



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF UP TO \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION DECC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF DULUTH UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The City of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. BOND PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZATION.

1.01 The City of Duluth and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (the "MPCA") have proposed a project (i) to repair the dock wall on the west and north sides of Minnesota Slip and a portion of the harbor dock wall (the "Phase I Project") located in the area under the control of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority (the "Authority"); and (ii) to cap the contaminants in Minnesota Slip (the "Phase II Project") (the Phase I Project and the Phase II Project as collectively the "Project").

1.02 The City and the MPCA have proposed entering into a joint powers agreement under which the City will construct the Phase I Project, the MPCA will provide the City a grant in the amount of \$2,155,660 for the Phase I Project and the MPCA will construct and pay for the Phase II Project. The Phase II Project cannot be constructed without the construction of the Phase I Project.

1.03 The City Council has determined it to be necessary and expedient and in the public interest that the City finance a portion of the costs to design and construct the Phase I Project.

1.04 Under the provisions of Minnesota Laws 1974, Chapter 130, the City Council may by ordinance provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide the funds necessary to match state, private or federal grant funds for projects within the City's boundaries, which bonds are to be supported by the full faith and credit of the City and are to be issued subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475, except that they may exceed the limitations in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.53, by an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, and they may not be issued if the City's contribution to the project, including the proceeds of the bonds, exceeds 60% of the total project cost where such contribution is used to match state or federal grants, or 70% where it is used to match government and private grants, or 80% where it is used to match private grants alone. The Project is of the nature contemplated by said law. The City has been awarded a grant from the MPCA of State funds in aid of the Phase I Project. The State grant of \$2,155,660 requires a local match to complete the construction of the Phase I Project, and the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, together with the State grant, will be sufficient to pay the total Phase I Project costs. The amount of the City's contribution, from the proceeds of the bonds or otherwise, will not exceed the limitations set forth in said law.

1.05 Pursuant to the authority herein recited, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the issuance and sale of General Obligation DECC Improvement Bonds of the City of Duluth in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, and pledges the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the City irrevocably for the payment of the principal and interest when due on such bonds.

Section 2. TERMS OF BONDS.

2.01 The City Council shall, by resolution or resolutions, provide for the issuance and sale of such bonds in one or more series and shall fix the precise maturities, interest rates, redemption provisions and other terms and conditions of such bonds, and prescribe the form thereof, and offer to sell such bonds in such a manner and at such time or times as shall be deemed in the public interest, all in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and of Laws 1974, Chapter 130, and of other applicable laws.

Section 3. REVENUES AND ACCOUNTS.

3.01 The City hereby creates the 2017 DECC improvement capital project fund to which there shall be credited all or a portion of the proceeds of the bonds, as provided by Council resolution, together with any additional funds which may be available and are appropriated for the Phase I Project or which may be advanced to such fund on condition that such amounts be reimbursed from bond proceeds.

3.02 The City Council may, by resolution or resolutions, establish such further accounts and credit monies from the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized to accounts, all in accordance with Section 54 of the City Charter and Chapter 475 of Minnesota Statutes.

Section 4. TAX LEVY.

4.01 There shall be and is hereby levied a direct, annual, ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City, which shall be extended upon the tax rolls for the years and in amounts sufficient to produce sums not less than five percent in excess of the amounts of principal and interest on such bonds as such principal and interest respectively become due. Until the bonds to be issued hereunder are fully paid or duly called for redemption, the City will also maintain a separate 2017 DECC improvement bonds debt service account within the debt service fund created by Section 54 of the City Charter, to be used solely for the payment of the interest and the principal, respectively, as such principal and interest become due and payable, on the bonds issued hereunder and on any other bonds which have been or may be issued and made payable from said account. If the balance is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the bonds issued hereunder, the treasurer shall nevertheless provide sufficient money from any other funds of the City which are available for that purpose, and such other funds shall be reimbursed from such debt service account when the balance therein is sufficient. All proceeds of said taxes are hereby appropriated and shall be paid when collected into such account. Said taxes shall be irrevocable until the bonds and interest are fully paid, except that if the City Council in any year shall make an irrevocable appropriation to said account of monies actually on hand, the City clerk shall certify to the county auditor of St. Louis county the fact and amount thereof, and the county auditor shall reduce by the amount so certified the amount otherwise to be included in the rolls next thereafter prepared. After this ordinance has been published and becomes effective, the City Council shall by resolution fix the precise amounts of such tax levies to be placed upon the tax rolls for each of the respective years

required to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. CERTIFICATE OF PROCEEDINGS.

5.01 The City clerk is directed to file with the county auditor of St. Louis County a certified copy of this ordinance, and such other information as the County may require, and to obtain from the county auditor a certificate stating that the bonds herein authorized have been duly entered on his register.

5.02 The officers of the City and the county auditor are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the purchasers of the bonds, and to bond counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the City relating to the authorization and issuance of the bonds and such other affidavits and certificates as may reasonably be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the bonds as such facts appear from the official books and records in the officers' custody or are otherwise known to them. All such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, constitute representations of the City as to the correctness of the facts recited therein and the action stated therein to have been taken.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

6.01 This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to provide the local match for a State of Minnesota grant through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for improvements to the dock wall on the west and north sides of Minnesota Slip and a portion of the harbor dock wall. The principal and interest will be payable from available lodging tax receipts allocated to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority, and secured by the City's ad valorem tax pledge and levy.