

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF STATE BONDING
REQUESTS FOR THE 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota management and budget office has requested that local governments submit their bonding requests for consideration in the 2010 capital budget by June 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the city administration has established several projects of vital interest to the community to be submitted as bonding requests for state appropriations in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the city council has reviewed the projects and desires to express its support and approval for their inclusion in the 2010 capital budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bonding requests are hereby approved for submission to the state of Minnesota for possible inclusion in the 2010 capital budget:

(a) The city is requesting an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$11,700,000 to assist with design, and Phase II construction of new terminal facilities at the Duluth International Airport. The project consists of constructing a new terminal facility to accommodate current and future passenger growth, enhance safety and security, comply with FAA standards and consolidate baggage and passenger screening functions in order to meet current and long-term needs to accommodate scheduled and charter airline services and international passengers at the Duluth International Airport. Additionally, the improvements are required in order to safely, securely and efficiently process expanding numbers of passengers through the terminal complex; and

(b) The city is requesting an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$8,500,000 to proceed with the construction of the east interceptor sanitary sewer overflow facility. This project would serve as a storage site for sanitary sewer system overflows that increase significantly in volume during rain events thereby eliminating the discharge of untreated wastewater to Lake Superior

at two locations. The U.S. environmental protection agency has ordered the city of Duluth to eliminate sewage overflows to Lake Superior. Without state aid, it will be years before local resources can sufficiently remedy the problem; and

(c) The city is requesting an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$3,000,000 for capital improvements including site acquisition, predesign, design and renovation, and furnishing of an existing facility to house the Duluth Children's Museum. The demand for services and programs provided by the museum has increased dramatically in the past four years and the museum has outgrown the space it currently holds in the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center. When complete, the new facility will serve as the permanent location of the Duluth Children's Museum and allow the museum to increase the programs and services it provides to the community.

Approved for presentation to council:

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution approves the submission of bonding requests for state appropriations in the 2010 capital budget.