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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works *PAV*

DATE: October 6, 2016

RE: Request from Alderperson Siebers that special assessments for sanitary laterals, storm sewer and storm sewer laterals for properties on Fair Street that are zoned Commercial and R3 with single family residential use be assessed as Single Family.

The Special Assessment Policy, adopted by the City Council annually, establishes assessment rates based on zoning, not usage. This philosophy has been debated many times over the 100 plus years of our Assessment Policy. The policy has continued to be based on zoning as it is an easily documented way to levy assessments versus use which could change without documentation (i.e. the City's parcel information includes a zoning category, but not a use category).

The properties being assessed as part of the Fair Street Project are as follows:

TAX ID	Owner's Name	Property Address	Mailing Address	Assessment	If Single family
5-1132	Stacey Staffeld	214 N. Fair Street	214 N. Fair Street	\$ 3,070.40	\$ 760.00
5-1134	Marc Daverveld	210 N. Fair Street	210 N. Fair Street	\$ 2,898.00	\$ 722.00
5-1136	Deanna Siewert	202 N. Fair Street	202 N. Fair Street	\$ 3,096.00	\$ 760.00
5-1143	Francine Rabideau	219 N. Fair Street	219 N. Fair Street	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 760.00
5-1145	Michael Weber	211 N. Fair Street	63 Bellaire Court	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 760.00
5-1146	James Christman ET AL	209 N. Fair Street	PO Box 2372	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 760.00
5-1149	Michael Laux	139 N. Fair Street	Mequon, WI	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 760.00
			TOTAL	\$ 19,144.40	\$ 5,282.00

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Attachment

July 4
September 5
November 24 & 25
December 23, 24, 25

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State: Wisconsin
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Fax Number: Not answered

Comments/Questions

I have a situation in my district - 200 block of North Fair Street. Sewer and lateral work was done on the street. The block has a mix of zoning - mostly commercial - though all the usage is residential - and much is single family and on the low end of the value scale. Here is the problem, they got their assessment notices and at least two of them have stated that they feel the assessments are unfair when compared to assessments of areas nearby - because those properties are zoned residential. Is there any avenue these property owners can take in seeing if their assessments can be reduced? Alderperson William Siebers

Thank you,
Appleton, WI

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