

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREATER
DOWNTOWN COUNCIL TO BE USED TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF A
DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$13,000.

BY PRESIDENT ANDERSON:

RESOLVED, that the city council hereby authorizes a contribution to the Greater Downtown Council ("GDC") in an amount up to \$13,000 to be used solely toward the completion of a Downtown Parking Study, to be completed in 2010 for a total estimated cost of \$25,000 plus supplemental expenses, the remainder of which shall be paid by the GDC, funds payable from the Parking Fund 505-015-1481-5441.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes a city contribution of up to \$13,000 to the Greater Downtown Council for the completion of a downtown parking study.

The Greater Downtown Council ("GDC") intends to contract with Civitas Consultants, LLC to conduct a parking expert panel to examine and assess current parking issues in downtown Duluth and review previous parking studies. The panel will discuss and compare best practices and successful parking strategies employed by other cities, particularly with regard to downtown office, tourism, residential and retail development; advantages and disadvantages of collaborative strategies; opportunities for new initiatives; and ways that such programs, if initiated, can be sustained. The panel will consist of parking experts representing both the private and public sector.

The cost of the study is \$25,000, plus any supplemental expenses for meeting rooms, equipment, etc. The GDC will coordinate the panel, provide the panel with background material, arrange meeting rooms and tours, schedule public input sessions and individual appointments, serve as primary contact for the panel and provide the additional costs for the project.