



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 60.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 15, 2009

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN KUHARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to consider the report, expenses to recover costs for abatement of nuisance at 3724 Taj Mahal Drive in the amount of \$3,524 (General Fund) and assess a maximum of \$41,200 in daily civil penalties. PROPERTY OWNER: Henry Bennett - Ward 6 (Ross)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$3,524

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 702 Services to remove all refuse and waste including damaged decorative fencing and debris, trim, cut, remove all weeds/turf grass exceeding eight (8) inches in height in all yards. To date, there have been seven (7) inspections conducted at this location. The value of the property based on the sale date of November 2005 was \$312,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council: Approve the report of expenses to include \$1,000 invoice for 702 Services in addition to other fees assessed for a total of \$3,524 and consider assessing a maximum of \$41,200 in daily civil penalties.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

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

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve an assessment of \$3,524 and civil penalties of \$41,200

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

RICKI Y. BARLOW, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, DAVID W. STEINMAN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-STEVE WOLFSON); (Excused-LOIS TARKANIAN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN)

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Minutes:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing open.

DEVIN SMITH, Manager of Neighborhood Response, read the Purpose/Background and Recommendation sections.

A videotape was shown, but a copy not submitted.

The property owner was not present.

COUNCILMAN ROSS pointed out the property owner struggled to keep this property, but it now is owned by the bank who is not taking care of it. He thanked staff for their efforts to work with homeowners and observed that the City has made every effort to work with the banks who are not responsive.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked MR. SMITH to explain how the City recoups the money spent on abating these properties and wondered if non-profit organizations would have an opportunity to acquire these properties for affordable housing. MR. SMITH explained that after this item is approved, the lien is recorded on the property. A non-profit organization acquired the property, the City would work with them to present a package to the Council indicating how the City and its residents would benefit. The Council could then decide to reduce or remove those fees.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing closed.

