

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 4, 2011

DEPARTMENT: BUILDING AND SAFETY

DIRECTOR: CHRIS KNIGHT

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing and possible action to consider the report of expenses to recover costs for abatement of nuisance located at 568 Bonita Avenue in the amount of \$4,187.50 (General Fund) and assess a maximum of \$33,050 in daily civil penalties. PROPERTY OWNER: DRU A HICKS Ward 3 (Reese)

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Budget Funds Available

Augmentation Required

Amount: \$4,187.50

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Building and Safety/Neighborhood Response

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The condition of the property was a public hazard and an attractive nuisance. The Department of Building and Safety declared the property in violation and started legal notification. When no corrective action was taken nor an appeal filed, the Department of Building and Safety hired American Demolition to board all open doors and windows, remove all trash and debris, and remove all high grass, weeds, and dead vegetation. To date, there have been eight (8) inspections conducted at this location. The estimated value of the property based on Zillow.com is \$111,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council: Approve the report of expenses to include \$970 invoice for American Demolition in addition to other fees assessed for a total of \$4,187.50 and consider assessing a maximum of \$33,050 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
8. Submitted at Meeting Site Photos by Staff

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve an assessment of \$4,187.50 and civil penalties of \$33,050.00

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Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

Minutes:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing open.

DEVIN SMITH, Neighborhood Response Manager, submitted site photos for the record, read the Purpose and Background Sections and recommended assessing \$1,187.50 for the abatement and \$33,050.00 in civil penalties. He added that the bank was notified by Certified Mail twice and the prior property owner was notified four times; both did not respond.

The property owner was not present.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, asked if the trees could be watered.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE verified that the property was watered eight times and four attempts were made to notify the property owner; one letter was accepted but the rest were returned.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing Closed.

