

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 23-1011R

BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY, COUNCILOR AWAL AND COUNCILOR HOBBS:

WHEREAS, the Western Duluth Business corridor is vitally important to the economic wellbeing of the city and has, in the past, yielded the fourth highest tax base revenue in the city of Duluth; and

WHEREAS, recently the Western Duluth Business corridor has become less desirable and unsafe due to years of deindustrialization, aging infrastructure such as I35 which has created physical, social and economic barriers, and slow recovery from the flood in 2012; and

WHEREAS, with the collaboration of the city, community and stakeholders, the Western Duluth Business corridor can be transformed to be a thriving influence business node, on the community rebuilding community connectedness, safety, health, as well as increasing overall tax base revenue supporting public services and infrastructure of the city of Duluth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council requests the support and collaboration of the city administration along with, community organizations, non-profits and businesses, to reinvest, plan, and implement transformative change in the Western Duluth Business corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ~~this planning process includes all zip codes and neighborhoods of district five-~~ this community engagement planning process will have input from zip codes and neighborhoods of district five.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council urges the city administration to support the construction of the Spirit Valley Center for Youth and Community Wellness project; and include a possible regional sports venue, in the city's request for bonding support in 2025.