

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10-0013R

RESOLUTION SETTING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2010
LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

CITY PROPOSAL:

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 2010 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 that are of vital interest to the community; and

(d) The city administration and council have established priorities among legislative issues designating two items as the city's top priorities and designating seven 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 2010 legislative session.

(a) The city requests an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$8.5 million for the construction of the east interceptor sanitary sewer overflow storage facilities to ensure that the city complies with terms of a consent decree entered into with the federal environmental protection agency and Minnesota pollution control agency which requires non-discharge of wastewater into Lake Superior (The city also supports the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District bonding request for \$2.75 million to construct the Polk Street station sanitary sewer overflow storage facilities.); and

(b) The city requests an allocation of state bond proceeds in the amount of \$11.7 million to complete Phase 2 of the Duluth Airport Terminal facilities project which will be completed with grant funds to be awarded by the federal aviation administration.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city staff and elected officials express city

support for the following projects of regional significance:

- (a) Support sustained funding for the local government aid formula;
- (b) Support for a bonding request for the Northern Lights Express which will re-establish passenger rail service between Minneapolis and Duluth;
- (c) Support for a bonding request to finance the acquisition and renovation of certain historic properties and construction of a new Children's Museum in Duluth's Lincoln Park neighborhood;
- (d) Support expansion of the Spirit Mountain recreation area authority board from seven to nine directors and support the St. Louis County request for state bond proceeds to finance regional ski and recreation area facilities;
- (e) Support a request for state bond proceeds to recapitalize the port development assistance program;
- (f) Support a request for state bond proceeds to capitalize a public housing rehabilitation fund to be administered by the Minnesota housing finance agency;
- (g) Support legislation to establish a historic preservation tax credit to encourage redevelopment of historic structures in the state.

Approved for presentation to council:

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution sets legislative priorities for the year 2010.