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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BAYFRONT MASTER PLAN AS A  
GUIDELINE FOR THE FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BAYFRONT  
AREA.

BY COUNCILOR STENBERG:

WHEREAS, the development of the Bayfront area of the Duluth waterfront, a site which represents an opportunity both for private reinvestment in and public amenities for this community, has been the subject of planning studies since 1972; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2000, a Mayor's Bayfront Development Task Force recommended a program of multi-use development for the Bayfront property owned by the City of Duluth and the Duluth Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2000, the Planning & Design Group of URS consultants was engaged to further develop and refine the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force and prepare the long-range land use plan for the 25-acre Bayfront site; and

WHEREAS, during the Fall of 2001 and the Winter of 2002, an overall development plan was drafted and presented to stakeholder groups and to the public at large at four major public engagement events; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2002 the draft plan was modified and thereafter endorsed by 80% of the participants at the final community planning session, which modified plan is hereinafter referred to as the Bayfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bayfront Master Plan has received the endorsement of the stakeholder groups, the unanimous support of the Parks Commission and a public review before the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Bayfront Master Plan, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Public Document No. \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby adopted as the City's plan to generally guide the future development of the 25-acre Bayfront site; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administration is encouraged to seek funding for the implementation of this Plan, including the investigation of contaminated sites, the planning of Lakewalk and public access improvements, the expansion of the Bayfront Festival Park and the improvement of seawall and slip faces to accommodate marine vessel usage.

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Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to formally adopt the Bayfront Master Plan as the City's plan to guide the future redevelopment of the Bayfront area generally described as lying between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue West between Railroad Street and the waterfront.

The Plan is intended to serve as a guideline for the overall development of the area as the City and DEDA seek and/or evaluate various proposals for the future use of the site with the intention of channeling future development in a cohesive and logical manner to maximize the benefits to the citizens of Duluth from the redevelopment of this valuable resource.

The plan is not "cast in stone" and adjustments to it may be made necessary by future events but it does represent a community-wide consensus of what appears to be the ideal redevelopment approach at this time.