



Joint Special Meeting of the Board of City Commission & Special Assessment Task Force Subcommittee

8/9/2022 - Minutes

Call to Order

The Board of City Commissioners met in a special session on August 9, 2022, at the hour of 3:00 PM in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City/County Office Building, 221 North Fifth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Commissioners present included: Commissioner Cleary, Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Splonskowski, Commissioner Zenker, and Mayor Schmitz.

The Special Assessment Task Force Subcommittee met in special session on August 9, 2022, at the hour of 3:00 PM in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City/County Office Building, 221 North Fifth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Committee members present included Kate Herzog, Dustin Gawrylow, Kevin Strege, and Commission Splonskowski.

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSION & THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Discussion of Special Assessment Task Force Subcommittee Recommendations

Commissioner Splonskowski provided an update reporting on the activities of the SATF Subcommittee. Commissioner Splonskowski noted that the committee was not able to develop a unanimous consensus on the tired system to establish a monthly street utility fee structure. He noted that some members preferred as many as six tiers, while others preferred three tiers.

Kevin Strege discussed a different model based on square footage where each parcel would have a unique value based on the size of the lot.

The committee expressed concerns with the limited timeline to help educate voters on the proposed street utility fee system noting that draft ballot language would be due to the County Auditor no later than September 6, 2022.

Commissioner Marquardt made a motion to thank the SATF for their hard work and to move the discussion to the City Commission table for further decisions, and Commissioner Cleary Seconded.

Upon a roll call vote, all vote aye.

M/C.

The Commission received public comments from David Witham, Larry Thielen, Michael Connelly, and Vaughn Jund. Those that spoke expressed concerns with the proposed tiered structure and the proposed monthly rate. Mr. Jund noted concerns with the fairness of the proposed system. He also is concerned for property owners who paid their specials off early; the proposed model to pay off existing debt would inflate the overall monthly fees. Mr. Jund closed by urging the Commission to consider not paying off the existing special assessment debt balance.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.

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