



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Mobile Home Special Assessment

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

A special assessment for mobile home parks was previously considered due to their significant use of emergency services (and costs associated), which exceeds the amount of property taxes they pay. At the time of the presentation there was growing concern that the property was not being assessed accurately. Staff followed up with the assessor and found that the sale of the park in 2020 had not been considered in determining the property's value. After further research an adjustment was subsequently made to reflect the sale price of \$8 million. While staff acknowledge that there will still be excess costs associated with providing emergency services to the park, it will be significantly reduced now that the property is being fairly assessed, thereby alleviating the burden on other taxpayers in the City.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

3/19/2024 – Common Council, 1st reading of ordinance passed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we discontinue pursuing this ordinance, as the issue has been resolved through corrective action taken by the assessor regarding the property's valuation.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

N/A