessment amount is incorrect. This is not an appeal filed by an owner.

Chris Swanson: Republic recommended reducing to \$312.08. Staff recommends further reduction to \$192.16 which is the price for 2 medium carts, no back bill.

Marcia Moermond: Recommend reduction from \$653.53 to \$192.16.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 45 [RLH TA 20-421](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 701 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. CG2001A3, Assessment No. 200102) (Legislative Hearing July 16)

Sponsors: Noecker

Reduce from \$702.11 to \$204.88.

701 Stryker Avenue

Clare Pillsbury: Assessment was incorrect. They submitted credit from what the City requested. Staff will investigate.

Chris Swanson: Staff inquired about the back bill. Initial amount of \$702.11. Republic recommends \$397.06. Staff is recommending a further reduction to \$204.88, which is the cost of 2 large carts with back bill removed and no late fees.

Marcia Moermond: So recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020

- 46 [RLH TA 20-423](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 37 WYOMING STREET EAST. (File No. CG2001A4, Assessment No. 200103) (Legislative Hearing July 16) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Delete the assessment.*
- 37 Wyoming Street East*
- Clare Pillsbury: Republic requests the assessment be adjusted. This was intended for another address. Staff recommends removing the assessment.*
- Marcia Moermond: So recommended.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 7/22/2020**

Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS

- 47 **RLH AR** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of
20-107 Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020.
 (File No. CG2002B3, Assessment No. 200126)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020**
- 48 **RLH AR** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of
20-108 Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020.
 (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020**
- 49 **RLH AR** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of
20-109 Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020.
 (File No. CG2002C3, Assessment No. 200130)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Referred to the City Council due back on 8/26/2020**