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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Thursday, January 21, 2021

9:00 AM

Remote Hearing

9:00 a.m. Hearings

- 1 **RLH TA 21-18** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2245 CARVER AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A3, Assessment No. 200165)

Sponsors: Prince

Reduce assessment from \$114.34 to \$36.87.

No one appeared

Moermond: so we have a reduction in place already from last week. We were looking to see if a further reduction was needed.

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: we did look at the previous late fees accrued. We found out due to the payments to the wrong account they generated \$18.45 in late fees for the previous quarters. Quarter 1 was \$14.92 and Quarter 2 was \$14.91 so reduce assessment further to \$36.97. Waste Management didn't charge late fees for Quarter 4, 2018 to Quarter 3, 2019.

Moermond: those four quarters all went to assessment, so those late fees were assessed to the taxes. Quarter 3, 2019 through Quarter 2, 2020.

Pillsbury: yes. If you look at the email sent by Tanya Panzer it shows they were all assessed.

Moermond: ok, that seems clear. Reducing from \$114.34 to \$36.87, deleting all the late fees.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/10/2021

- 2 [RLH TA 21-57](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1252 EARL STREET. (File No. CG2004A3, Assessment No. 200165)

Sponsors: Yang

Layover to LH April 8, 2021 at 10 am (requested by owner).

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: they are appealing \$2.88 for quarter 3, 2020. Property

owner states they don't feel it is fair they were charged the late fee. She is low income and feels she is paying too much for the amount of garbage she generates. We spoke with the property owner and they are requesting we lay this hearing over to April 8, 2021.

Moermond: why?

Pillsbury: they needed time to craft their arguments and documentation.

Moermond: for \$2.88? We just spend that much discussing this. Layover to April 8 at 9 am.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 4/8/2021

- 3** **RLH TA 21-53** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 852 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No. 200167)

Sponsors: Prince

Approve the assessment (assessment already has been paid).

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: this is for \$107.02 for quarter 3, 2020 for a medium cart with late fees. Property owner states they made a payment of \$110.48 to the City on November 12, 2020 for the quarter 3 assessment. Staff confirmed with the hauler they hadn't made a single payment to their account. The payment was for Quarter 3, 2019. We recommend approving the assessment.

Moermond: we should note that they have already paid it. Approval is indicating it was correctly invoiced.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/17/2021

- 4** [RLH TA 21-9](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1836 IGLEHART AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No. 200167)

Sponsors: Jalali

Layover to LH January 28, 2021 at 9 am (unable to reach owner).

Voicemail January 21, 2021 at 9:11 am: will try you back in 20 to 30 minutes.

Voicemail January 21, 2021 9:36 am: trying again. Being unable to reach you I will continue this to next Thursday am at 9 am to see if we can have a conversation then. I'll put a recommendation in then.

Note: assessment roll lists address as 1834 Iglehart Avenue, however correct address is 1836. Both addresses have same PIN and notice of assessment was received by owner.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/28/2021

- 5** [RLH TA 21-52](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 52 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No.

200167)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Layover to LH January 28, 2021 at 9 am (unable to reach owner).

Voicemail January 21, 2021 at 9:13 am: will try back again in 20 to 30 minutes.

Voicemail January 21, 2021 at 9:37 am: we are trying again about your appeal. We'll try one more time this morning, if we cant reach you we will continue to next Thursday.

Voicemail January 21, 2021 at 10:06 am: trying again. I'm going to reschedule this hearing to next Thursday, between 9 and 10:30 am. We'll try again next week.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/28/2021

- 6 RLH TA 21-46** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1379 MCAFEE STREET. (File No. CG2004A3, Assessment No. 200165)

Sponsors: Yang

Approve the assessment.

Voicemail January 21, 2021 at 9:15 am – will call back in 15 to 20 minutes. We did try calling last week as well.

Tried calling again January 21, 2021 9:34 am: someone answered and hung up. Tried again 9:35 am and they hung up again.

Moermond: we just tried calling twice, noting it was the correct number, and they answered and hung up. I can only assume they no longer want a Legislative Hearing and we will recommend approval of the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/10/2021

- 7 RLH TA 21-16** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2093 ROBLYN AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No. 200167)

Sponsors: Jalali

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: this is for \$3.36 for a quarter 3, 2020 bill. Hauler is Advanced Disposal. The property owner stated they received a notice of assessment and they have their account on autopay and wondering why they had this outstanding balance. Staff spoke with hauler who confirmed the autopay date needed to be reset to avoid having late payments. The hauler requested this assessment be removed, therefore staff recommends deleting the assessment. The hauler also spoke with the property owner about changing their autopay date.

Moermond: sounds good, delete.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/17/2021

- 8 **RLH TA 21-24** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 749 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No. 200167)

Sponsors: Yang

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: this is a pending assessment for \$114.69 for quarter 3, 2020 for a large cart with late fees. The property owner stated this is an ongoing issue brought upon them October 2019. They say the property is a duplex, but St Paul was billing them for 3 units. They did provide a copy of their Certificate of Occupancy showing two units. Staff was able to confirm the property has a certificate of occupancy for two units on January 24, 2020. Solid Waste records also show that they property owner submitted an Unoccupied Dwelling Registration Form that was received and processed on January 9, 2019. Due to a City error, the vacancy wasn't sent to the hauler. Therefore staff recommends removing the assessment in full.

Moermond: delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/17/2021

Special Tax Assessments

10:00 a.m. Hearings

- 9 [RLH TA 21-51](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1516 MARGARET STREET. (File No. CG2004A6, Assessment No. 200168)

Sponsors: Prince

Delete the assessment. Layover to LH January 28, 2021 at 10 am for staff follow up on previous potentially incorrect bills and assessments.

Khin Latt, owner, appeared via phone

Kin Kin, Language Line interpreter, appeared via phone

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: this is a tax assessment for \$115.55 for quarter 3, 2020 for a large cart with late fees. PROprety owner states they moved into the home last October and have been paying every bill. The issue is the bill comes in different name instead of my name even though I've contacted the hauler to change the name. There seem to be two accounts for this home and they have been paying to one. This isn't the first time they received an hearing notice. The property owner states they didn't appeal the previous assessment due to Covid-19 and the courthouse being closed. Staff spoke with the hauler and confirmed there is only one account for this property. Staff records show the hauler update sent December 26, 2019 has a work order to change the name to the current property owner. Staff recommends removing the late fees and reducing the assessment to \$99.43. Staff has also requested the hauler credit the account for any previous late fees from Quarter 1 and 2 of 2020.

Moermond: to summarize, staff are recommending the assessment be reduced from \$115.55 to \$99.43. What are you looking for today?

Latt: they did not change the account or the name on the account because I still receive two bills every month. Initially I received one bill for 99.43. Then I started receiving two. One was sent online and one was sent by mail.

Moermond: how does you come to the conclusion there are two accounts? Are there different account numbers? What makes you think this?

Latt: there are two different accounts and two different account numbers. Two different people on the bills. One is sent to my email online, ending in 11672 and the one in the mail ends in 11953. The account holder is Rebecca Newgren. I already paid for 3 months so they will keep sending it, I think .

Moermond: could you spell Rebecca's last name?

Latt: Newgren.

Moermond: so you are paying a bill in someone else's name, also for this property? It has this property address on the bill? I just want to confirm.

Latt: the amount they tell me to pay isn't the same.

Moermond: it sounds like there's a problem at Advanced with their computer system somehow attaching Ms. Newgren's name to this property. There is one who lives at 1612 Carroll Avenue. I need to have staff call Advanced Disposal and have them review what is happening with the billing. I believe you that are paying both bills when you should only be paying one. I'd like to confirm with you that the US Mail bill that comes in the name of Rebecca Newgren lists the address as yours on Margaret street, and not a different address?

Latt: yes.

Pillsbury: do you get these two bills around the same time? For example, the paper bill coming around the same time as the emailed bill?

Latt: I received the email January 4, 2021 and the name on that is Keana M Multhauf. January 5, 2021 I recieved the paper one with Rebecca's name.

Moermond: and they both list the Margaret street address?

Latt: yes the name is Keana, but it was emailed to me.

Moermond: and who is that person in relationship to you?

Latt: I don't know who they are. They are not related to me. I've been paying the bill without looking at the name of the account holder on it.

Moermond: the 2018 property tax statement went to Quan Vu, the 2019 went to Katkenix T. Mai, and the 2020 Property tax statement went to Khin Z. Latt, who we are speaking with now. We'd like to make sure the bill comes in your name, Ms. Latt. Is the company using the correct email address for you?

Latt: they send to the correct email address.

Moermond: Ms. Pillsbury is going to work with Advanced Disposal to address this

situation. What I'd like to do is to talk with you again in a week. I'm going to recommend this current bill is deleted and we will talk again in a week.

Latt: I have late fees on that.

Moermond: staff found that the person named Keana Multauf lives at 1725 Margaret. We definitely have some confusion between the accounts that needs to be straightened out. We'll talk next Thursday between 10 and 11 am. Today's assessment will be deleted. Next week we will talk about the other bills you have paid. Can you clarify what size garbage can you have? Same size or larger or smaller than your recycling can?

Latt: both carts are the same size.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/28/2021

10 RLH TA 21-8

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 397 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A6, Assessment No. 200168)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment. Staff to prepare resolution deleting Q3 and 4, 2019 and Q1 and 2, 2020 assessments. (Owner deceased as of August 10, 2019)

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: this is for \$93.07 for quarter 3, 2020 for a medium cart. Property owner passed away in 2019 and the property has been vacant since that time. As a courtesy, staff recommends removing the assessment as we have done for prior properties with this situation.

Moermond: yes, that has been our policy. Are there any other assessments that came long for this property?

Pillsbury: yes, there are several. Quarter 3, 2019, Quarter 4, 2019, Quarter 1, 2020 and Quarter 2, 2020.

Moermond: all assessed.

Pillsbury: and they have a Quarter 4, 2020 pending.

Moermond: so we checked and the previous owner, Robert Leon Thompson Sr, he passed August 10, 2019. Therefore, I'm going to ask staff if we could prepare a resolution for the assessed bills for Quarter 3 and 4, 2019 and Quarter 1 and 2 of 2020. We just discussed Quarter 3 today and staff have ensured that Quarter 4, 2020 is being removed.

Pillsbury: we can check on that.

Moermond: so we can let Quarter 4 ride for now.

Chris Swanson: we'll remove that.

Moermond: he was up to date on his bills until he couldn't be anymore.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/17/2021

Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS

- 11 RLH AR 21-15** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2020. (File No. CG2004A5, Assessment No. 200167)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

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- 12 RLH AR 21-16** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2020. (File No. CG2004A6, Assessment No. 200168)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

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