



# Anoka County

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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City of Columbus.

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Rhonda Sivarajah  
County Administrator

September 26, 2022

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City of Columbus

The Honorable Jesse Preiner  
Mayor, City of Columbus  
16319 Kettle River Blvd. NE  
Columbus, MN 55025

RE: Rice Creek Watershed District Appointment

Dear Mayor Preiner:

In accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 103B.227, Anoka County in September 2022 published notice that a term will expire for a manager on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. The notice publication requirement applies because Rice Creek Watershed District is considered a watershed management organization. The published notice states that persons interested in being appointed may submit their names to the appointing authority, which is the county board for a watershed district appointment. For your information, a copy of the notice is enclosed.

In appointing a manager to the Rice Creek Watershed District, Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 is also applicable. This statute requires a county board, upon the expiration of a term, to appoint managers for a watershed district from an aggregate list of three or more persons nominated jointly or severally by the towns and municipalities within the district. The list must be submitted 60 days before the manager's term of office expires. The current manager's term of office expires on January 17, 2023. Therefore, in order for the county to accept nominations, they must be received by Friday, November 18, 2022.

Each city may submit one or more nominees for consideration. Cities may also choose to submit a joint list containing one or more nominees. For reference, the affected cities with territory located in the Rice Creek Watershed District are Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus, Fridley, Lexington, Lino Lakes, and Spring Lake Park. As nominees are submitted for consideration, they will be added to an aggregate list of nominees.

To be considered a valid list of nominees under the statutory definition, the aggregate list of names must contain at least three nominees eligible to be appointed. To be eligible for an appointment, a nominee must reside within the watershed district boundaries, be eligible to vote in the district, and not be a public officer of the county, state, or federal government (except that a soil and water conservation supervisor can be appointed).

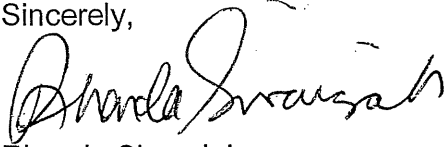
Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 requires the county to appoint a manager to the watershed district from an aggregate list of city-submitted nominees, unless the total number of nominees is less than three or the county finds that none of the nominated persons can fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district. Rice Creek Watershed District is divided into five separate planning zones. The manager whose term expires on January 17, 2023, is Patricia Preiner. Ms. Preiner's residence is located in planning zone 3 while the remaining managers each live in planning zones 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Rice Creek Watershed District. A map with the location of current board members highlighted is being forwarded to the Columbus city manager/administrator. Although Rice Creek Watershed District has divided itself into five planning areas, the county board may appoint any eligible individual who resides within the watershed district as long as that appointee can fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the district.

If the county does not receive a valid list of nominees, it may appoint a qualified manager from a town or municipality that failed to submit a list of nominees.

All applicants must submit a completed application form to the appointing authority. Find the application at <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/FormCenter/Administration-21/Anoka-County-Committee-Appointments-Appl-121>.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment process, you may contact me at 763-324-4715.

Sincerely,



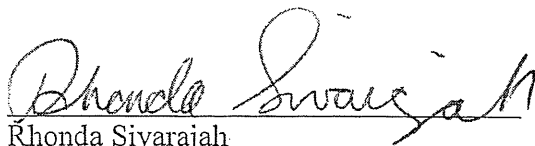
Rhonda Sivarajah  
County Administrator  
763-324-4715  
[Rhonda.Sivarajah@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:Rhonda.Sivarajah@co.anoka.mn.us)

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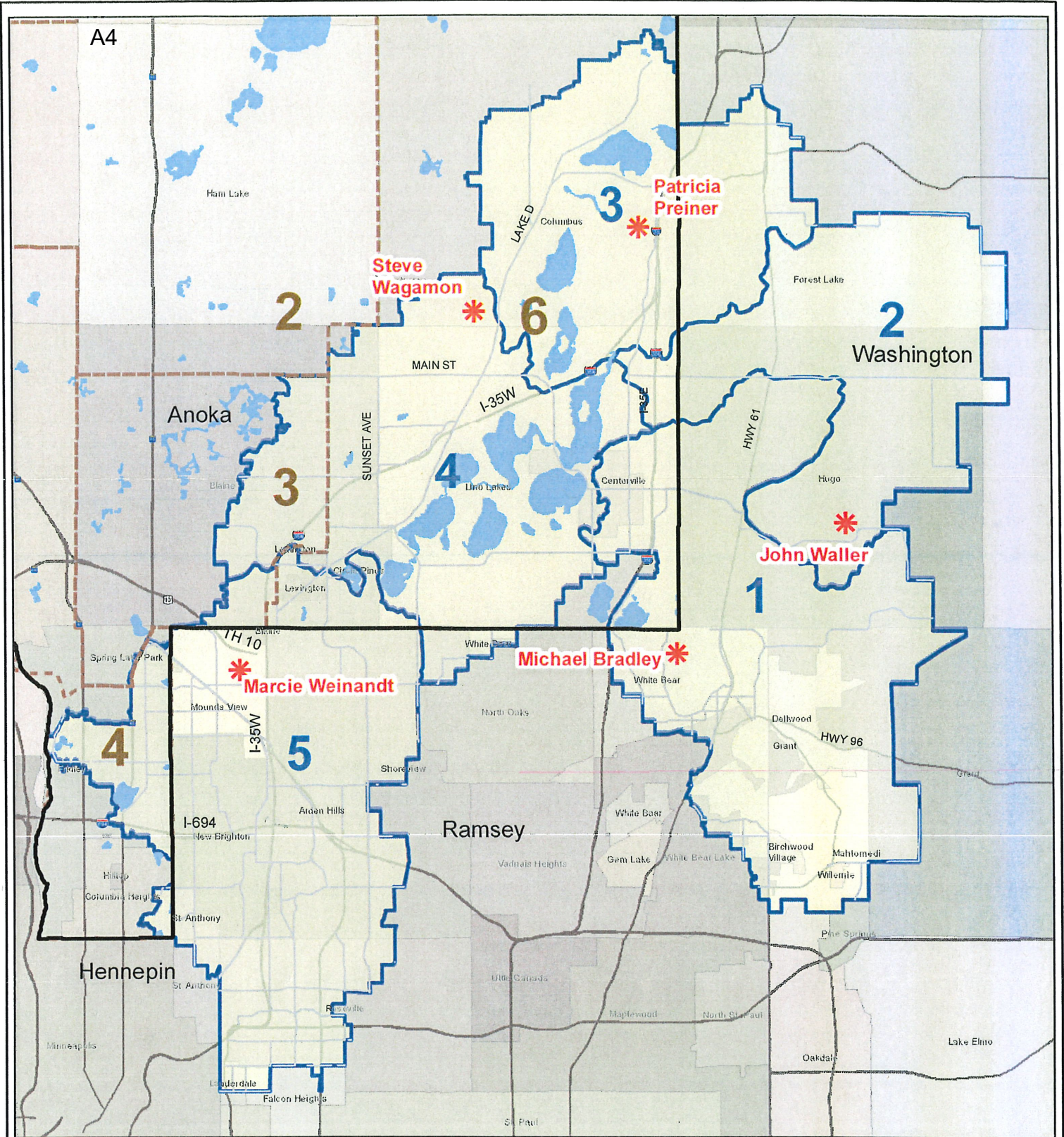
c: Columbus City Manager/Administrator  
Brenda Vetter, Principal Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY**





**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B.227 and § 103D.311 that a vacancy will occur on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to the expiration on January 17, 2023, of the term of Patricia Preiner, city of Columbus. Term of the appointment is for three years. Managers are eligible to be reappointed. Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers may submit their names for consideration to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, the appointing authority. Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 permits cities in the district to jointly or severally submit nominees to the county board for consideration. As city nominees are submitted for consideration, they are added to an aggregate list of nominees. If the cities submit three or more nominees eligible for a manager's position at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term or by November 18, 2022, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners shall consider and appoint one of the city nominees unless it concludes none of the city nominees can fairly represent the various hydrologic areas in the watershed district. Since a list may be submitted, persons interested in being considered for appointment may wish to contact their city to request to be included on a list of nominations. In the absence of a valid aggregate list of nominees, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners may appoint any voting resident of the Rice Creek Watershed District who is not a public officer of the county, state, or federal government and who otherwise complies with the requirements and terms of Minn. Stat. § 103D.311.

  
Rhonda Sivarajah  
County Administrator

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                              Forest Lake Times, September 29, 2022  
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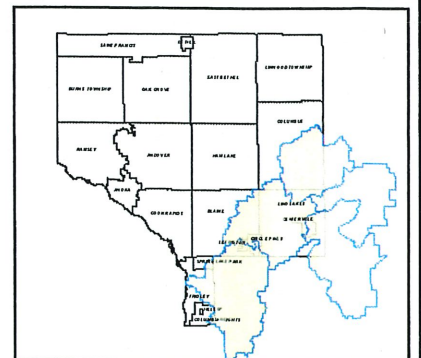


# Rice Creek Watershed District

-  County Boundary
-  Commissioner Districts
-  Lakes
-  RCWD Boundary/Hydrologic Areas



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February 10, 2022

**RESOLUTION 22-22**

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, by a resolution passed by the council on October 12, 2022, the city clerk was directed to prepare a proposed assessment of the cost of Improvement No. 2018-01, for the improvement of Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extensions from West Freeway Drive 600' north of I-35W to approximately 1,000' south of I-35W to serve the proposed Bituminous Roadways, Inc. (BRI) asphalt production facility and other properties in the I-35W I-35E Freeway Triangle Area (City Project 2018-1) by subgrade excavation, sanitary sewer gravity pipe and force main installation, sanitary lift station installation, water main pipe installation, and miscellaneous items of construction pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429, and

WHEREAS, the clerk has notified the council that such proposed assessment has been completed and filed in his/her office for public inspection,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

1. A hearing shall be held at 6:30 pm on October 27, 2022 in the city hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd. to pass upon such proposed assessment. All persons owning property affected by such improvement will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to such assessment.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the hearing on the proposed assessment to be published once in the official newspaper at least two weeks prior to the hearing, and the city clerk shall state in the notice the total cost of the improvement. City clerk shall also cause mailed notice to be given to the owner of each parcel described in the assessment roll not less than two weeks prior to the hearing.
3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Columbus, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of the assessment. An owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the City of Columbus the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 28 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Minnesota, this 12th day of October, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse H. Preiner  
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator



**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY FORMAT  
(Statutes section 13D.02)**

**Notice of Assessment Hearing on Improvement**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Columbus City Council will meet in the City Hall, 16319 Kettle River Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022 to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the improvement of Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extensions from West Freeway Drive 600' north of I-35W to approximately 1,000' south of I-35W to serve the proposed Bituminous Roadways, Inc. (BRI) asphalt production facility and other properties in the I-35W I-35E Freeway Triangle Area (City Project 2018-1) by subgrade excavation, sanitary sewer gravity pipe and force main installation, sanitary lift station installation, water main pipe installation, and miscellaneous items of construction pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429. The area to be assessed for such improvements is each lot or parcel which abuts on or gains access from these streets. The cost of the improvement for which assessments will be levied is:

City Project 2018-1    \$1,169,285.90

Persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. The meeting will be conducted in an Interactive Technology Format and held at the Columbus City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Minnesota. Members of the public interested in attending in person or monitoring the meeting should contact the City Offices at 651.464.3120 or visit the City Website for information at ColumbusMN.us

*Elizabeth Mursko*

Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

Published in the Forest Lake Times on October 13, 2022.

16319 Kettle River Boulevard, Columbus, MN 55025

**651.464.3120** Twin Cities    **651.464.5922** Fax

**www.ColumbusMN.com**

**RESOLUTION 22-23**

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, a contract has been let actual costs have been calculated for Improvement City Project No. 2018-01, the improvement of the Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extensions from West Freeway Drive 600' north of I-35W to approximately 1,000' south of I-35W to serve the proposed Bituminous Roadways, Inc. (BRI) asphalt production facility and other properties in the I-35W I-35E Freeway Triangle Area by subgrade excavation, sanitary sewer gravity pipe and force main installation, sanitary lift station installation, water main pipe installation, and miscellaneous items, and the costs to be incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$1,169,285.90 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$1,169,285.90.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the city is hereby declared to be \$1,169,285.90 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$1,169,285.90.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2023, and shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
3. The city clerk, with the assistance of the city engineer (consulting engineer), shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece, or parcel of land within the district affected (Exhibit A), without regard to cash valuation, as provided by law, and he/she shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in his/her office for public inspection.
4. The clerk shall upon the completion of such proposed assessment, notify the council thereof.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Minnesota, this 12th day of October, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse H. Preiner  
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

Exhibit A



**RESOLUTION 22-24**

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, by a resolution passed by the council on October 12, 2022, the city clerk was directed to prepare a proposed assessment of the cost of Improvement City Project No. 2018-02, for the NE Quadrant of I-35 and TH 97 of overall site grading, storm water drainage and ponding requirements, and incorporating preliminary grades for the proposed Hornsby Street realignment, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429, and

WHEREAS, the clerk has notified the council that such proposed assessment has been completed and filed in his/her office for public inspection,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

1. A hearing shall be held at 6:30 pm on October 27, 2022 in the city hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd. to pass upon such proposed assessment. All persons owning property affected by such improvement will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to such assessment.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the hearing on the proposed assessment to be published once in the official newspaper at least two weeks prior to the hearing, and the city clerk shall state in the notice the total cost of the improvement. City clerk shall also cause mailed notice to be given to the owner of each parcel described in the assessment roll not less than two weeks prior to the hearing.
3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Columbus, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of the assessment. An owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the City of Columbus the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 28 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year.

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Jesse H. Preiner  
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator



**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY FORMAT  
(Statutes section 13D.02)**

**Notice of Assessment Hearing on Improvement**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Columbus will meet in the City Hall, 16319 Kettle River Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022 to consider, and possible adopt, the proposed assessment for the NE Quadrant of I-35 and TH 97 (City Project 2018-2) of overall site grading, storm water drainage and ponding requirements, and incorporating preliminary grades for the proposed Hornsby Street realignment, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429. The area proposed to be assessed for such improvements is each lot or parcel which will be served by these proposed grading and drainage improvements. The cost of the improvement for which assessments will be levied is:

City Project 2018-2	\$380,605.48
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Persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. The meeting will be conducted in an Interactive Technology Format and held at the Columbus City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Minnesota. Members of the public interested in attending in person or monitoring the meeting should contact the City Offices at 651.464.3120 or visit the City Website for information at ColumbusMN.us

*Elizabeth Mursko*

Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

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**RESOLUTION 22-25**  
**CITY OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNTY OF ANOKA**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, a contract has been let actual costs have been calculated for Improvement City Project No. 2018-02, the improvement of the NE Quadrant of I-35 and TH 97 of overall site grading, storm water drainage and ponding requirements, and incorporating preliminary grades for the proposed Hornsby Street realignment and the costs to be incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$380,605.48 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$380,605.48.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the city is hereby declared to be \$380,605.48 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$380,605.48.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2023, and shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
3. The city clerk, with the assistance of the city engineer (consulting engineer), shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece or parcel of land within the district affected (Exhibit A), without regard to cash valuation, as provided by law, and he/she shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in his/her office for public inspection.
4. The clerk shall upon the completion of such proposed assessment, notify the council thereof.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse H. Preiner  
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator





**RESOLUTION 22-26**

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, by a resolution passed by the council on October 12, 2022, the city clerk was directed to prepare a proposed assessment of the cost of Improvement City Project No. 2018-03, for the NE Quadrant of I-35 and TH 97 by subgrade excavation, sanitary sewer gravity pipe and water main pipe installation, and miscellaneous items of construction, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 and

WHEREAS, the clerk has notified the council that such proposed assessment has been completed and filed in his/her office for public inspection,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

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Its: Mayor

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**INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY FORMAT  
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**Notice of Assessment Hearing on Improvement**

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City Project 2018-3    \$261,968.28

Persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. The meeting will be conducted in an Interactive Technology Format and held at the Columbus City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Minnesota. Members of the public interested in attending in person or monitoring the meeting should contact the City Offices at 651.464.3120 or visit the City Website for information at ColumbusMN.us

*Elizabeth Mursko*

Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

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**RESOLUTION 22-27**

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Resolution Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment**

WHEREAS, a contract has been let actual costs have been calculated for Improvement City Project No. 2018-03, the improvement of the NE Quadrant of I-35 and TH 97 by subgrade excavation, sanitary sewer gravity pipe and water main pipe installation, and miscellaneous items of construction, and the costs to be incurred in the making of such improvement amount to \$261,968.28 so that the total cost of the improvement will be \$261,968.28.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, MINNESOTA:

1. The portion of the cost of such improvement to be paid by the city is hereby declared to be \$261,968.28 and the portion of the cost to be assessed against benefited property owners is declared to be \$261,968.28.
2. Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2023, and shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.
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**City of Columbus**  
**Public Hearing Assessment Costs**  
**10/27/2022**

**Project 2018-01**

Construction Costs	\$	861,105.08
Engineering Costs	\$	210,491.00
Easements	\$	58,077.50
Legal Costs	\$	39,612.32
	\$	-
	\$	<u>1,169,285.90</u>

Construction Contract	\$	831,040.00
Over-Runs Construction	\$	30,065.08
Easements/Engineering/Legal	\$	308,180.82
	\$	<u>1,169,285.90</u>

**Project 2018-02**

Construction Costs	\$	349,283.48
Engineering Costs	\$	31,322.00
	\$	-
	\$	<u>380,605.48</u>

**Project 2018-03**

Construction Costs	\$	218,601.08
Engineering Costs	\$	43,367.20
	\$	<u>261,968.28</u>