

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11-0455R

REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE CREATING A PARKS FUND AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL LEVY OF \$2,600,000 TO SUPPORT IT TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council hereby submits the following proposed ordinance to the qualified voters of the city of Duluth at the special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for their approval or rejection in the manner provided for by law;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the city clerk shall place upon the ballot at such general election the proposition hereinafter set forth.

To vote for the proposition, completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.

To vote against the proposition, completely fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

PROPOSITION

Should Chapter 2 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, be amended to create a fund denominated as the "Parks Fund" and should the city levy a special levy in the amount of \$2,600,000 on the referendum market value of all real property in the city, said levy being 0.0472654% of said referendum market value, for the purpose of providing a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation facilities, recreation activities, and for implementation of the concepts addressed in the Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Plan dated December 2010, in accordance with the authority contained in Laws of Minnesota, 1953, Chapter 560, Section 1:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

A "YES" vote is in favor of creating the Parks Fund and authorizing a special levy for the purpose of providing a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation facilities, recreation activities, and for implementation of the concepts addressed in the Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Plan dated December

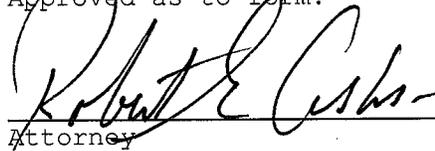
2010. BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

A "NO" vote is a vote against creating the Parks Fund and against a special levy to support it.

Approved for presentation to council:

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

Approved:

  
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Auditor

ADM/ATTY REA:dma 08/24/2011

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to have placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2011 election an ordinance creating the Parks Fund and authorizing a special levy dedicated to funding parks and recreation facilities, recreation activities, and for implementation of the concepts addressed in the

Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Plan dated December 2010.

The State legislature authorized the City to have special levies dedicated to particular purposes if they were supported by the voters. This ordinance authorizes the creation of a special fund in the amount of \$2.6 million per year levied against all of the property in the City which could be used only for parks and recreation purposes. The proceeds would be available only for the purpose of providing a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation facilities, recreation activities, and for implementation of the concepts addressed in the Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Plan dated December 2010.

As stated, this authority can only be exercised if the City's voters approve it by referendum. This resolution accomplishes placing the proposition on the ballot for this fall's general election.