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Subject: Assessment #245202
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Hello,

I am in receipt of the assessment for my property. Quite concerning to see this high of an assessment, \$6,534, with an expectation that property owners would have that amount of cash accessible within 30 days of the billing date without incurring additional interest.

My concerns remain the same as I previously shared in my email to the council a few months ago.

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed tax assessment on my property at 245 Annapolis St. E.

While I do feel we should pay our fair share, I think this should be taxed to our city and county and not solely on property owners residing on Annapolis Street.

I am currently paying \$3,588 in annual taxes with a pending assessment of \$119.71 for storm and sewer. These tax increases year-over-year are encouraging my decision to move out of St. Paul all together since properties that are much bigger in surrounding suburbs seem to have lower taxes with equivalent and sometimes better infrastructure than St. Paul.

Here are some additional things to consider:

- o The loss of our large shade trees will affect our utility cost for decades.
- o The addition of a bike lane has removed vital street parking which for some of us has caused extra costs to install or widen driveways, etc.
- o They are charging us for lighting, sewer, road paving and sidewalks - we already had good lighting and trees. The other items do little to ADD to our property's value.
- o Our road benefits OTHERS equally OR MORE. It is a connection point between Oakdale, Robert St., Smith Ave, Dodd Rd, and Hwy 13: all used for city through traffic (which is probably why they put the bike lane on Annapolis and not Butler Ave). If we are the only people paying the taxes on this work can we gate off the roads when they reopen to try to discourage the amount of high-speed drivers that dangerously drive through our neighborhood without consequence? Seriously, this needs to be looked into further. It is unsafe to have drivers speeding by at 50+mph in a residential area.
- o The Biden Admin gave billions in an infrastructure bill for roads and bridges, while this may not directly apply for this road project, it should have freed up funding that would otherwise gone toward those bridges etc. Also, 28 cents of every dollar of gas purchased is mandated for roads and bridges in the state of MN.
- o Minnesota had a tax surplus - why is that money not being used for this?
- o We have just come through a pandemic and currently have huge inflation. Many families are struggling and cannot handle extra taxes on top of that.
- o They just raised property taxes this last year.
- o There are grants and other resources if the local government needs to find funds.

Families are having a hard enough time paying for essential expenses, add to it unexpected tax bills and it becomes unsustainable for some of your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tammy Gilbert Mancha

Sent from my iPhone