



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

**Date:** October 30, 2013  
**To:** Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
**Referral to:**

**Subject:** *Steven Meldahl v. City of Minneapolis*  
Court File No.: 27-CV-12-23890

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by authorizing the proper City officials to cancel the following special assessments: Assessment No. 10-0761439 relating to the property located at 2500 Humboldt Avenue North for \$6,948.00; Assessment No. 11-0873675 relating to the property located at 3743 Bryant Avenue North for \$694.75; Assessment No. 11-0874827 relating to the property located at 3723 Fremont Avenue North for \$150.00; Assessment No. 11-0873932 relating to the property located at 3103 Logan Avenue North for \$150.00; Assessment relating to Account No. 1211442304 at 723 Newton Avenue North for \$513.23; Assessment relating to Account No. 310863311 at 2946 Colfax Avenue North for \$159.77; and to reduce the assessment related to Account No. 1211447318 at 810 Newton Avenue North for \$343.96 by \$84.00, resulting in an assessment of \$259.96, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**Previous Directives:**

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Approved by: *[Signature]*  
Susan L. Segal  
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: \_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): Cancellation of six previously levied assessments and a reduction to one assessment.
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:** Other

**Background/Supporting Information**

Appellant Steven Meldahl challenged 62 utility special assessments and 15 inspections related special assessments levied against his properties by the City of Minneapolis. The parties negotiated a settlement in which six of the challenged assessments will be cancelled by the City and another assessment will be reduced by \$84.00. The City Attorney's Office, Department of Regulatory Services, and Finance – Utility Billing believe that settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.

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