

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 23-0677.

BY COUNCILORS FORSMAN, MAYOU, TOMANEK, AND ALSTEAD:

We move to amend Resolution 23-0677 as follows:

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, the city council adopts the following proposed tax levy:

Section 1. The sum to be raised by taxation for the year 2024 for general operations is hereby determined to be the sum of \$~~42,145,815~~ _____ which sum is levied against the taxable property of the city of Duluth and appropriated to the various accounts of the city, as set forth in the following sections, viz:

Section 2. There will be levied for the support of the general fund the sum of \$~~28,881,915~~ _____.

Section 3. There will be levied for support of funding an eight percent market adjustment pay increase for Duluth firefighters the amount of \$413,214.

Section 4. There will be levied for support of funding for library materials the amount of \$50,000.

Section ~~35~~. There will be levied for support of the Parks fund the amount of \$280,000

Section ~~46~~. There will be levied for the support of the street lighting fund the amount of \$2,547,200.

Section ~~57~~. For the payment of debt, there will be levied for the general obligation debt fund the sum of \$7,564,200.

Section ~~68~~. That pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1971, Chapter 824, to pay for the portion of the cost of local improvements which will not sustain a special assessment, there will be levied for the permanent improvement fund the sum of \$280,000.

Section ~~79~~. There will be levied for the support of the street maintenance fund the amount of \$2,300,000

Section ~~8~~10. That there will be levied for the support of the Duluth housing trust fund the amount of \$182,500

Section 911. That there will be levied for the support of the Housing Inspector the amount of \$110,000.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this motion to amend is to provide funding for an eight percent market adjustment pay increase for Duluth fire fighters and additional funding for library materials. If this motion is passed the sum to be raised by taxation for the year 2024 for general operations will be the sum of \$42,609,029 and the amount levied for the support of the general fund will be \$30,345,129. The proposed amendment is offered in good faith with the city administration to help offset potential future levy growth based on current city finance projections for all departments while recognizing ongoing funding needs for the Fire market adjustment specifically. This amendment funds a portion of the ongoing cost of funding these items, with a levy impact of 1.95% still to be accounted for in the 2025 budget.

The council recognizes the need to fairly and equitably compensate all city staff and supports conducting market studies in future budget cycles for all departments to ensure a city-wide alignment with competitive market conditions to attract and retain our talented workforce.