

Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
10 February 15

Committee Members Present: Councilpersons Amy Richter, Leslie Rhoden, & Kitty Zech. Others present: Council President Debbie Slaughter, Councilpersons Bill Clark, Dennis Dinkelacker, & Jim Martin. Also present were 2 college students from the Thomas More College Community Nursing Program Jackie Raabe, & Kathy Castiglioni

Meeting was opened by chairman Sunderhaus @ 7:05 pm. Purpose of meeting is to consider a request from resident homeowner to have his 2-family home listed as a single family for the garbage fee as he has no intention of renting the other unit out. Our billing is completed by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works & is based on how properties are listed with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

Chairman Sunderhaus contacted the cities of Deer Park, Silverton, Forest Park, Mason, & North College Hill. The only city he was able to speak directly to the person in charge was Deer Park. The other municipalities folks were on vacation, out of the office, or did not return calls. Janet @ Deer Park stated that they stuck strictly to what was on the Hamilton County Auditors Records without exception. She indicated that they did not have the man power & where-with-all to administrate a shadow exception system.

Chairman Sunderhaus initiated the discussion by reiterating the comments of Janet from Deer Park. We contracted with the Water Works to collect the fee & their billing guideline is how a property is listed with the auditors office. If we were to begin any exception program we would have to administrate & enforce it thus negating the reasons it was set up as it is now. Discussion ensued with all present having an opportunity to speak their thoughts. One can change how their property is listed with the Auditor's Office albeit a major undertaking moving a property from a multi-family to a single family. The committee members decided not to recommend any changes or initiate any shadow exception program at this time. It was noted that there is only one request the committee is aware of at this time & the fact that we (the city) would have to administrate & enforce any such action would be prohibitive. Meeting was adjourned @ 7: 23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Sunderhaus, Chairman