Street Light & Street Maintenance Assessment

Questions from October 20 Public Hearing

- Q: Why has the total number of Property Identification Numbers (PID) changed between the initial notice and the public hearing?
- A: The assessment role database is derived from Hennepin County tax records. The Hennepin County data base is dynamic. Property sales, combinations, and divisions are examples of how the database can change. Since the mailing of the assessment notices, changes have been brought to our attention and the appropriate corrections have been made to the assessment role.

There have also been some corrections to properties that were believed to be nongovernmental but after further examination, were determined to be governmental. These corrections have also been made to the assessment role.

- Q: Detailed information regarding assessments on individual properties is not available on tax statements. How do property owners get this information?
- A: Hennepin County can provide any property owner detailed assessment information for their property. Contact information is:

Taxpayer Services Department

E-Mail: TaxInfo@co.hennepin.mn.us

Phone: 612-348-3011

Address A-600 Government Center

300 South 6th Street Minneapolis, MN 55487

- Q: Why are some cemeteries assessed while other cemeteries are not?
- A: Minnesota State law establishes that cemeteries owned by entities organized for pecuniary profit are eligible for assessments. Cemeteries owned by entities that are not organized for pecuniary profit are not eligible for assessments.
- Q: I am not paying a nongovernmental tax-exempt assessment for street lighting and street maintenance. Will I be charged for past assessments that were not charged to my property?
- A: No. This process for updating the street lighting and street maintenance assessments does not include retroactive payments.
- Q: The Minneapolis assessment policy for capital projects categorizes churches as "non-residential." Should this policy be changed to reflect the fact that these properties do pay an annual street maintenance assessment?
- A: The revenues that are generated by the Street Light and Street Maintenance Assessments are used to support annual operations and maintenance costs that are funded by existing annual assessments, property tax dollars and other funding resources. These annual maintenance assessments do not support capital projects.

