

Item 23-0507: Request from [Rachel C. at address] to have her sidewalk snow removal assessment of \$75 waived

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, May 08, 2023, 4:30PM

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 09:16

Next action item is 23-0507 the request from **[Rachel C (address)]** to have her sidewalk snow removal assessment of \$75 waived. Do I have a motion?

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 09:30

Move to deny.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 09:32

We have a motion to denied. We have a second?

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 09:34

Second.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 09:35

We have a motion to deny in a second. So any discussion? And we'll—actually I should start first by saying this is in Alder Fenton's district, and Alder Fenton is unable to be here. But they did send an email with a question. I was hoping staff could answer for us. So the report states that the area was blue salted. Were the photos taken before or after any action was taken by the inspector? If someone who could answer that.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 10:24

I can answer that one. It looks like the photos were taken before it was blue salted.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 10:31

Thank you. Any other questions from committee? Alder Meltzer?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 10:40

Thank you. Would it make sense to hold this given that the individual is not present and her aldersperson is not able to be here?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 10:53

Would anyone have any objection to holding this item until our next municipal services meeting? Alder Siebers?

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 11:01

I'm going to assume the person knew that this meeting was going to happen. And Aldersperson Fenton, you know, did ask one question via the email. So what purpose would we have in terms of holding it for two weeks?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 11:26

I guess I would find it helpful. I don't see in here anywhere the requester explaining maybe what sort of a hardship they might have had or anything. I just don't see—I don't see any information to that effect in this document.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 11:41

Do we have anything that we received beyond the information that is attached to the item? Anything from the homeowner?

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 11:53

I don't have anything in writing. No.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 11:55

Okay. Thank you. I do know that Alder Fenton had hoped to be here but is unable to be here today. Alder Fenton did not ask to hold this item, but I do assume maybe they would like to have the answer to this question. And I guess I would say that if this was in my district, I would hope that someone could hold it for me. But if the if Alder Siebers objects, I suppose we'd have to take a vote. We'd have to have a motion to hold. Do we have a motion?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 12:32

I'll make a motion to hold at this time.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 12:34

Is there a second? Okay, I think I'll second it just for discussion. Alder Hartzheim?

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 12:46

Thank you, chair. The report attached said it was 441 hours, 441 and a half hours after the end of the snow event. So there was a lot of time in between there. And I feel like that maybe doesn't necessarily merit an additional amount of time, because this person will still also have the ability to come forward at Common Council where we will make the final vote on this. So I would prefer that the committee continue with an actual action on this.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 13:17

I think that that's a fair assessment. I mean, this is not a final—this is not a final decision, and Alder Fenton does plan to be back at meetings this Wednesday, so we'd be hopeful Alder Fenton could discuss this further at Council if necessary. So with that said, then I would withdraw my second for the hold. Is there another second for the hold? Okay, so then that item would fail for lack of a second. So we can go ahead and take a vote—I'm sorry, go ahead, Alder.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 13:51

I was just going to point out that it appears in the information we have the homeowner had some correspondence with staff, was aware that this meeting was taking place today as well. So it wasn't for lack of notice I guess to the homeowner as well. So I feel comfortable just voting on it and moving it forward for Council. As Alder Hartzheim said there's certainly opportunity to take other action on it at that point as well.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:19

I think that sounds fair. So with that we will take a vote on the denial. All those in favor of the denial say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 14:28

Nay.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:30
That motion passes three to one.