

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13-0202R

RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATION PERMITTING THE
BALANCE OF TIF #3 TO BE USED FOR WADE STADIUM
REHABILITATION.

BY COUNCILOR STAUBER:

WHEREAS, Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) #3 was decertified in 2007 and today has an uncommitted balance of \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the city has worked diligently to spend excess and remaining TIF dollars from this district on economic development in the district but still has a balance of unused dollars that may need to be returned; and

WHEREAS, historic Frank Wade Stadium, home of the minor league baseball team the Duluth-Superior Huskies is in dire need of repairs and lies just outside of the district; and

WHEREAS, a large section of the stadium wall collapsed on March 18, 2013, and there is concern that more damage may follow; and

WHEREAS, full reconstruction of the stadium would employ approximately 30 full-time employees and three additional full-time employees following construction; and

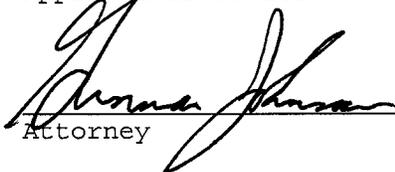
WHEREAS, the city has unsuccessfully sought both bonding from the 2012 legislature and a grant from DEED for rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, recent private and public fiscal improvements in the immediate area, such as Clyde Park, Heritage Hockey, Wheeler Field and many new business, are making the district more economically viable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth City Council hereby requests special legislation by the 2013 legislature of the state of Minnesota to allow for any remaining monies in Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) #3 of Duluth to be spent on the engineering and rehabilitation of Frank Wade Stadium.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby requested to begin promoting and lobbying as needed to garner legislative approval this session and that the city clerk's office distribute a copy of this request to all local legislators.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests the state legislature approve special legislation allowing the city of Duluth to utilize remaining TIF District #3 dollars for Wade Stadium rehabilitation.