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**MINUTES for TAX ABATEMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014
CITY HALL, ROOM 17
5:30pm**

Board Members Present: Councilors-Vince Brennan (Chair), Chip Mason, David Hartnett, John Vickery, City Assessor BTA Board.

Staff: Kenneth Nosek, Associate Assessor, Jeff Herwood, City Financial Assistant to the CAO, Eugene Bergman BTA Council.

Appellants Present: Sherrill Musty, Aimee Stephenson, Cori Fine, BED (John M. Irving, Manager or Generation), Bill Ellis (Representing McNeil Joint Owners), and Genevieve Watson (Faherty)(telephone communication).

Appellants Absent: Helene & William McHugh, Katherine & Jordan Romm

Motion: Chip Mason made motion to open the meeting

1. Agenda & Introductions

2. Public Forum

3. Consideration of Requests for Property Tax Abatement

Sherrill Musty, 85 Crescent Rd. 058-1-078-000

Motion: Vince Brennan made motion to defer to time uncertain. Request another meeting with Sherrill Musty to gather more information. Committee agreed with this.

Aimee Stephenson, 2 Southwind Dr. 056-4-045-002

Recommendation: Unanimous recommendation to deny abatement request.

Cori Fine, 106 Rose St. #8. 039-2-019-008

Recommendation: Unanimous recommendation to abate the tax difference between the Non-homestead tax and Homestead declaration tax.

Burlington Electric Department, 111 Intervale Rd. 040-1-002-002

Recommendation: Unanimous recommendation to abate the amount due the City minus \$200,000, such abatement being contingent and conditioned on the Joint Owners' full payment of the \$200,000 contemporaneously with the abatement. Without the contemporaneous \$200,000 payment, no abatement is recommended.

Genevieve Watson (Faherty), 37 Greene St. 045-2-072-000

Recommendation: Unanimous recommendation to abate the late payment interest

Helene L. McHugh, 15 Bittersweet Ln. 057-3-044-000

Recommendation: Unanimously recommend to deny.

Katherine & Jordan Romm, 58 Bittersweet St. 054-1-035-000

Recommendation: On a 2-1 vote (Mason & Brennan for and Hartnett against) the committee recommends the interest be abated on the ground of manifest justice.

Councilor Hartnett recommends against abatement for reasons of personal accountability because payment should be on time and written correctly.

EVIDENTIARY SESSION

- **Review of Policies and Procedures constituting abatement**

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Motion: Councilor Hartnett made motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mason seconded.
Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

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