

WHITE BEAR LAKE a City of Lakes & Legends

2020 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

September 4, 2020

RE: Assessment Hearing for the 2020 Street Reconstruction Project

Circle Drive, Cottage Park Road, Lakeview Avenue and Bellaire Avenue

City Project Nos. 20-01 and 20-06

Dear Property Owners:

The street reconstruction project in your neighborhood is substantially complete. While we recognize the inconvenience and disruption you experienced, the project was completed with very few setbacks due to the hard and competent work of the contractor, T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc., and their subcontractors.

The City Council is preparing for the last step in the improvement process, which is finalizing the assessments. The Council has ordered a Public Hearing for this purpose to be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.</u> The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow property owners to express any concerns regarding the proposed assessment. Due to COVID-19, the public hearing will be conducted via electronic means utilizing the Zoom platform as allowed under Minnesota Statues, Section 13D.021. The public notices tab on the left side of the City's website at https://www.whitebearlake.org/ will have more information on how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically. Call the City Clerk at 651-762-4821 if you need more assistance.

APPEAL PROCESS: An owner may appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.081, by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk. However, please note that no appeal may be taken as to the amount of any individual assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to the assessment hearing. The City Council may consider any such objection at the hearing or may continue the hearing and request additional information from the staff before acting on the objection.

Enclosed with this letter you will find:

- Official Notice of Assessment Hearing: This document notifies property owners of the Public Hearing that will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 via electronic means, utilizing the Zoom platform. A full notice will also be published in the White Bear Press in the September 9th issue.
- Paying Assessments: Frequently Asked Questions: This handout answers the most common questions asked during the assessment process.
- **Proposed Assessment:** This sheet shows your proposed assessment for this project.

If the Council adopts the assessment roll, you will be mailed notification of their action, a final assessment notice indicating the exact amount your property will be assessed, methods of payment available and the payment deadline.

The Engineering Department would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during this street reconstruction project. We realize there were inconveniences that you had to deal with, and we appreciate your willingness to cooperate with the construction crews during critical periods of the project.

We hope you enjoy the new improvements that have been constructed, as we are confident they will serve you well for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Kauppi, P.E.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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Attachments: Official Notice of Assessment Hearing

Paying Assessments: Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed Assessment