

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

09-0245R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLAR SHORES EXHIBIT AT THE LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO AND COMMITTING THE LOCAL MATCH OF \$200,000.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council makes the following findings of fact:

(a) The city of Duluth shall act as the legal sponsor for the project contained in Laws of Minnesota for 2006, Chapter 258, Subd. 13 entitled Polar Shores exhibit; and

(b) City of Duluth has the legal authority to receive financial assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; and

(c) The sources and amounts of the \$200,000 local match identified in the development proposal are committed to the project and to be paid from Fund 450, Dept. 030, Object 5530, Project CP2007-OTO713; and

(d) City of Duluth has not violated any federal, state or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice; and

(e) Upon approval of its development proposal by the state, city of Duluth may enter into an agreement with the state of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, and that city of Duluth certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the projects on behalf of the city of Duluth.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

PARKS/ATTY MAL:blj 4/10/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: During the 2006 legislative session the city received an appropriation of \$600,000 for the pre-design, design, construction, furnishing and equipment renovation to the Polar Shores exhibit. The required local match is \$200,000. With the completion of the management agreement with the Lake Superior Zoological Society, the city is now ready to commit financial resources to the project. This resolution is required as part of the state's process to prepare the grant agreement and release the appropriated funds.