

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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AS AMENDED
REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION SETTING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2009
LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

BY PRESIDENT REINERT:

The city council finds as follows:

(a) The city administration and council wish to establish a clear set of priorities with respect to legislative initiatives which the city supports in the 2009 legislative session; and

(b) The city administration and council have devoted meeting time and discussion to the city legislative priorities; and

(c) The city administration and council choose to express support for legislative initiatives which are of vital interest to the community; and

(d) The city administration and council have established priorities among the legislative issues designating five items city priorities and designating eight items as initiatives which are to receive city support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city staff and elected officials will take the lead role in advancing the following legislative initiatives as city priorities for the 2009 legislative session:

(a) The city requests an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$3,300,000 for the construction of sanitary sewer overflow storage facilities in order to ensure that the city remains in compliance with federal environmental protection agency requirements with respect to non-discharge of wastewater into Lake Superior; and

(b) Support legislation to capture the city portion of property tax revenue from decertified tax increment financing districts; and

(c) Support for the restoration of funding for police and fire amortization aid; and

(d) Support increasing funding for the local government aid formula; and

(e) Support for legislation to ~~remove~~ give the Duluth City Council the authority to approve the Duluth Seaway Port authority levy ~~process~~.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city staff and elected officials expressed city support for the following legislative proposals during the 2009 session:

(a) Support for the \$4,900,000 allocation of state bond proceeds for the first phase of development of new terminal facilities at the Duluth International Airport; and

(b) Support for the \$2,400,000 allocation of state bond proceeds for maintenance and capital improvements to attain A.Z.A. accreditation at the Lake Superior Zoo; and

(c) Support for legislation needed to implement the infrastructure improvements provided in the Spirit Mountain recreation area authority master plan; and

(d) The allocation of state bond proceeds for the port development assistance program; and

(e) The allocation of state bond proceeds for the redevelopment grant program; and

(f) The allocation of state bond proceeds for the business development infrastructure fund; and

(g) A general fund appropriation for Minnesota investment fund; and

(h) A general fund appropriation for the main street Minnesota revitalization program.

ATTY GBJ:blj 11/3/2008

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution sets legislative priorities for the year 2009.