

**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 6:30 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 6:36 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 STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM – ZONE 4A FULL STREET RECONSTRUCTION, 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET NE, 50<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO 51<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE AND 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET NE, 50<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO 51<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE**

A. Street Rehabilitation Project

- 1) Presentation of Information on Street Rehabilitation Project by Staff  
Public Works Director Hansen gave an overview of the project. The project includes the full reconstruction of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets from 50<sup>th</sup> to 51<sup>st</sup>. The watermain on 5<sup>th</sup> is complete and the street is complete with the exception of the final lift. The watermain costs were not included in the assessment cost. The assessment amounts are unchanged from the improvement hearing and the term is 15 years. The total amount being assessed is 50% of the construction costs. Hansen indicated if the City Council would like to change the interest rate from the proposed 5%, he would recommend 3%.

Hansen explained difficulties with the project in regards to timeframes with the contractor.

- 2) Questions and Comments on Street Rehabilitation Project  
Councilmember Novitsky asked if residents would be assessed more because of the rework done with the sidewalks. Hansen responded that the City will be paying for those costs.

Mayor Schmitt asked what the final date is to make a payment without interest. Hansen answered November 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion by Councilmember Buesgens., seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr, to lower the interest rate to 3%. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

B. Close the Public Hearing

*Motion by Councilmember Novitsky, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., to close the public hearing of the 2020 Street Rehabilitation – Zone 4A, Project Number 1802. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of Resolution

*Motion by Councilmember Novitsky, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn Jr., to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-82, there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

*Motion by Councilmember Novitsky, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., to adopt Resolution 2020-82 being a resolution levying and adopting the assessment for 2020 Street Rehabilitation – Full Street Reconstruction, City Project 1802. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

D. Consideration of Resolution – Petition and Waiver Assessments

Hansen explained that these assessments are for curbstop repair or replacement. There were 3 properties included- two for full replacements and one for a curb top.

*Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky., to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-83, there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

*Motion by Councilmember Novitsky, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., to adopt Resolution 2020-83 being a resolution to certify 2020 petition and waiver assessments to Anoka County for collection with real estate taxes. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5-0.*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary