

FINANCE COMMITTEE

08-0757R

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 89-0323 ESTABLISHING THE DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SAID AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER DEDA PERSONNEL.

BY COUNCILOR FEDORA (Introduced by President Reinert and Councilor Fedora):

RECITALS:

The city council of the city of Duluth hereby finds as follows:

(a) That on April 24, 1989, the Duluth City Council adopted Resolution 89-0323 establishing the Duluth economic development authority (DEDA;

(b) That on the following dates, said council approved the following resolutions amending said Resolution 89-0323:

Resolution 98-0949 adopted December 21, 1998;

Resolution 99-0239 adopted March 22, 1999;

Resolution 02-0606 adopted October 28, 2002;

Resolution 04-0202 adopted March 22, 2004;

(c) That on March 22, 2004, the Duluth City Council adopted Resolution 04-0215 further amending the above-referenced resolution to provide that the executive director of the DEDA shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the city council and to provide that the executive director act at the direction of the commissioners;

(d) That said Resolution 89-0323, as amended by said Resolutions 98-0949, 99-0239, 02-0606, 04-0202 and 04-0215 is hereinafter referred to as the DEDA establishment resolution;

(e) That said council desires to further amend the DEDA establishment resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 6 of the DEDA establishment resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

6. The executive director of the DEDA shall be a city employee appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the city

council, and the executive director shall act at the direction of the ~~commissioners~~ mayor.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that paragraph 7 of the DEDA establishment resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

7. That the mayor or his/her designees (the "Administration") ~~may~~ shall provide such city staff to the DEDA as the DEDA may request who, when acting in such capacity, shall report to the executive director; provided that the Administration may require reasonable reimbursement by the DEDA for costs associated with the provision of such staff; and provide further that nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the DEDA from hiring such personnel as the DEDA may from time to time determine.

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution amends the resolution establishing the Duluth economic development authority to clarify the role and relationship of DEDA staff to the administration and the city.

Historically, the city has provided city staff to serve as the executive director of DEDA and to fulfill other staff needs of the authority but the lines of authority and responsibility between the administration and DEDA staff have been unclear.

The purpose of this resolution is to make it clear that the executive director reports to the mayor and other city staff, when performing services for DEDA, report to the executive director. This hopefully clarifies the lines of relationship and responsibility.