



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: April 15, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Changes on Minneapolis Public Works Street Resurfacing Assessment Roll for payable 2014 tax files.**

Recommendation:

- A. Pass a Resolution cancelling a street resurfacing special assessment for property identified as PID 22-028-24-23-0100 at 5704 Harriet Av S and reinstate a street resurfacing assessment for property identified as PID 22-028-24-23-0180 at 5614 Garfield Av S for payable 2014.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information:

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Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget.

Community Impact

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Supporting Information:

Each year the Public Works Department transmits numerous assessment rolls to the County to be levied to the next years' property taxes statements. The assessment rolls are certified to Hennepin County by November 30th of the year.

The purpose of this letter is to request cancellation of a Public Works Department street resurfacing special assessment on one parcel and reinstate an assessment on another.

A check from Trademark Title was sent to the Finance Department in September of 2013 to pay the last installment of a 5 year street resurfacing assessment in the amount of \$239.73 for property located at 5704 Harriet Av S and identified by Property ID No. 22-028-24-23-**0100**. Typically the title company includes the Property ID number on the check, but only the address was referenced. The payment was mistakenly credited to Property ID 22-028-24-23-**0180** (which is property at 5612 Garfield Av S). Both properties were in the same street resurfacing project, so the Levy and Project Nos. were the same on each parcel. The payment was reported to Hennepin County for the incorrect parcel and the assessment was removed from 5612 Garfield Av S. The title company that originally sent the prepay check is now in the process of closing a resale transaction of 5704 Harriet Av S and noted that the assessment they supposedly paid last fall is still showing on 2014 property taxes. The matter was brought to our attention by a phone call from Trademark Title.

Under the authority of Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis City Charter, the City Council assesses benefited properties for various improvement projects. Chapter 10, Section 15 of the City Charter further provides that the City Council may, by resolution, direct the County Auditor of Hennepin County, to cancel, on any record where the same appears, any special assessments therefore assessed and levied by said City Council, whether because the assessment was irregular or erroneous.

T&PW– Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution directing the Hennepin County Auditor to cancel the levied 5-year street resurfacing assessment on the parcel identified by Property ID No 22-028-24-23-0100 for taxes payable in 2014 and reinstate the street resurfacing assessment on the parcel identified by Property ID 22-028-24-23-0180 for taxes payable in 2014.

Reich

**Cancellation of Minneapolis Public Works
Street Resurfacing Special Assessment**

Directing the Hennepin county Auditor to amend the special assessment for street resurfacing improvements for payable 2014 tax file for the parcels described hereinafter.

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis City Charter, The City Council of the City of Minneapolis passed Resolutions in 2009 adopting the assessment rolls as prepared by the City Engineer and ordered the transmittal of certified copies of the assessment rolls to the Hennepin County Auditor for collection to begin on the 2010 real estate tax statements; and

Whereas, there are the following described assessments; one that is erroneously being carried on the real estate tax statement and another erroneously cancelled due an incorrect reporting of a prepayment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 15 of the Minneapolis City Charter, the Hennepin County Auditor is hereby directed to cancel the following levied 5-year term special assessment from the 2014 tax statement:

<u>LEVY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROPERTY ID</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMT</u>
01027	51939	22-028-24-23-0100	\$1,152.00

Be It Further Resolved that the Hennepin County Auditor is hereby directed to reinstate the last installment of the following levied 5-year term special assessment on the 2014 tax statement:

<u>LEVY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROPERTY ID</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMT</u>
01027	51939	22-028-24-23-0180	\$1,104.48