

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING- ASSESSMENT HEARING
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

The following are the minutes for the special meeting of the City Council for the Assessment Levy Hearing held at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020 in the Community Room, Columbia Heights Public Library, Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Schmitt; Councilmember Buesgens; Councilmember Murzyn, Jr.; Councilmember Novitsky; Councilmember Williams

Also Present: Kevin Hansen, Public Work Director/City Engineer; Kathy Young, Assistant City Engineer; Barb Thomas, Assessing Clerk; Nicole Tingley, City Clerk

3. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY HEARING: 2020 SEAL COAT PROGRAM

A. Street Seal Coat Project

1) Presentation of Information on Seal Coat Project by Staff

Public Works Director Hansen gave an overview of the project. The project was originally for all of Zone 3, but was reduced in half to Zone 3A due to Centerpoint work. The other half will be completed in 2021. The assessment amounts are unchanged from the improvement hearing and the term is one year.

Hansen noted that the City did receive a letter from a resident requesting postponement of the assessment due to being out of work and surgery. The letter is included as an attachment to the minutes.

2) Questions and Comments on Seal Coat Project

There were not any questions or comments.

B. Close the Public Hearing

Motion by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens, to close the public hearing of the 2020 Street Seal Coat, Project Number 1801. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Consideration of Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-85, there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Schmitt commented that in regards to the resident asking for postponement of the assessment payment that it is not actually due until 2021 with property taxes.

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to adopt

Resolution 2020-85 being a resolution levying and adopting the assessment for 2020 Zone 3A Street Seal Coat Improvement, City Project 1801 with an interest rate reduction to 3%. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens., seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes, Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary

5 Oct 2020

City of Columbia Heights:

I contest paying for the seal coat of \$395.00 this year. I have been out of work due to eye surgery and I have one more on Oct 8th I do not get paid time off.

I don't mind paying my FAIR share but would like to postpone until August 2021. If I could attend tonight I would but I can't because of COVID.

Also I did not get \$600.00 per week during the shut down. I also feel you should delay all residents this is a lot of money before the holidays.

Sincerely,

Colleen Olson

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PS. You let too many people rent in this city with 5-7 cars per house. Also why do you let a rental house on Stinson run a towing truck business out of the home they have a big flat truck parking on the street. Very dangerous for walkers.

Not fair to we homeowners who never

part on the street.

Try walking down Heights Drive it is full of these little rocks from seal coating, hard to walk on.