MINUTES
TAX ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
December 22, 2015
11:00 AM
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ROOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER, 4TH FLOOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael E. Handler, Director of Administration; Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs; William A. Forker, Tax Collector; Greg Stackpole, Tax Assessor

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Emmanuel Bouchotte, Grants Account Analyst; Bill Napoletano, Revenue Services Manager; Sue Rosenfeld, Executive Secretary, Office of Administration

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Michael Handler called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Second half billing of the Tax Abatement properties for FY 2015/16. The Committee met to approve second half billing for the Tax Abatement properties**.** A schedule of the properties, which detailed first and second half payments made, was distributed. If State grant amounts received differ subsequent bills will be adjusted accordingly.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the schedule as presented. **The motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).**

Sense of the Committee on MOU and Supplemental MOU between the City and Center Management regarding Tax Abatement. The Committee considered agreements between the City and Center Management Group to take over management of the Smith House Nursing Facility and the property for the next ninety-five years. The agreements also call for the City to provide Center Management the option to purchase the property within the next fifty years. The agreements call for the City to abate any real property taxes should they exercise their option to purchase the property; personal property taxes will be paid. The agreement calls for Center Management to maintain the property for a public purpose related to long-term care, skilled nursing, senior assisted living, or other purposes of that nature. Any changes to the property are subject to the approval of City boards. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Committee express its belief that it is appropriate, should Center Management Group exercise the option to purchase and maintain public purpose as defined in the agreement that they be granted a tax abatement for real property taxes for the period that the agreement is in place. **The motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.