

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11-0558R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF A STATE OF MINNESOTA CONTAMINATION CLEAN-UP GRANT RELATED TO THE ROHLFING DISTRIBUTION EXPANSION.

CITY PROPOSAL:

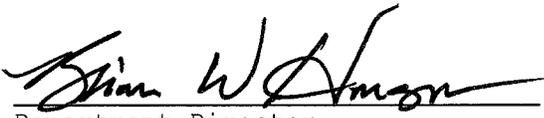
RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth ("city") act as the legal sponsor for the Rohlfing distribution expansion project as contained in the contamination cleanup grant program application to be submitted on November 1, 2011, and that the mayor and clerk are hereby authorized to apply to the department of employment and economic development (DEED) for a grant in the amount of \$360,687 for funding of this project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

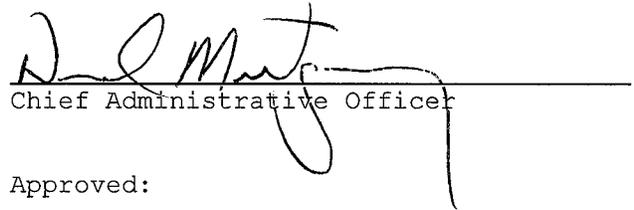
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city hereby commits to provide 25% of the project costs, up to \$120,228 in a qualified match contribution, said match to be provided by Rohlfing of Duluth, Inc.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city has not violated any federal, state or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest, or other unlawful or corrupt practices.

Approved:

  
Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

  
Attorney

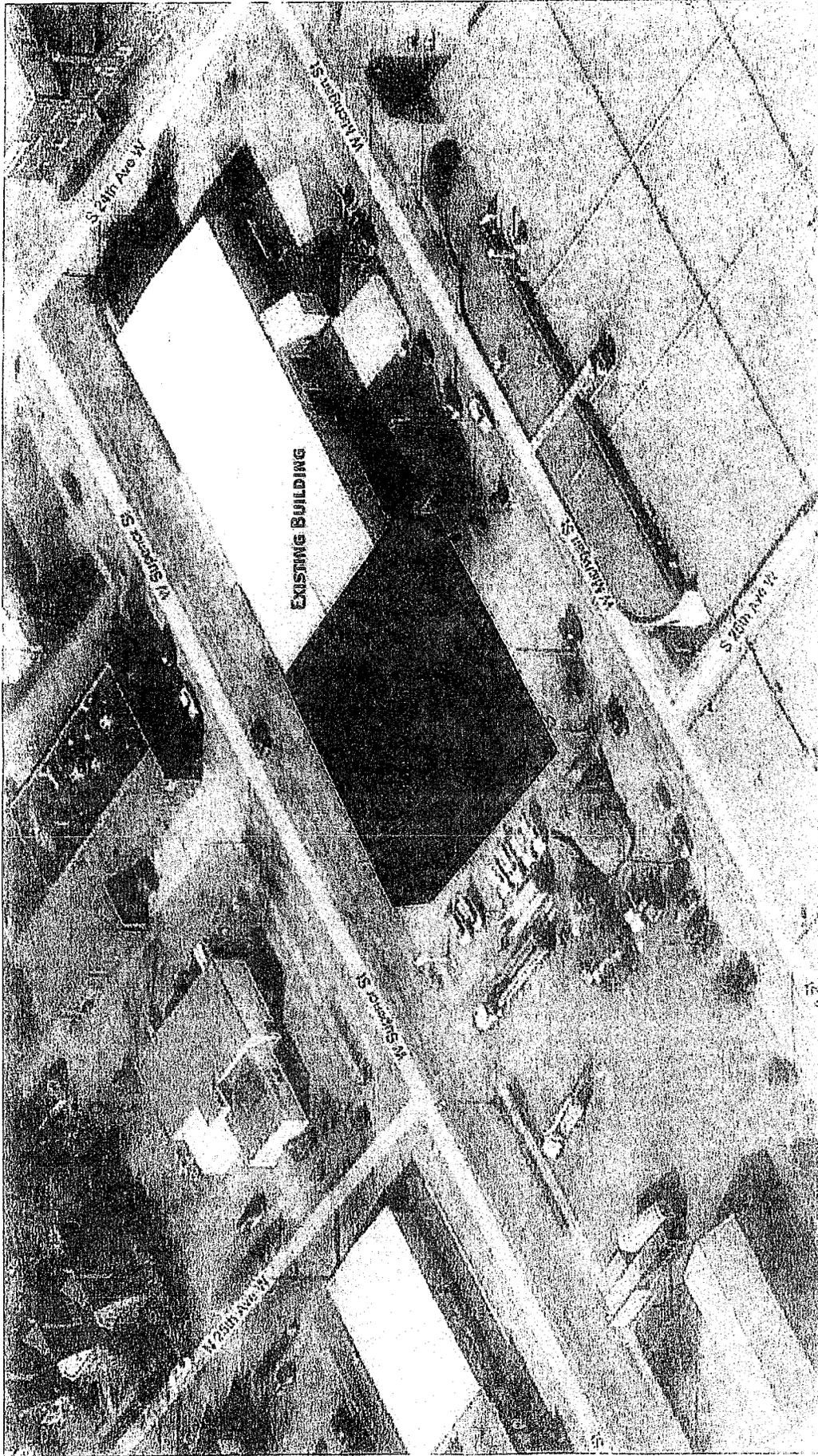
Approved:

  
Auditor

BD HTB:dma 10/17/2011

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This grant application, in the amount of \$360,687 represents 75% of the estimated contamination cleanup costs associated with Rohlfling Distributing's \$2,000,000 expansion project in Lincoln Park (see attached map). Rohlfling Distributing is a fourth generation family-owned company with a 60-year history in Duluth. Over those years the company has expanded four times. This fifth expansion is approximately 13,000 square feet of new construction on property adjacent to their facility at 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

Extensive petroleum contamination was found on this newly-purchased property at the onset of the expansion construction. The project came to a halt until the site could be enrolled in MPCA's Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup (VIC) program and a cleanup plan was developed and approved by the MPCA. Remediation began in September and the company hopes to occupy the new expansion by February 2012. This grant request, if awarded, will help to off-set the unexpected cleanup costs and the additional costs associated with winter construction caused by the project delay. This project will be an enhancement to the Lincoln Park neighborhood and is the first major project in the area to follow the City's UDC.



**Rolling Distributing**  
Duluth, Minnesota

**SITE PLAN**  
November 18, 2010

S&P - #4 20' deep  
S&P - 20' " "

