

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
**Date:** 4/5/2016  
**Referral:** Ways & Means  
**From:** City Attorney's Office  
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**File type:** Action  
**Subcategory:** Settlement

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**Subject:**

Legal Settlement – Basilica of St. Mary, v. City of Minneapolis, Court File No. 27-CV-15-10749

**Description:**

Approving the settlement of the Special Assessment Appeal brought in the matter of Basilica of St. Mary, v. City of Minneapolis, Court File No. 27-CV-15-10749, in which the City will reassess and/or amend certain special assessments associated with the Nicollet Mall Reconstruction; at 1600 Hennepin Ave. (PID 2702924230002), 1601 Laurel Ave. (PID 2702924220059) and 1604 Laurel Ave. (PID 2702924220071):

- 1600 Hennepin Ave. (PID 2702924230002) assessment would be changed from \$35,820.23, to be reassessed for \$28,083.00.
- 1601 Laurel Ave. (PID 2702924220059) assessment would be changed from \$4,690.98, to be reassessed for \$3,677.00.
- 1604 Laurel Ave. (PID 2702924220071) assessment would be changed from \$ 1581.89, to be reassessed for \$1,240.

And further authorize the City Attorney's Office, and the Department of Public Works, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**Previous Actions:**

Special Assessment Levy – 2015R-217

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**Ward/Address:**

Ward 7

1600 Hennepin Ave. (The Basilica of St. Mary); 1601 Laurel Ave (Basilica School Building); 1604 Laurel Ave. (Small Parking Lot).

**Background/Analysis:**

Basilica of St. Mary owns and controls three adjacent parcels forming the Basilica of St. Mary grounds, including the church (1600 Hennepin), the adjacent school (1601 Laurel), and a small parking lot (1604 Laurel). The Basilica appealed its assessments made for the Nicollet Mall Reconstruction Project. During a private mediation the Basilica agreed to dismiss and settle the appeal in return for the City Council reassessment and/or modification of the levy so that the parcels were subject to assessment at no more than \$33,000.00. The City Attorney's Office and the Public Works Department administration believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interest of the City and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**