

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, September 27, 2018 –5:30 p.m.**

Present: President Lonnie Laffen, Brian Poykko and Ryan Graf, of the Special Assessment Commission; Maureen Storstad, Finance Director; Emily Fossen, Special Assessment Coordinator; Amy Lund, Accounting Specialist; David Kuharenko, Interim Assistant City Engineer; and Mark Walker, Assistant City Engineer.

President Lonnie Laffen called the hearings meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Maureen Storstad, Finance Director.

Ms. Storstad introduced the Special Assessment Commissioners and explained to the audience that this is a hearing by the Special Assessment Commission on the finding of benefit on special assessment projects. Ms. Storstad clarified the responsibility and authority of the commission as follows:

- a. The commission has no authority over the establishment of the assessment district, that decision is a city council decision.
- b. The commission has no authority for the cost of the project. That is a city council decision done through approval process for the project's bid.
- c. The commission receives the project after the establishment of the district and the cost has been determined by the city council, for the sole purpose of determining the benefiting properties within the district and to what degree the properties benefit.
- d. At this hearing, the commission will hear protests as to the determination of benefits on given properties.
- e. The commission will determine if any changes should or should not be made.
- f. The assessments will be passed on to the council for final certification.

Ms. Storstad further explained that if the property owner still has a concern with the finding of benefit by the commission, the protest can be brought to the city council at their hearing on special assessments on October 15, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Ms. Storstad, turned the meeting back over to Mr. Laffen.

Laffen stated that any concerns that aren't resolved tonight will be addressed at a future special assessment meeting that will be scheduled for any appeals. He continued on to say if anyone in the audience wants to speak to any of the special assessment projects, they may state their name, address and property number they own in the project district and their concerns with the assessment to their property. After all protests are heard, he would read the remaining projects and then a motion would be made by the Special Assessment Commission members to approve the projects for 2018 and they would be forwarded to the City Council for the October 15, 2018 meeting for final approval.

Laffen then acknowledged that no one was present at the hearings.

Graf, Poykko and Laffen read the 2018 Special Assessment Project List:

- a) **Project #4704.18, District #14 Flood Protection Project**
- b) **Project #4704.89, District #14 Deferred Flood Protection Project**
- c) **Project #7261.1, District #509.1 Stormwater Pond Prairiewood Addition**
- d) **Project #7420.1, District #514.1 Storm Sewer North 69th Street**
- e) **Project #7455, District #703 Paving 44th Avenue South**

- f) **Project #7455.88, District #701 Deferred Paving 44th Avenue South**
- g) **Project #7521.1, District #522.1 Sanitary Sewer Water Treatment Plant**
- h) **Project #7522.1, District #325.1 Watermain Water Treatment Plant**
- i) **Project #7523.1, District #521.1 Storm Sewer Water Treatment Plant**
- j) **Project #7524, District #697 Paving & Street Lights Water Treatment Plant**
- k) **Project #7525, District #525 Sanitary Lift Station/Forcemain Water Treatment Plant**
- l) **Project #7529, District #527 Sanitary Sewer North 42nd St & North 44th St & 20th Avenue North**
- m) **Project #7533, District #526 Storm Sewer Lift Station/Forcemain Water Treatment Plant**
- n) **Project #7545, District #204 Deferred Street Lights Kings View 4th & 6th Addition**
- o) **Project #7546, District #205 Street Lights Southern Estates 10th Addition**
- p) **Project #7546.88, District #205 Deferred Street Lights Southern Estates 10th Addition**
- q) **Project #7571, District #529 Stormwater Pond Water Treatment Plant**
- r) **Project #7588, District #530 Sanitary Sewer North 36th St & North 39th St & 20th Avenue North**
- s) **Project #7610, District #709 Deferred Paving Kings View 5th Resubdivision**
- t) **Project #7620, District #702 Deferred Paving Kings View 6th Resubdivision**
- u) **Project #7632, District #330 Watermain Demers Avenue**
- v) **Project #7639, District #24 Bikepath South 20th Street**
- w) **Project #7648, District #535 Stormwater Pond North 36th Street & 20th Avenue North**
- x) **Project #7649, District #331 Watermain North 36th Street**
- y) **Project #7650, District #536 Storm Sewer North 36th St & North 39th St & 20th Avenue North**
- z) **Project #7653, District #332 Watermain North 39th Street & 27th Avenue North**
- aa) **Project #7658, District #210 Deferred Street Lights Kings View 5th Resubdivision**
- bb) **Project #7661, District #706 Paving & Street Lights 6th Avenue North**
- cc) **Project #7664, District #537 Sanitary Sewer 45th Avenue South**
- dd) **Project #7665, District #333 Watermain 45th Avenue South**
- ee) **Project #7666, District #538 Storm Sewer 45th Avenue South**
- ff) **Project #7667, District #708 Street Paving 45th Avenue South**
- gg) **Project #7668, District #218 Street Lighting 45th Avenue South**
- hh) **Project #7716, District #542 Storm Outlet Pipe Heartland West Addition**
- ii) **Project #7718, District #712 Street Reconstruction Adams Drive**
- jj) **Project #7740, District #214 Street Lights Belmont Road**
- kk) **Project #7756.88, District #710 Deferred Paving & Street Lights Prairiewood 4th Addition**
- ll) **Project #7764.88, District #539 Deferred Sanitary Sewer Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- mm) **Project #7765.88, District #334 Deferred Watermain Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- nn) **Project #7766, District #540 Storm Sewer Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- oo) **Project #7766.88, District #540 Deferred Storm Sewer Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- pp) **Project #7767, District #711 Paving Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- qq) **Project #7767.88, District #711 Deferred Paving Crary's 6th Resubdivision**
- rr) **Project #7768, District #541 Stormwater Ponds Crary's Additions**
- ss) **Project #7768.88, District #541 Deferred Stormwater Ponds Crary's Additions**
- tt) **Project #7790, District #544 Sanitary Sewer Tri-State Addition**
- uu) **Project #7791, District #714 Alley Paving Block 2, Hubert's Addition**

- vv) Project #7794.1, District #715.1 Mill & Overlay North 20th Street**
- ww) Project #7794.2, District #715.2 Mill & Overlay South 20th Street**
- xx) Project #7794.3, District #715.3 Mill & Overlay Belmont Road**
- yy) Project #7794.4, District #715.4 Mill & Overlay 27th & 25th Avenue South & South 19th Street**
- zz) Project #7795 District #716 Alley Paving Block 2, University Place Addition**
- aaa) Project #7807, District #549 Storm Sewer 57th Avenue South**
- bbb) Project #7808, District #335 Watermain 57th Avenue South**
- ccc) Project #7810, District #215 Street Lighting North 53rd Street & 12th Avenue North**
- ddd) Project #7811, District #216 Street Lighting South 47th Street & South 48th Street**
- eee) Project #7878.1, District #721.1 Concrete Panel Repair Belmont Road (32nd Ave S-Park Dr)**
- fff) Project #7878.2, District #721.2 Concrete Panel Repair Belmont Road (32nd Ave S-47th Ave S)**
- ggg) Project #7878.3, District #721.3 Concrete Panel Repair 11th Avenue South**
- hhh) Project #7923.1, District #724 Mill & Overlay Cherry Street**

No protests were heard. Laffen moved to approve the special assessments for 2018. The motion was seconded by Graf. Aye: All. Motion carried.

Poykko moved to approve the 2018 Special Assessment Project Findings. The motion was seconded by Graf. Aye: All. Motion carried.

Ms. Storstad thanked and congratulated President Lonnie Laffen for 25 years of service to the City of Grand Forks as a Special Assessment Commissioner.

Laffen stated that he serves in the Senate and on the Finance & Tax Committee. The committee receives many questions and deals with the statewide issues associated with special assessments. He commended the City on how we manage special assessments.

Mark Walker stated that an error exists in the projects listing. Project #7878.1, District #721.1 Concrete Panel Repair Belmont Road (32nd Ave S-Park Dr) should be corrected to Belmont Road (17th Ave S-Park Dr).

Poykko moved to approve the 2018 special assessments with the correction to Project #7878.1. The motion was seconded by Graf. Aye: All. Motion carried.

Poykko moved to adjourn, with a second by Graf. Aye: All. Motion carried.

The hearings adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lund,
Accounting Specialist