



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 54.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 20, 2009

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 dangerous building located at 4495 Las Lomas Avenue in the amount of \$2,271.75 (General Fund) and assess a maximum of \$35,550 in daily civil penalties. PROPERTY OWNER: DANNIL BASSLER - Ward 1 (Tarkanian)

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$2,271.75

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 Weaver Construction, Inc. To date, there have been four (4) inspections conducted at this location. The value of the property based on the sale date of May 1982 was \$54,600.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council: Approve the report of expenses to include \$1,125 for work completed by Weaver Construction, Inc in addition to other fees assessed for a total of \$2,271.75 and consider assessing a maximum of \$35,550 in daily civil penalties.

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 GARY REESE to Approve an assessment of \$2,271.75 and civil penalties of \$35,550

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

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Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN 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 was not submitted.

The property owner was not present.

MAYOR GOODMAN explained that the City uses fees and penalties as a last resort to address blighted properties and to bring the property's condition to the attention of the owner. The fees are placed as a lien on the property and the City has been receiving substantial payments from banks as those properties are sold. MAYOR GOODMAN explained that the fees and penalties were not intended to be punitive and encouraged property owners to work with the City to address these properties.

COUNCILMAN REESE stated that he had worked with COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN on this item and explained that he voted for the maximum assessment and civil penalties because the property owner had been non-responsive.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

