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**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mr. Benz, Ms. Wakefield, Mr. Duffey, Mr. Stefaniak, Mr. Van Bibber – 5

ALSO PRESENT: S. Miner, City Assessor; Rachelle Aho, Appraiser I; R. Tuff, Appraiser III

Mr. Benz in the Chair

**Report on assessment roll**

Mr. Miner reported that they completed the assessment resolution. He noted that a large portion of the County Grounds is now accessible and about 76 acres have value. There is still some land that is exempt. Real property is down \$5.6 million and personal property is up over \$7 million. The estimated assessment ratio is 114%. They have put the assessment ratio at 110%. He noted that the city will be out of compliance if the ratio is above 10%. The average in the city is about 14% above. Manufacturing numbers aren't in yet.

Ms. Aho noted that they had omitted property owned by the Knowledge Learning Corp. so \$1,350 will be added to the roll as they are still in business. She added that Lids, a hat selling business in the mall, was a double assessment at \$10,000. Mr. Miner added that 39% on an average basis is exempt. Also open book changes are included.

Moved by Mr. Duffey, seconded by Ms. Wakefield to accept  
the roll – 5

**Draft revised Board of Review rules and procedures**

Default length of time for cases –

Mr. Benz remarked that the board has discussed establishing a default length of time for Board of Review (BOR) hearings. He suggested a 30 minutes length of time for residential and 3 hour length of time for commercial hearings. He stressed that the board can set their own hours.

Objection filing –

Change one week to 72 hours.

Size of the board –

Change board members from five to seven.

Mr. Benz was hoping to get all cases heard in one day.

The board then reviewed the residential and commercial cases.

**2323 N. Mayfair Road**  
**Radisson Hotel**

Jeff Keierleber, 13555 Bishops Court Brookfield, appeared on behalf of the Radisson, he explained that he did not file on time because he met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> with the Assessor. They spoke about the Radisson and he signed a waiver. He tried to contact Rhett Tuff, but was unable to speak with him. This went on for a couple of days. Mr. Keierleber got a notice about a reduction in assessment. He called on Monday afternoon objecting to 2012 re-review. He would have agreed if he could have spoken to someone on earlier. He felt this was a case of mis-communication. He was not happy with his assessment. He noted that he verbally objected to the Assessor, not to the city clerk. Mr. Tuff explained that signing the waiver waives the right to a 15 day filing. Mr. Keierleber commented that he would have been in earlier if he had known.

Moved by Mr. Duffey, seconded by Mr. Van Bibber that the taxpayer be allowed to proceed – 5

The board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Susan Van Hoven, Deputy City Clerk

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