



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Meeting Agenda Full Detail City Council Work Session

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Monday, December 14, 2015

4:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room 2A

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2A, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

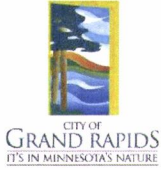
**CALL OF ROLL:** On a call of roll, the following members were present:

### Discussion Items

1. [15-1827](#) 2016 State Legislative Priorities  
**Attachments:** [12-14-15 Legislative Priorities.pdf](#)
2. [15-1842](#) Discuss Grand Rapids City Code Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages
3. [14-0789](#) Review 5:00 PM Regular Meeting

### ADJOURN

*Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk*



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

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2016 State Legislative Priorities

### **Background Information:**

On an annual basis the City Council meets with Senator Saxhaug and Representative Anzelc to review the City's State Legislative Priorities. This meeting will occur at the City Council Work Session on January 11, 2016. Prior to this meeting it may be prudent to prioritize legislative issues that the Council has discussed throughout the year. Attached are the various resolutions addressing legislative issues. Some have been passed by the council and others may be considered in the future. The following is a listing of those resolutions:

1. A resolution for State Bond funding for the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge and IRA Civic Center. (Passed by Council)
2. A resolution requesting Adjustment of Fiscal Disparities Fourmula. (Passed by Council)
3. A resolution for LGA for Greater MN Cities. (Not considered yet by Council)
4. A resolution supporting dedicated State funding for City streets. (Not considered yet by Council)
5. A resolution modifying the distribution of production tax to local area. (Passed by Council)
6. A resolution supporting highway and railroad transportation improvements related to TH 169. (Passed by Council)
7. A resolution supporting funding for Hill Annex Mine State Park. (Passed by Council)
8. A resolution supporting funding for Mesabi Range Deep Drilling Program. (Passed by Council)
9. A resolution supporting funding for the completion of legacy underground mine mapping in the Western Mesabi Iron Range. (Passed by Council)

COUNCILOR ZABINSKI INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-64**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING FINAL SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO  
MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE 2016 STATE APPROPRIATION FUNDED FROM STATE GENERAL  
BONDS  
FOR DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
AND  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ITASCA RECREATION ASSOCIATION CIVIC CENTER  
LOCATED IN GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes section 16A.86 sets out the process by which local governments may request state bond appropriations for capital improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Local governments are invited to submit capital budget requests to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) by June 12, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Local governments are invited to submit final capital budget requests to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) by October 16, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids has submitted a preliminary application to MMB requesting funds be included in the 2016 bonding bill for the design and construction of the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge, Improvements to the Itasca Recreation Association Civic Center, and Mississippi River Amphitheater; and

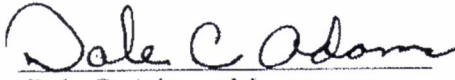
**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids has determined after the preliminary application to MMB that the Mississippi River Amphitheater project is not ready for consideration of funding from the 2016 State Appropriation State General Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge and the Improvements to the Itasca Recreation Association Civic Center are ready for consideration of funding from the 2016 State Appropriation State General Bonds; and

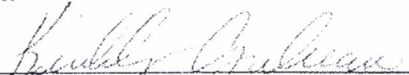
**WHEREAS**, requests for appropriations funded from state general obligation bonds must be accompanied by a resolution of the governing body of the applicant;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Grand Rapids authorizes the submission of a request for 2016 state appropriations funded from state general obligation bonds to assist with these projects of state and regional significance and assigns the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge its top priority and the Improvements to the Itasca Recreation Association Civic Center its second priority.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kimberly Gibeati, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Christy, Zeige, Zabinski, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 65**

**Adjustment of Fiscal Disparities Formula**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government entity organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the finances of cities along the taconite assistance area are under a tax formula referred to as the Iron Range Fiscal Disparities that adjusts and redistributes a significant portion of the growth in commercial and industrial property taxes among local government units in the taconite assistance area, taking money from some government units and giving it to other government units; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing distribution formula for the taconite assistance area was developed in 1996 and is based upon 1995 property values and other assumptions which are now significantly different than when the present system was created and now needs adjustment because of changes in related indirect tax laws, which have created unpredictability of the tax capacity and tax revenues received on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the current fiscal disparities system can result in substantial and unpredictable swings in taxes for local government units from year to year, with negative impact on the ability of local government units to plan their expenditures and levy taxes which in turn also negatively impacts the ability of local taxpayers to predict and plan their tax payments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids requests the Department of Revenue and the Minnesota state legislature to reconsider and revise the Iron Range fiscal disparities provisions in accordance with HF 1037 and SF 1011 which were introduced in the 2015 legislative session, to better reflect regional economic realities and to provide for better ability to plan budget and tax levies, thereby improving the stability and predictability of local government funding and improving fiscal conditions among many participating government entities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be informed and involved in the planning for such revisions to the Iron Range fiscal disparities program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Revenue and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies sent to each of the state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Range area.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

Dale C Adams  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Gibeau  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Christy, Zeige, Zabinski, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

## Sample LGA Resolution for Greater MN Cities

City of \_\_\_\_\_

State of Minnesota

### Resolution in Support of Increasing Local Government Aid in the 2016 Legislative Session

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is a critical need for our city and

WHEREAS, LGA provides funding to restrain property taxes on homeowners and businesses and

WHEREAS, LGA provides for basic services such as public safety, infrastructure and fire protection and

WHEREAS the legislature and state agencies have imposed unfunded mandates upon local cities, including increased pension requirements, expensive wastewater infrastructure costs, among other mandates and

WHEREAS an LGA increase would help the city of \_\_\_\_\_ do the following {INSERT LOCAL EXAMPLE OF IMPACT OF LGA INCREASE ON YOUR CITY e.g specific service or staffing needs, levy flat or decrease?}

WHEREAS, no Omnibus Tax Bill was passed by the 2015 legislature, thus freezing the LGA appropriation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of \_\_\_\_\_ supports an increase in the base appropriation for Local Government Aid of \$45.5 million effective for aid payable in 2017 and urges adoption of this proposal by the House and Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: the legislators representing the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Speaker of the House Rep. Kurt Daudt, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Tom Bakk, House Tax Chair Rep. Greg Davids, Senate Tax Chair Sen. Rod Skoe, and Governor Mark Dayton.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**  
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota contains over 141,000 miles of roadway, and over 19,000 miles— or 13 percent--are owned and maintained by Minnesota's 853 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, over 80 percent of municipal streets are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 700 Minnesota cities with populations below 5,000 are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, city streets are a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

**WHEREAS**, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, city cost participation in state and county highway projects diverts resources from city-owned streets; and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance costs increase as road systems age, and no city--large or small—is spending enough on roadway capital improvements to maintain a 50-year lifecycle; and

**WHEREAS**, for every one dollar spent on maintenance, a road authority--and therefore taxpayers--save seven dollars in repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, cities need greater resources, including an additional dedicated state funding source for transportation, and flexible policies in order to meet growing demands for street improvements and maintenance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
that the City of \_\_\_\_\_ supports an omnibus transportation funding bill that provides additional dedicated state funding for city streets including funding that can be used for non-MSA city street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

**ADOPTED** by the City of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.



Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 66**

**Distribution of Production Tax to Local Area**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government unit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxation ability of local government units along the Mesabi Iron Range is significantly restricted by state law that establishes special arrangements that apply to iron ore mining, especially the iron ore production tax, such funds being then redistributed by formula to local government units in lieu of some local property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids believes that all local communities within the taconite assistance area should receive financial benefits from iron ore mining and processing; and

**WHEREAS**, individual local government units are impacted by mining to differing degrees due to factors such as distance from current or past mining, it is reasonable to include some consideration of proportionality in production tax distribution based on factors such as the distance from active or past mining and the resulting impacts each local unit of government must deal with; and

**WHEREAS**, bills HF 650 and SF 670 were introduced by local legislators in the 2015 state legislature which took into consideration factors such as those mentioned but such bills were not enacted into law during the legislative session;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids requests that the laws of the State of Minnesota be adjusted in accordance with HF 650 and an amended SF 670 to conform with HF 650, so that the production tax distribution formula is clear that local government units that are closest to and most impacted by mining will receive the greatest tax benefit from mining production taxes but that every local government unit within the taconite assistance area will receive at least a defined and assured minimum annual benefit from iron mining production taxes collected; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that calculation and payment of such production tax distributable to local government units be levied and collected on iron from whatever source and in whatever form the iron is produced, be it from tailings, stockpiles, originally mined natural iron ore with or without processing, iron ore concentrates, iron ore pellets, or direct reduced iron, whether the iron unit be used in local production of downstream products or sent elsewhere for further processing, and that such calculation of tax payment take into account

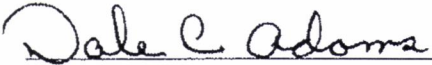
both the location of the origin of the iron as well as locations of processing facilities and related ancillary facilities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids requests the Department of Revenue and the Minnesota state legislature to reconsider and revise the mining tax laws and rules and production tax allocation formulas so that the production tax is collected and distributed in accordance with the preceding principles, and

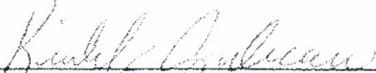
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be informed and involved in the planning for such revisions to the statutes governing such production tax collection and distribution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Revenue and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies sent to each of the state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Range area.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Christy, Zeige, Zabinski, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 67**

**Highway and Railroad Transportation Improvements**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government unit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids believes that transportation infrastructure, especially highways and railways, is vital for use by citizens, for economic health, and for public safety of the City of Grand Rapids and its neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of U.S. Highway 169 from Grand Rapids to Virginia, referred to as the Cross Range Expressway, is a major freight transportation route between Highways 53 and 2 and spans a major industrial area that produces more than 70% of all iron ore in the United States and is a critical part of the United States and state economy, is a major route for transportation of workers in the iron ore industry, their families and dependents, their suppliers, and their products, plus the people involved in numerous other industries and businesses in the region including timber and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no reasonable alternative highway for freight or passengers that links the various interests and activities of this important region; and

**WHEREAS**, part of this critical transportation route is still a 1950s two lane highway, only modestly upgraded, that represents a major restriction on regional traffic flow by confining and limiting economic/business activities and development as well as posing traffic safety hazards and concerns, with traffic counts having risen and expected to significantly continue to rise on this important traffic corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, this only remaining two lane segment of U.S. Highway 169 has been studied multiple times and in fact had a formal EIS completed in 1989, which may require updating but which means that route alternatives have already been studied which would expedite moving toward significant improvement of the two lane portion of highway to four lanes with some simultaneous alignment and grade improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has already selected 1.5 miles of this 9 mile length of two lane highway for upgrading to four lanes in 2016 as part of its Corridors of Commerce program, which includes interregional corridor and supplemental freight routes, and completing upgrade of the remaining 7.5 mile two lane portion of such highway would be a logical and significant improvement for both local and regional traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, railroads are another mode of transportation critical to the local area, region, and state; and



**WHEREAS**, the western Mesabi area has two Class I railroads and one local railroad but these are limited to one shared track that limits competitive pricing and has physical limitations that substantially restrain full use of railroad transportation for transport of heavy loads such as coal, iron ore, and wood products, which leads to restriction of economic development and greater than desirable transportation of heavy loads on public highways with the costs and hazards thus posed to conventional automotive and over-the-road truck traffic when compared with rail haulage.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids strongly supports assignment of a high priority to transportation infrastructure improvements in the western Mesabi corridor from Cohasset to Keewatin, especially high priority upgrading of the remaining portion of U.S. Highway 169 from Taconite to Pengilly from two lanes to four lanes, including alignment and grade adjustments where needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a study be done leading to maintaining and restoring full service on the Class I rail line from Grand Rapids to Keewatin to facilitate local economic development and remove heavy industrial traffic from Highway 169, including provisions improving access to competitive rail freight rates along the rail line from Grand Rapids to Kelly Lake; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be involved as a cooperator or collaborator in the planning for highway and rail transportation improvements in the western Mesabi Range area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids would appreciate receiving from both the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation a written response that describes and explains plans within their current department budgets regarding transportation improvements in the western Mesabi area; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies to each of the elected United States congressional officials and state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Iron Range area.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof:  
Blake, Christy, Zeige, Zabinski, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby  
the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 68**  
**Hill Annex Mine State Park**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government unit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is actively involved in identifying, planning and encouraging development and use of local assets for the benefit of its citizens and the State of Minnesota in ways that preserve the availability of the iron ore resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the local area has a strong iron mining heritage that has had a strong role in the local and state economy, in developing technology and providing resources that have benefited the local area, the state, the nation, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that citizens be educated about the important resources of their state, including iron ore, and that they understand the history, technology, culture, economic importance, and other aspects of this industry that has been and continues to be so important to the local area, the State, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota is unique in having several state parks featuring and educating people about different aspects of this iron mining heritage and resource, one of these being Hill Annex Mine State Park which is located in the immediate area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hill Annex Mine State Park has substantial infrastructure, buildings, historic, and natural features, some of which are one of a kind, and these features require maintenance, care, and attention so that they are in safe and proper condition to perform the educational mission of the state park system of which they are a part; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hill Annex Mine State Park provides employment and has the potential to provide direct and indirect current and future economic benefits to the State and the local area; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the park has been gradually falling into disrepair, has had very limited open days and hours, and may have been underpromoted, which together have resulted in lower visitor numbers and admission receipts, both of which trends, if continued, result in lower employment, lower economic benefits, and eventual loss of the state park as a viable attraction and unable to fulfill its goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids feels that preservation, maintenance, and improvements to the Hill Annex Mine State Park are important and may become even more important to the future of the State, the State's residents, and the local area; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids strongly encourages the state and its relevant departments to make a strong policy statement regarding the value and benefits of the Hill Annex Mine State Park and encouraging realization of the full benefits offered by the Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids strongly encourages the 2015 Minnesota Legislature to appropriate and allocating adequate state funds specifically for

the Hill Annex Mine State Park so that it can properly fill its important educational and economic role, and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such funds for Hill Annex Mine State Park be used for operational, maintenance, and repair purposes including expeditiously developing a plan to identify specific actions to be taken so that the park can better fulfill its mission, such specific actions to include at a minimum improved marketing of the park, maintenance and repair funds to allow maintaining current facilities and existing buildings, capital funds for major renovations to existing buildings and possible extensions or additions to improve the visitor draw of the park, improved labeling and identification of important buildings and features of the park for their better understanding by park visitors, adding knowledgeable guides and other park personnel, extending days and hours of park operation, and establishing long term goals that lead to making the park more economically self-supporting over a five year time period; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be involved as a cooperator or collaborator in the planning for improvements for the future of the Hill Annex Mine State Park; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids would appreciate receiving from both the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation a written response that describes and explains plans within their current department budgets regarding the Hill Annex Mine State Park and an expression of DNR and IRRRB interest in improving the state park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies to each of the state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Iron Range area.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Christy, Zeige, Zabinski, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 69**

**Mesabi Range Deep Drilling Program**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government unit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, iron ore mining has been and continues to be the economic pillar of Northeastern Minnesota but little technical information exists about the iron formation south of the immediate limits of the historic and current iron ore mines; and

**WHEREAS**, ability to perform comprehensive long term plans and make good use of public funds for infrastructure, economic development and zoning plans, and other public purposes is best done using good information, including data about iron ore resources, development of which could significantly impact the type and location of infrastructure, municipal, county, state, and other development, especially with the advent of new mining and processing technologies and changes in the relative market value of minerals; and

**WHEREAS**, northeastern Minnesota has technical professionals and several service providers capable of planning and performing the various steps and tasks involved in better defining the extent and nature of the iron ore resource in northeastern Minnesota, information about which would be useful for planning purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a limited deep drilling program originally planned in the 1960s was terminated prior to completion and there have been important developments since that time so that the need for long term information about the iron ore resource continues to exist, has increased, and is expected to further increase.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids strongly encourages the allocation and use of adequate state funds by the Department of Natural Resources Division of Lands and Minerals to plan and implement a substantial deep core drilling program south of the historic and current mining area along the Mesabi Iron Range, preferably with priority to the western portion of the Iron Range, including appropriate logging, analysis and testing of core produced by such a program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be involved as a cooperator or collaborator in the planning for such program and to be apprised of the results of such deep core drilling program; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids would appreciate receiving from both the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation a written response that describes and explains plans within the current department budget regarding the requested deep drilling program or that will result in the department from recent legislative action or as a result of other



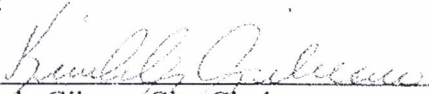
planning, and an expression of DNR and IRRRB interest in arranging for and conducting such deep drilling program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies to each of the state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Iron Range area.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2015

  
Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution No. 15 - 70**

**Completion of Legacy Underground Mine Mapping in the Western Mesabi Iron Range**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Rapids is a local government unit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, iron ore mining has been the economic pillar of Northeastern Minnesota, and this included underground mining using legacy technology that in some cases left underground voids, some of which have openings have projected to surface and some of which are still hidden underground and are not yet known, in areas that now impact planning for and use of land because of public safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, technical personnel and technology have the ability to identify and map many of the legacy underground mine areas that could pose public safety hazards, the map products of which would reduce the likelihood of negative unintended consequences of current or future activities that could be prevented if potentially hazardous areas are better known; and

**WHEREAS**, research and mapping of the central and eastern Mesabi Iron Range has already been completed and only the western Mesabi Range, from approximately Keewatin westward, which includes areas in which historic underground mining may have been more significant than generally realized and in places not yet known, remains for mapping of the locations of legacy underground iron ore mining; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a one-time project for which no annual operating funds exist and for which none are expected to be needed once the mapping of legacy underground mine workings is complete.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids strongly encourages the allocation and use of adequate state funds by either the Department of Natural Resources Division of Lands and Minerals or the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board to enable completion of the last stage of the Mesabi Range underground mine mapping project on the western Mesabi Iron Range; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids, by itself or through a joint powers entity such as the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board of which it is a member, would like to be involved as a cooperator or collaborator in the planning for such program and to be apprised of the results of such program to map legacy underground mines; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids would appreciate receiving from both the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation a written response that explains any plans within the current department budget regarding the requested completion of the mapping of legacy underground mines on the western Mesabi Range, and an expression of interest in arranging for and conducting the last stage of such mapping project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, with copies sent to each of the state legislators that represent the western Mesabi Range area.

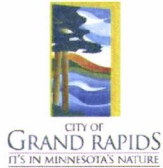
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Discuss Grand Rapids City Code Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages

**Background Information:**

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety updates legislature on a yearly basis, as it pertains to alcohol sales and service throughout the state. As this occurs, the Grand Rapids City Code - Chapter 6 regarding Alcoholic Beverages needs review and update. City staff would like to have a discussion with the city council on the concept of simply adopting the State Statute. Both documents are attached for reference.