



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2008

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN KUHARSIN

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to consider the report, expenses to recover costs for abatement of vacant or abandoned building and assess civil penalties located at 1389 Lawry Avenue. PROPERTY OWNER: NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TR BANK DEUTSCHE NATIONAL TR CO TRS (General Fund) - Ward 5 (Barlow)

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$3,946.85

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Neighborhood Services/Response

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The condition of the property was a public hazard and an attractive nuisance. The Department of Neighborhood Services declared the property in violation and started legal notification. When no corrective action was taken nor an appeal filed the Department of Neighborhood Services hired C. H. Construction. To date, there have been five (5) inspections conducted at this location. The value of the property based on the sale date of June 2007 was \$153,658.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council: Approve the report of expenses in the amount of \$3,946.85 for work completed by C. H. Construction, and that the above charges be filed and recorded against the property, constituting a special assessment and lien, and authorize that the Notice and Lien of Assessment be duly recorded with the County Treasurer.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Location Maps
3. Report of Expenses
4. Contractor Disclosure
5. Notice of Public Hearing
6. Chronological List of Events
7. Copy of the Notice and Claim of Lien

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve as recommended

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-OSCAR B. GOODMAN)

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Minutes:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing open.

A videotape was shown depicting the condition of the property, but a copy was not submitted for the minutes.

The applicant was not present.

DEVIN SMITH, Manager of the Neighborhood Response Division, read the Purpose/Background and Recommendation sections and detailed the abatement work performed by C. H. Construction.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, stated that given the City's \$20 million budget shortfall, it could not afford to increase its budget deficit. He questioned the location of the corporate offices of Deutsche Bank, noting that the City should not be made responsible for the cost of the repairs.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked Neighborhood Response staffs work in these matters. He noted that MR. McGOWAN brought up a good point. With the mortgage turmoil, which is expected to continue for the next year or two, he directed Neighborhood Services staff to meet with him to discuss what the City could do to address the issue of maintenance of unsightly vacant properties that are being foreclosed and owned by banks.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing closed.

