

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
ASSESSMENT HEARING
OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The following are the minutes for the Assessment Hearing meeting of the City Council held at 6:45 PM on Monday October 1, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 590 40th Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, Minnesota

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Schmitt, Councilmembers Williams, Murzyn, Jr., and Novitsky

Absent: Councilmember Buesgens

Also Present: Walt Fehst; City Manager, Kevin Hansen; Public Works Director, Kathy Young; Assistant City Engineer, Barb Thomas; Assessing Clerk, Kelli Bourgeois; Human Resources Director/Assistant City Manager, Jackie Zillmer; Assistant Finance Director, Matt Markham; Police Captain, and Katie Bruno; City Clerk/Council Secretary

3. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY HEARING: Delinquent Accounts Identified with the Following Project Numbers:

P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-001	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-002	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-003	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-004
P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-005	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-006	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-007	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-008
P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-009	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-010	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-011	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-012
P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-013	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-014	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-015	

a. Presentation of Information by Staff

Kevin Hansen Public Works Director explained that the terms of the assessments are either one year or ten years, based on the dollar amount of the assessment.

Jackie Zillmer, Assistant Finance Director explained the assessments are for the following city services; utility bills, weed cutting, tree removal, and nuisance/hazard abatements.

Zillmer clarified that delinquent utility bills are charged 7% interest on any outstanding balance, once assessed the interest rate will be 5%.

b. Questions and Comments from City Council and the Public

Lyndsey Malloy, representing her parents; Thomas and Julie Carter – 1137 37th Ave NE requested to dispute the charges for a recent water main repair, at her parents' home. A letter outlining the concerns was presented to the council. The Carter's were charged approximately \$16,000 for a water main break that occurred underneath their neighbor's garage. Malloy was concerned that the City hired a contractor without getting input from the residents. Malloy commented that neighbors were charged significantly less than the Carters. Hansen explained to Malloy that she could object to the assessment, and work with their attorney. The Carters signed the letter of dispute. (Attached.)

c. Recommended Motions:

Motion by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., seconded by Councilmember Novitsky to close the Public Hearing and waive reading of Resolution 2018-80 there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., seconded by Councilmember Novitsky to adopt Resolution 2018-80 being a resolution to adopt an assessment roll and levy a special assessment for delinquent accounts, with a 5% interest rate. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Respectively Submitted,
Katie Bruno, Council Secretary/City Clerk

Resolution No. 2018-80

A resolution of the City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, adopt an assessment roll and levy a special assessment for delinquent accounts.

WHEREAS, one or more services required by city ordinance, including water, sewer, refuse, weedcutting, tree removal, stop box repair/replacement and abatement of nuisance/hazardous conditions, and numbered as projects

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| P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-001 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-002 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-003 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-004 |
| P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-005 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-006 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-007 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-008 |
| P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-009 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-010 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-011 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-012 |
| P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-013 | P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-014 | | |

have been provided to and benefited the properties listed in the assessment roll below; and,

WHEREAS, the charges to said properties for said services are unpaid and delinquent; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, met at 6:45 p.m. on the 1st day of October 2018 in the City Council Chamber 590 40th Avenue N.E. Columbia Heights, Minnesota, being the time and place set when and where all persons interested could appear and be heard by the Council with respect to the benefits and cost of providing the services described below, a notice of such hearing having been heretofore duly published as required by law, and a notice mailed to each property owner of record, stating the proposed amount of the assessment; therefore,

Now, therefore, in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the City of Columbia Heights, the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights makes the following:

ORDER OF COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Columbia Heights as follows:

Section 1. That this Council does hereby adopt the assessment roll below known and described as "Assessment Roll for 2018 Delinquent Accounts (A)", numbered as

P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-001	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-002	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-003	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-004
P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-005	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-006	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-007	P.I.R. 2018-MS-30-008
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Section 2. That this Council hereby finds and determines that each of the parcels of land enumerated in the assessment roll was and is especially benefited by the services provided. The Council further finds and determines that the proper cost of these services to be especially assessed against each parcel of land is the amount of unpaid delinquent charges for said services.

Section 3. That said assessments may be paid in part or in full without interest on or before November 14, 2018.

Section 4. Payments will be accepted at Columbia Heights City Hall, 590 40th Avenue N.E. Columbia Heights, Minnesota, on or before November 14, 2018. Any amount unpaid after November 14, 2018, will be certified to the Anoka County Auditor for collection with the real estate taxes as a special assessment beginning with the taxes payable in the year 2019. The annual principal installments, together with 4.5% interest are due and payable with the real estate taxes for a period of one year or less.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above eligibility standard is effective October 1, 2018

