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Motion was made by Al Bernetti, seconded by John George based on the 7 Criteria of Rule 17 to recommend to the City Commission to reduce the code enforcement lien of \$66,490.00 to \$1,500.00 payable in 6 months. If approved and owner fails to pay the reduced lien in the 6 months, the lien should revert back to its original amount.

AYE: Al Bernetti, Geraldine Murphy, John George, Mary Padrick Minton, Roderick Waller, Terry Wolters

Passed

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13-2173	508 N. 14th Street	Mayfive Capital LLC	Peggy Arraiz
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Case Initiated:	November 1, 2013	Type of Presentation:	Lien Reduction Request
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<b>PREVIOUS OWNER:</b> Mayfive Capital LLC 8902 N Dale Mabry Hwy #200 Tampa, FL 33614	<b>CURRENT OWNER:</b> Royston Dass 1528 SW Abingdon Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34953
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1. Section: 5-369 Vacant Buildings

Margaret Arraiz read the facts of the case into the record and went over the 7 criteria of Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure. Ms. Arraiz stated that she met with Mr. Dass prior to the meeting and discussed reducing the lien to \$1,000.00 which would cover the administration costs, however, Mr. Dass was not completely satisfied with this offer. Mr. Royston Dass was sworn in for testimony. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Dass stated that he wanted to fix it up and rent it out and offered \$500.00 to settle the lien. He stated that this is his first piece of property and that he was aware of the lien when he purchased the property in January of this year. He further state that he has started the process of obtaining the necessary building permits.

Mrs. Arraiz informed the Board that there are 2 additional liens on this property. He has to go before Special Magistrate for one of them and go before the City Commission for a demolition lien. Mr. Bernetti asked what the hard costs were and she stated that there is approximately \$500.00 in soft costs that they could waive; therefore, the City would be willing to accept the recommendation for \$500.00. As there were no further questions, Chairwoman Minton asked if they could have a motion.

Motion was made by Roderick Waller, seconded by Geraldine Murphy based on the 7 Criteria of Rule 17 to recommend to the City Commission to reduce the code enforcement lien of \$18,050.00 to \$500.00 payable in 30 days. If approved and owner fails to pay the reduced lien in the allotted time, the lien should revert back to its original amount.

AYE: Al Bernetti, Geraldine Murphy, John George, Mary Padrick Minton, Roderick Waller,  
Terry Wolters

Passed

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS**

Peggy Arraiz mentioned to the Board that Shaun Coss would be leaving us to go to the Building Department which is a promotion. He will be an investigator for that department, but, we will not see the last of him because he will be bringing his cases in front of the Code Board for hearing and making a motion for correction.

Chairwoman Minton stated that she wanted to be on record that if the City wants to really get the area cleaned up that 3 1/2 officers are not enough and they should consider hiring more to help enforce the code ordinances.

Peggy Arraiz updated the Code Board and others in attendance that the Commission has asked that the department reduce the liens to a lower rate. We have made a recommendation to adjust the fine amount down to \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, and \$50.00; however, the Code Board does have the right to go as high as \$250.00 a day based on the type of violation and circumstances.

Lastly, Peggy explained that during a workshop conducted by Mr. Walker, Assistant City Attorney, with the new Board members, they discussed changing the way the rules for Rule 17 are read and that they would be abbreviated during the motion. Mr. Walker explained in further detail the intent of Rule 17 and how it is viewed by the Board and the City Commission today. He emphasized the need for the Board's motion to clearly indicate that the Board had considered the criteria outlined in Rule 17 and incorporates the recommended findings of the Department. Chairwoman Minton asked if it was appropriate that the Board discuss the Rule 17 criteria during discussion with staff instead of during the motion and Mr. Walker agreed that was the appropriate time.

Chairwoman Minton asked about the format of the new agenda that is being emailed to them and Peggy Arraiz explained how to find the information. Chairwoman Minton said all attachments were not included and Peggy Arraiz said she would have to check further and see if there is something missing.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted:



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