



Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting - Monday, December 1, 2014, Contois Auditorium 12/1/2014

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Members present

Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger

Meeting called to order at 9:44PM

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Motion to Approve/Amend the Agenda (proposed amendment to move 2.04 to deliberative item 3.01 per Councilor Bushor) and 2.06 to 3.02

Motion to Approve/Amend the Agenda as amended

Motion by Jane Knodell, second by Sharon Bushor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

2. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent), Procedural: 2.01 Motion to Approve/Amend the Consent Agenda taking the following actions as indicated

Resolution: Motion to Approve/Amend the Consent Agenda taking the following actions as indicated

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery



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Action (Consent), Communication: 2.02 Communication: C/T Office, re: BTA Notice

Resolution: waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.03 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Howard & Nancy Dolan, 250 North Winooski Avenue, 044-3-152-000

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.05 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Helen Gokey, 1928 North Avenue, 023-3-064-000

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.07 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Timothy & Heidi Parker, 119 Prospect Parkway, 058-1-111-000

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.



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Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.08 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Carolyn Payne, 43 Northshore Drive, 021-2-211-043

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.09 Request for Abatement of Taxes: James & Kerry Stout, 545 South Prospect Street Unit 4, 054-3-010-004

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.10 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Francis & Birgit Bozek, 166 Appletree Point Road, 027-4-136-000

Resolution: waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Jane Knodell.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

3. Deliberative



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Action: 3.01 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Vera & Philip Brothers, 79 Cross Parkway, 028-1-100-000 (was Consent Item 2.04)

Councilor Bushor stated the Committee denied this due to a lack of evidence and inquired if they had requested more evidence. Councilor Mason stated they requested that the City Assessor seek more information but they did not receive a response. Councilor Bushor stated they need to do more for elderly citizens struggling to pay taxes.

Councilor Hartnett stated these decisions are very difficult.

Councilor Ayres stated he will vote against the motion to deny the request.

Councilor Knodell stated this seems like a severe hardship and she will vote against the denial to be consistent with other cases they have heard.

Councilor Mason noted that Ms. Pader produced documentation demonstrating the hardship. She appeared and answered questions. They did not receive this documentation from the Brothers'.

Councilor Bushor stated she believes that the Committee has done a good job, but the City has more work to do to address these issues.

Waive the Reading and Deny the Request for Abatement of Taxes

Motion by Chip Mason, second by Dave Hartnett.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Norm Blais, Dave Hartnett, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

Nay: Tom Ayres, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Max Tracy

Action: 3.02 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Jennifer Pader, 50 Saratoga Avenue, 033-3-044-000 (formerly item 2.06)

Waive the reading and abate the August and November tax installments

Motion by Chip Mason, second by Dave Hartnett.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Joan Shannon, Miro Weinberger, John Vickery

4. Adjournment





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Action, Procedural: 4.01 Motion to Adjourn

Without objection, Mayor Weinberger adjourned the meeting at 9:57pm.