REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: 1/5/04 3

AGENDA SECTION: Letters & Petitions	ORIGINATING DEPT: City Administrator	ITEM NO. C-1
ITEM DESCRIPTION: Mr. Rene Lawson wishes to address the Council regarding sidewalk assessment		PREPARED BY: T. Spaeth

Mr. Lawson addressed the Council this past spring regarding a concern about a sidewalk repair assessment. Public works staff reviewed the situation, and Mr. Kvenvold provided a written response to Mr. Lawson's concern. Mr. Lawson subsequently submitted a letter to Mr. Kvenvold.

City staff was of the opinion that this matter was resolved. Mr. Lawson wishes to be heard at this time.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Provide opportunity for Mr. Lawson to address Council.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by:_____ Second by:_____ to:

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7/25/03

Stevan Kvenvold
City Administrator
City Administrator's Office 201 4th Street SE Room266
Rochester, MN 55904-3781

Ref: Your ltr of 5/6/03
Subj: Sidewalk Assessment

Dear Mr. Kvenvold

I also apologize for the length of time in responding to you, I have had out of state parental health issues to deal with.

As you indicate, there is no definite date or record as to the construction of the sidewalk It is my contention that the sidewalk is not more than 10 years old and therefor I should not be assessed. The tree that was on the boulevard that caused the sidewalk to buckle was recently removed by city crews on Tuesday, 7/22. I was unaware that this removal was to take place.

Sincerely,

Rene Lawson
Homeowner/Taxpayer

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May 6, 2003

Rene P. Lawson
430 5th Street SW
Rochester MN 55902

RE: Sidewalk Assessment

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I apologize for the length of time in responding to your request about the age of your sidewalk for which you received your sidewalk repair assessment.

I referred this matter to the Public Works department for information and they have informed me that there is no definite record of the year your sidewalk was constructed, but it appears that it is older than 20 years. If your sidewalk would have been constructed in the recent past, construction records would have existed as to the date of construction.

Since your sidewalk is older than 20 years, you will not receive any prorated credit against the reconstruction expense.

Sincerely,

Stevan E. Kvenvold
City Administrator

c: R. Freese
J. Wellner

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