



Full Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting - Monday, August 11, 2014 - Contois Auditorium 8/11/2014

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Members present

Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery

Absent

Dave Hartnett

Also present

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney, Richard Haesler, Asst. City Attorney, Gene Bergman, Asst. City Attorney, Rich Goodwin, Asst. CAO, Bob Rusten, CAO, Lori Olberg, Licensing Clerk

Meeting called to order at 10:04 PM

1. Agenda

Action: 1.01 Approve/Amend the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to remove from the consent agenda item 2.04 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Cori Fine, 106 Rose Street Unit 8, 039-2-019-008 and place it on the deliberative agenda as item 3.02 (per Cori Fine)

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery

2. Consent Agenda

Action: 2.01 Approve/Amend the Consent Agenda



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Motion to approve/amend the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery

Action, Communication: 2.02 Notice City of Burlington Full Board of Abatement of Taxes

Waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery

Action (Consent): 2.03 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Burlington Electric Department, John Irving, 585 Pine Street, 040-1-002-002

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

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery, Jane Knodell

Action (Consent): 2.05 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Helene McHugh, 15 Bittersweet Lane, 057-3-044-000

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

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.



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Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery, Jane Knodell

Action (Consent): 2.06 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Aimee Stephenson, 2 Southwind Drive, 056-4-045-002

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

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery, Jane Knodell

Action (Consent): 2.07 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Genevieve Watson (Faherty), 37 Greene Street, 045-2-072-000

Resolution: waive the reading and abate the late payment interest

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery, Jane Knodell

3. Deliberative Agenda

Action: 3.01 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Katherine & Jordan Romm, 58 Bayview Street, 054-1-035-000

Councilor Bushor spoke against granting the abatement because she feels it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to make the payments accurately and on time. Councilor Brennan stated they felt there was a shared responsibility between the taxpayer and the Clerk's Office and decided to grant the abatement. Councilor Bushor inquired if there is precedence for this type of abatement. John Vickery, Assessor, stated they have not come up against this situation before. Councilor Mason spoke in favor of the abatement.

Grant Abatement of Taxes and Accept the Findings of Fact and Reasons

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Karen Paul.



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Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Selene Colburn, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon, John Vickery

Nay: Sharon Bushor, Jane Knodell, Max Tracy

Action: 3.02 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Cori Fine, 106 Rose Street Unit 8, 039-2-019-008 (formerly 2.04)

Abate the difference between non-homestead tax and homestead declaration tax and accept the findings of fact and reason

Motion by Vince Brennan, second by Norm Blais

Motion not voted on

Cori Fine, taxpayer, stated they had originally requested to have their taxes abated to the residential rate. She would also like to request abatement to include a state payment adjustment in the amount of \$1,147.29 to include both the homestead adjustment and state payment adjustment.

refer to Tax Abatement Committee.

Motion by Sharon Bushor, second by Kurt Wright.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Tom Ayres, Norm Blais, Vince Brennan, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Rachel Siegel, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, John Vickery

Nay: Joan Shannon

4. Adjournment

Without objection, Acting Mayor Shannon adjourned the meeting at 10:20pm.

