



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: October 6, 2009
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation and Public Works Committee
Subject: **Public Sidewalk Repair and Construction: Assessment Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

Passage of a Resolution adopting the assessments in the total amount of \$1,330,890.97, levying the assessments, adopting the assessment rolls and directing the City Clerk to transmit certified copies of the assessment rolls to the Hennepin County Auditor.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Dan Bauer, Supervisor, Sidewalk Inspections

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval__	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Civil Rights	Approval__	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy Review Group	Approval__	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

Financial Impact

Special assessment against benefited properties

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification Public hearing notices sent out.
City Goals: The city's infrastructure will be well-maintained.
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

The properties on the list dated August 24, 2009 had sidewalk repair and construction work done during 2008 and 2009 by the City's sidewalk contractors. They have been notified that a special assessment for the new sidewalk, plus interest, would be added to the real estate taxes if the charges are not paid through the billing process.

The amount to be assessed as special assessment principal is the cost of the work plus the sidewalk overhead charge. The sidewalk overhead charge is 10% of the cost of the work with a cap of \$50. The total principal amount of the proposed assessments on the list of properties dated August 24, 2009, less prepayments received, is \$1,330,890.97. Assessments of more than \$1500 would be collected over 10 years beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest. Assessments of more than \$150 up to \$1500 would be collected over 5 years beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest. The interest rate will be determined by the assessment bond sale. Assessments of \$150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest.

The amount of assessments proposed to be collected over 1, 5 and 10 years are:

1 year	\$ 22,598.58
5 years	\$961,617.26
10 years	\$346,675.13

Information has been provided in the Notices mailed to property owners/taxpayers as to how persons may prepay the assessments in full without interest charges if they so choose.

The Minneapolis City Council has passed Resolutions whereby a deferment of special assessment may be obtained by showing hardship for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability.

Notice translations were included with each mailing to accommodate non-English speaking residents and provided them with a phone number for a translator they could call for more information.

Attachment 1: Sidewalk Assessment List dated 8/24/09

T&PW – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments and adopting the assessment rolls for the repair and construction of public sidewalks on the list of properties set forth in Petn No _____.

Colvin Roy

Adopting the assessments, levying the assessments and adopting the assessment rolls for the repair and construction of public sidewalks on the list of properties set forth in Petn No _____.

Whereas, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2009 in accordance with Chapter 8, Sections 12 and 13 of the Minneapolis City Charter to consider the proposed assessments as shown on the proposed assessment rolls on file in the Office of the City Clerk and to consider all written and oral objections and statements regarding this matter;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the proposed assessments against the affected properties on the list dated August 24, 2009 set forth in Petn No _____, less prepayments received, in the total amount of \$1,330,890.97 and as shown on the proposed assessment rolls on file in the Office of the City Clerk, hereby are adopted and levied.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of more than \$1500 be collected in ten (10) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of more than \$150 up to \$1500 be collected in five (5) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of \$150 or less be collected in one (1) installment on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessment rolls as prepared by the City Engineer be and hereby are adopted and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of the assessment rolls to the Hennepin County Auditor.