

BOARD OF REVIEW

Time and Place: Monday, May 18, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Members Present: Russ Tonelli, Carmen Siegel, Dennis Nicoliasen, Gary Klingbeil (alt)

Others Present: Nan Giese, Anne Jacobson, Tara Alfonso, Toni Rayala, Jeremy Ray, Rick Rubow

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Stats., Notice of this meeting was posted in three public buildings (City Hall, County Courthouse and Public Library) and faxed to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Toni Rayala.

1) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Rayala requested nominations for the position of Chair of the Board. Siegel was nominated by Nicoliasen, second by Tonelli. No further nominations were made. Roll call vote: Tonelli yes, Siegel yes, Nicoliasen yes, Klingbeil yes. Motion passed by vote of 4 to 0. Siegel was elected to the position of Chair.

Rayala requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Klingbeil nominated, second by Siegel, Tonelli to the position of Vice Chair. No other nominations were made and by way of roll call vote of 4-0, Siegel yes, Nicoliasen yes, Tonelli yes, Klingbeil yes. Tonelli was elected to the position of Vice Chair.

2) DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF REVIEW PROCEDURES & CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 70.26(4)

There was general discussion and questions regarding new laws in place for this year's Board of Review. Rayala read into the record the Wisconsin Act 228, Statutes 70.47(8) HEARING. The board shall hear upon oath all persons who appear before it in relation to the assessment. Instead of appearing in person at the hearing, the board may allow the property owner, or the property owner's representative, at the request of either person, to appear before the board, under oath, by telephone or to submit written statements, under oath, to the board.

Alfonso explained that board has the option, if they would like, to allow any property owner or their representative to testify over the phone or submit statements under oath. The question is, does the board want to do that. The best way to do that would be to set up procedures for this, also making sure the objectors have complied with all other statutory requirements.

The second change is Wisconsin Statutes 70.47(8m) HEARING WAIVER. The board may, at the request of the taxpayer or assessor, or at its own discretion, waive the hearing of an objection under sub. (8) or, in a 1st class city, under sub. (16) and allow the taxpayer to have the taxpayer's assessment reviewed under sub. (13). For purposes of this subsection, the board shall submit the notice of decision under sub. (12) using the amount of the taxpayer's assessment as the final amount. For purposes of this subsection, if the board waives the hearing, the waiver disallows the taxpayer's claim on excessive assessment under s. 74.37(3) and , notwithstanding the time period under s.74.37(3)(d), the taxpayer has 60 days from the notice of the hearing waiver in which to commence an action under s.74.37(3)(d).

The Board postponed any action on either proposed policy or ordinance until another time yet to be determined.

Giese respectfully requested that, as possible, objections get scheduled within the designed timeframe for

hearings and not postponed and rescheduled later in the year, so that the budget can stay on a reasonable timeline.

Rayala reported that all present are qualified to serve on the Board of Review. The members have taken the appropriate training on May 5, 2015 (Klingbeil, Siegel, Tonelli and Nicoliasen). The certification covers a two year period. Rayala also stated the certification documentation has been placed on file in city records and the appropriate affidavit was sent to the State Department of Revenue as required by statute on May 6, 2015.

3) ADJOURN TO ANOTHER DATE NOT YET DETERMINED

Motion by Tonelli, second by Siegel to adjourn today's meeting and to reconvene at another date yet to be determined. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Toni Rayala
City Clerk