



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Thursday, January 20, 2022

9:00 AM

Remote Hearing

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 RLH TA 22-19** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1722 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2104A3, Assessment No. 210117)

Sponsors: Yang

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: the property owner stated they spoke with City staff in April and were told to fill out an Unoccupied Dwelling Registration Form and staff did say they would submit in May 2021. We confirmed the property owner did speak to staff April 30th. As a vacancy request would have gone into effect in June, we request the assessment is removed in full, and we have also removed any pending paperwork.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/23/2022

- 2 RLH TA 22-20** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 599 PORTLAND AVENUE. (File No. CG2104A1, Assessment No. 210115)

Sponsors: Thao

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: the property owner submitted an Unoccupied Dwelling Registration Form for one of the 2 bins. They felt since the container was removed they shouldn't have had to pay the bill in full, however since they didn't they received a late fee, which they are contesting. The hauler requested it be removed as a courtesy.

Moermond: so recommended.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/23/2022

10:00 a.m. Hearings**Special Tax Assessments**

- 3 **RLH TA 22-21** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 325 TOPPING STREET. (File No. CG2104A2 Assessment No. 210116)

Sponsors: Thao

Approve the assessment.

Mike Evans, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: we talked a couple weeks ago about your assessment and when we spoke we were talking about the third quarter, July through September, and you were saying you paid it. The company has a record you paid October 4, a few days after the end of the 4th quarter. I wanted to make sure you didn't make another payment for the fourth quarter. So you weren't paying twice. They credited the fourth quarter and not the third. We found there was just the one payment, so you are in the right place billing wise. They did send it in for assessment, but didn't send another bill for the 4th quarter, they just applied your payment too it. Any questions?

Evans: no, so I still owe the third quarter. Can I pay it now on the phone?

Moermond: I wish I could make it that simple, but I can't do it over the phone. We can follow up via email. We'll send you a link to the webpage where you can pay.

Evans: ok, not a problem.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/23/2022

- 4 [RLH TA 22-38](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 671 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. CG2104A4, Assessment No. 210118)

Sponsors: Thao

Layover to LH February 1, 2021 at 10:30 am (unable to reach PO).

Voicemail at 10:06 am: this is Marcia Moermond calling from St. Paul City Council about your appealed tax assessment garbage hauling services for 671 Lafond. We'll try you again in 5 to 10 minutes.

Voicemail at 10:16 am: this is Marcia Moermond trying to reach you again about your appealed tax assessment. I'll try to reach you again between 10:30 and 11:30 on February 1 to discuss this.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/1/2022

- 5 **RLH TA 22-41** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 405 ROY STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2104A4, Assessment No. 210118)

Sponsors: Jalali

Reduce assessment from \$79.36 to \$69.04.

No one appeared

Staff report by Clare Pillsbury: we were contacted by the former property owner who stated they sold July 1, 2021 but have continued to receive invoices from hauler and City. We confirmed the new property owner's mailing address had been sent to the hauler in July. Since the hauler did not update their records, staff recommends removing the late fees and reducing the assessment to \$69.04.

Moermond: so removing the late fees taking into account that the records weren't updated as they should have been. Down from \$79.36 to \$69.04.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/23/2022