

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13-0159R

RESOLUTION AMENDING DULUTH LEGISLATIVE BONDING  
PRIORITIES ESTABLISHING ENGINEERING AND RENOVATION OF  
FRANK WADE STADIUM AS THE TOP PRIORITY FOR 2013.

BY COUNCILORS STAUBER AND KRAUSE:

WHEREAS, Wade Stadium was constructed from 381,000 bricks torn up from Grand Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Wade Stadium was completed in 1941 and was constructed by the Works Progress Administration to provide jobs and development in Duluth during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, a large section of the stadium wall was destroyed during a strong windstorm on March 18, 2013, clearly indicating the structure is in need of immediate structural attention that should no longer be postponed; and

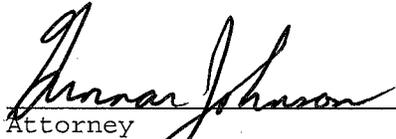
WHEREAS, in 2012 the city council requested \$4 million in bonding from the Minnesota legislature for the needed renovations at the stadium (Resolution 12-0031), bonding was not available in 2012 and in 2013 bonding requested only pre-design funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Duluth city council hereby modifies its legislative priorities to make Wade Stadium engineering and renovation the top city priority for bonding by the state in 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, should the state develop a bonding package, the proper city officials are encouraged to meet with area legislators and lobbyists and promote a bill for the engineering and rehabilitation of Wade in an approximate amount of \$4 million.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby requested to begin seeking matching dollars for any state authorized funding.

Approved as to form:

  
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: City Council Resolution 12-0601 established the city's legislative priorities in no particular order, but after the May 18, 2013 storm that destroyed part of Wade Stadium, the council now desires that project to be a top priority for state bonding.