

November 7, 2016

FILE NUMBER 160916

To the Judiciary and Legislation Committee

Subject: 2017 Special Assessment Rates

Dear Honorable Members:

On September 2, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 080034 which set forth minimum recovery ratios for special assessments. As part of the 2017 Capital Budget proposal, the minimum recovery rate for alleys was increased from 30% to 50%. In addition, File Number 000974 directed that the assessment rates be adjusted as necessary to conform to the ratios. The proposed increase in walk, driveway approaches and speed humps is due to increase in construction costs.

For your information, we are proposing that the 2017 rates be increased as shown in Exhibit A.

In compliance with the Council directives, we will implement the 2017 special assessment rates upon acceptance of this file. Attached are the following five exhibits.

Exhibits "A" and "B" - Charts listing major assessable construction items, 2014-2016 bid costs including engineering and overhead, current and proposed special assessment rates.

Exhibit "C" - A chart which indicates the effects of the proposed rates for a typical lot for several types of improvements.

Exhibits "D" and "E" - Charts listing a 30+ year history for various types of improvements, the rates and the proposed special assessment rates for 2016.

We will be pleased to meet with the committee and answer questions concerning the rate changes.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Enclosures

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Mr. Tim Thur (w/attachments)