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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Remote Hearing

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 661 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509) (To refer to Legislative Hearing on April 6, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Refer back to LH April 6, 2021 at 10 am for further discussion (staff to follow up with realtor). (CPH April 21, 2021)

*Luis, language line interpreter, appeared via phone
Son of Bernandina Resendiz Romero, appeared via phone*

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: October 1, 2021 our department issued a summary abatement order to clean up the property. It said to remove and dispose of furniture, tires, and other materials from the backyard.

Romero: we weren't living there in October of 2020. We moved in November 12, 2020.

Moermond: did you buy the property?

Romero: yes, we bought it.

Moermond: did you buy it from BSM Holdings in St. Paul? It looks like to me when you bought the seller didn't disclose there were orders on the property that would result in an assessment. It sounds like the seller didn't tell you about this.

Romero: there aren't any tires in the back, everything is clean.

Moermond: when did you close on the property and finalize your purchase?

Romero: We closed November 12, 2020.

Moermond: it looks to me like you are going to be responsible event though it happened before you purchased. The debt on the property goes with the property. I'm wondering if you worked with a realtor?

Romero: I can speak with the realtor.

Moermond: right now I'm looking at an assessment of \$558. You should work with your realtor to reach out to the seller to let them know this was a pending assessment. If

you have a realtor name we'd be happy to reach out.

Romero: can I call you back while I look for that information?

Moermond: do you have an email address?

Romero: we don't have an email address for the realtor.

Moermond: no, for yourself.

Romero: no, I don't but my daughter does. I'll have to get that before I could give it to you.

Moermond: if we had that we could send an email and he could respond to that.

Romero: I can call you back and give you the information.

Moermond: call 651-266-6805 with additional information on the realtor and we can talk to them about this assessment. He can leave a message in Spanish and we can get it translated. We will also send a brief letter. Right now this is to go to Council tomorrow, I'm going to ask them to continue this to April 21 to have a chance to work this out better. I'd like to talk to him on April 6, 2021 at 10 am. We will try to talk to the realtor in the meantime.

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