

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY AND FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the Duluth police department's current facilities located within city hall lack proper security, provide inadequate storage for property and evidence, limit the ability for the department to utilize enhanced technology, and are inefficient for both personnel and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, these facilities are hindering the ability for the department to provide a quality of policing expected from a modern police department; and

WHEREAS, the city has an opportunity to construct a new public safety building adjacent to and connected with the existing St. Louis County emergency service building at the Chris Jensen site; and

WHEREAS, the new facility would combine services with the existing St. Louis County emergency service building, be more energy efficient, provide enhanced technology, enhanced security and would securely store data, property and evidence in addition to providing a place for the department to engage and educate the community on public safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the city is considering the issuance of a combination of general obligation capital improvement bonds in addition to Build America Bonds authorized by the America Recovery & Reinvestment Act in an amount anticipated to be \$18,000,000 to fund the project; and

WHEREAS, the city's portion of the property tax levy would be increased by 2.9% for the next three fiscal years as the source of funds to service the debt on the bonds and a future council will need to address the funding phases in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the city's capital improvement plan for 2009-2013 is required to include the public safety building project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council believes that the construction of a new public safety building is important for the welfare and

safety of the citizens of the city of Duluth and desires to express its support for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council supports the issuance of a combination of general obligation capital improvement bonds in addition to Build America Bonds authorized by the America Recovery & Reinvestment Act in an amount anticipated to be \$18,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a new public safety building adjacent to and connected with the existing St. Louis County emergency service building at the Chris Jensen site.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council supports a 2.9 percent increase to the city's portion of the 2010 property tax levy or an alternative general funding source amounting to \$446,700 as first phase funding for bond debt service.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council hereby supports an amendment to the city's capital improvement plan to include the issuance of bonds for the public safety building project.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is an expression of support for the construction of a new public safety building, the issuance of a combination of general obligation capital improvement bonds and Build America Bonds in an amount anticipated to be \$18,000,000 to fund the project, an amendment to the 2009-2013 capital improvement plan to include the project, and an increase to the city's portion of the 2010 property tax levy to service the debt on the bonds.