

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.  
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
  - II. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes of the March 7, 2005 Regular Meeting (#1-7)
    - B. Bills and Payroll
    - C. Receipts
    - D. Communications (#38-45)
  - III. Public Forum
    - A. Public Hearing – JOBZ (#8-13)
  - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
    - A. Mayor’s Report
    - B. City Administrator’s Report
    - C. Director of Public Work’s Report
      - 1. Large Trash Pickup (#14)
      - 2. Street Light Policy (#15)
      - 3. Wastewater Rate Adjustment (#16-17)
    - D. Director of Parks and Recreation’s Report
      - 1. West Two Rivers Campground Contract (#18)
      - 2. Advertise for Summer Recreation Positions (#19)
    - E. City Engineers Report
    - F. City Attorney’s Report
    - G. Liaison Reports
  - V. Unfinished Business
    - A. Four Mile Lake Area Roads/Streets (#20-21)
    - B. Mesabi Trail Area Sidewalk (#22)
  - VI. New Business
    - A. Calvary Cemetery Request (#23)
    - B. Resolution 06-05 USDA Security Agreement (#24-30)
    - C. Resolution 07-05 DARE Support (#31)
    - D. All Seasons Temporary Employment Policy (#32)
    - E. Heather Avenue Condition (#33)
    - F. Library Board Request (#34)
    - G. Taconite Concentrate Hauling (#35)
    - H. Spending Limits (#36)
    - I. Mountain Iron Drive/13<sup>th</sup> Street Corner
    - J. Closed Meeting (#37)
    - K. Communications (#38-45)
  - VII. Open Discussion
  - VIII. Announcements
    - A. Board of Review – April 12, 2005 at 6:30PM
  - IX. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 7, 2005

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Larry Nanti, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Rod Flannigan, City Engineer.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Irish that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005, City Council meeting as submitted.
2. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period February 16-28, 2005, totaling \$951,124.98, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period February 16-28, 2005, totaling \$256,061.76, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Andrew Autio, 8380 Gardenia Street, spoke to the Council regarding the sump pump ordinance. He stated that his house has always been in compliance with the ordinance. He said that he paid the \$25 fine and he would like the money returned to him. He said that he has now had his property certified by the City and is now listed as in compliance.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Nelson that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 2B, that the City Council will close a portion of the March 21, 2005 regular City Council meeting to consider charges and allegations concerning an Employee of this City unless the Employee requests that the meeting remain open to the public. The motion carried.

The Recreation Director advised the Council that the skating rinks have been closed for the season. He also advised the Council that the pictures have been put up on the walls of the Community Center.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to direct City Staff to eliminate the advertising in the Mesabi Daily News Progress Edition for 2006. The motion carried.

Councilor Prebeg publicly thanked the Director of Public Works and the City Crew for their assistance during the Prebeg Memorial Snowmobile Ride.

The City Engineer reported that they have not been able to verify the right-of-way ownership on Monkey Road in Parkville.

The City Engineer reported that he did not find any information regarding the reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue completed in the late 70's or early 80's. He said that he contacted Peter Baker, the City Engineer on the project, and he advised him of what he recalled on the construction project. Councilor Roskoski requested that the City Engineer put the information from Mr. Baker in a memorandum to the Council.

It was moved by Prebeg and supported by Nelson to authorize the Fire Chief to attend the Arson Investigation Conference, March 30-April 1, 2005, in St. Cloud at a cost not to exceed \$891.00. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Prebeg asked if the Street and Alley Committee had a chance to discuss the stop sign request in Parkville. Councilor Roskoski said that the Committee had not yet met to discuss the request.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko that the City yard waste recycling area on County Road 102, between Downtown Mountain Iron and South Grove, to be fully functional and completed by Fall freeze up of 2005. And further, items included in the project, but not limited to, are proper signage, a security light that will go on at dark and go off at sunrise, the access road will some sort of gravel crushed rock surface, the gate card system will be fully operational, and where the recycling bins are going to be located that a proper thickness of asphalt paving be placed. And further, all Mountain Iron residents will be notified by letter stating that the project is completed and what operational procedures that they will have to follow to use it. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg that due to the public misunderstanding that homeowners had to call and schedule a sump pump inspection or did not realize that homes without a basement or drain tile still needed an inspection, the Mountain Iron City Council authorizes the Director of Public Works to waive the sump pump surcharge fees from homeowners who did not know they had to notify the City to schedule a compliance inspection, demonstrated that their homes were in compliance prior to December 31, 2004, and passed a compliance inspection by April 1, 2005. And further, that the waiver will be a credit on the resident's utility bill. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski that because of apparent misunderstandings, as far as residents having their sewers, sump pump, drain tile systems inspected for compliance, that they be notified via letter stating that they have been given a grace period and advising them that they need to call city hall, including the City phone number, to have a City Employee come and inspect their property. The motion died for lack of support.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to publish a display advertisement in the Sunday, March 13, 2005, Mesabi Daily News advising Mountain Iron residents that they need to contact the City Hall for a sump pump compliance check. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish that if the anonymous donor comes through with the \$1000 donation, as mentioned by Steve Skogman, that the City budget the remaining

necessary funds to tape and televise the rest of the regular City Council meetings for the remainder of 2005. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; and Skalko, no.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to have the gutter drainage problem, east of the driveway at 5480 Diamond Lane, be remedied by City Crews working in cooperation with City Administrative Staff and Benchmark Engineering Personnel. The project will entail lowering the curb and gutter, where necessary, and the project will be completed by Fall freeze up of 2005. After further discussion, Roskoski amended the motion and Irish supported the amendment that if further study reveals that something more has to be done, other than lowering a short section of curb and gutter, that this situation be brought back to the City Council for further action. The amended motion carried on the following roll call vote: Nelson, no; Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; and Skalko, yes.

The Council reviewed the South Grove Park Development proposal as presented by Benchmark Engineering. The Mayor advised the Council that he had submitted a draft letter to the South Grove Residents to be mailed with the information to be submitted to the Residents.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Roskoski to set a special meeting for Thursday, March 31, 2005, to discuss the Spring Park area improvements at 6:00 p.m. and the South Grove Park Development at 7:30 p.m. with the materials included in the March 7, 2005, City Council packet being sent to the residents in the Spring Park area and South Grove area along with a cover letter being sent out as soon as possible. The motion carried.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to waive the community center rental fee for the Mountain Iron-Buhl All Night Graduation Party Class of 2005 on May 26, 2005. The motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to allow the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works to enter into discussions with the City of Virginia about the possibility of trading land for land, but not to enter into any agreement. The **motion failed** with Councilors Prebeg, Irish, Roskoski and Mayor Skalko voting no.

The City Council requested that the Economic Development Authority add Highway 53 property development to their next agenda.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to have City Staff contact all of the phone directory companies that service the Mountain Iron area, as soon as possible, to notify them of the following Mountain Iron emergency numbers: law enforcement, power outages, drinking water problems, and fire protection, to be listed appropriately. The motion carried.

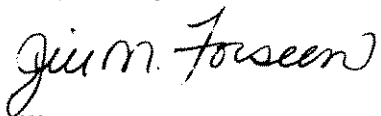
It was moved by Irish and supported by Prebeg to set the Board of Review meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The motion carried.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Skalko to have City Staff contact the Chamber of Commerce and request that the Quad Cities Map that they have had printed in the past, be updated with the City of Mountain Iron's new street addresses. The motion carried.

During the open discussion, Councilor Nelson said that with regard to how the City Council meetings are being run with Council members and audience members speaking without being recognized by the Mayor, he would like to see a change in how this is done. The Mayor said that normally the audience members wait to be recognized before they speak and he will look for the Council members to put their light on to be recognized before they speak.

At 8:33 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA  
Municipal Services Secretary

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Saint Louis County, forwarding information regarding a pilot program for backyard compost.
2. Laura and John Reinhardt, a letter urging the City Council to reject the proposal from Excelsior Energy.
3. State of Minnesota, Office of the State Auditor, a letter requesting that the City Council review the operating losses of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the years 2002 and 2003 and asking that the City submit a plan to make the fund profitable.
4. St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, an invitation to an appreciation dinner on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Hibbing.
5. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding information regarding the March 31, 2005 State of the Cities Legislative Conference, the April 19, 2005, Safety and Loss Control Workshop.
6. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, forwarding the March 3, 2005 update.

## Summary By Category And Distribution

| Category                  | Distribution                   | Amount            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| UTILITY                   | UTILITY                        | 107,523.66        |
| METER DEPOSITS            | ELECTRIC                       | 2,850.00          |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | STATE OF MN-FEMA FUNDS         | 81,049.00         |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | STATE OF MN-HAVA GRANT         | 3,500.00          |
| MISCELLANEOUS             | REIMBURSEMENTS                 | 23,398.46         |
| TAXES                     | TRANSFERS FROM MI HRA          | 42,820.00         |
| MISCELLANEOUS             | ASSESSMENT SEARCHES            | 10.00             |
| BUILDING RENTALS          | NICHOLS HALL                   | 85.00             |
| BUILDING RENTALS          | COMMUNITY CENTER               | 175.00            |
| CD INTEREST               | CD INTEREST 101                | 1,728.13          |
| CD INTEREST               | CD INTEREST 301                | 2,160.16          |
| CD INTEREST               | CD INTEREST 378                | 987.50            |
| CD INTEREST               | CD INTEREST 602                | 432.02            |
| CD INTEREST               | CD INTEREST 603                | 864.10            |
| FINES                     | CRIMINAL                       | 983.60            |
| BUILDING RENTALS          | BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS       | 300.00            |
| LICENSES                  | ANIMAL                         | 10.00             |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | IRRRRA-APPLICATION GRANT       | 3,500.00          |
| MISCELLANEOUS             | BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE | 29,857.35         |
| PERMITS                   | BUILDING                       | 155.00            |
| CD INTEREST               | SMITH BARNEY CASH CD/FUND 101  | 96,000.00         |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | TACONITE PRODUCTION TAX        | 552,736.00        |
| Summary Totals:           |                                | <u>951,124.98</u> |

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| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31307    | 10006     | ANDERSON AUTO CENTER           | 002-20200     | 68.14     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31308    | 140026    | AQUILA                         | 002-20200     | 7,364.41  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31309    | 20022     | BENCHMARK ENGINEERING INC      | 002-20200     | 6,049.75  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31310    | 20010     | BISS LOCK INC                  | 002-20200     | 290.79    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31311    | 20043     | BOBCAT OF DULUTH, INC.         | 002-20200     | 40.64     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31312    | 30017     | CARQUEST (MOUNTAIN IRON)       | 002-20200     | 152.58    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31313    | 30001     | CHRISTENSEN PARTS SERVICE INC  | 002-20200     | 23.95     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31314    | 20018     | CITY AUTO GLASS NOVUS          | 002-20200     | 505.13    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31315    | 220003    | CITY OF VIRGINIA               | 002-20200     | 107.49    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31316    | 3002      | CLASS ACTION PICTURES          | 002-20200     | 100.00    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31317    | 30026     | COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES INC       | 002-20200     | 94.40     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31318    | 3001      | CONNIE MURPHY                  | 002-20200     | 100.00    |
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| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31322    | 60006     | FISHER PRINTING                | 002-20200     | 486.28    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31323    | 5007      | FORTIS BENEFITS                | 002-20200     | 510.40    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31324    | 70028     | GREATER MINNESOTA AGENCY INC   | 002-20200     | 186.00    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31325    | 70029     | GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC      | 002-20200     | 56.82     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31326    | 3003      | HEIDI WEIBERG                  | 002-20200     | 50.00     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31327    | 80002     | HILLYARD                       | 002-20200     | 806.12    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31328    | 90007     | INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY   | 002-20200     | 291.76    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31329    | 90006     | IRON TRAIL MOTORS              | 002-20200     | 71.18     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31330    | 120032    | LAKE COUNTRY POWER             | 002-20200     | 130.00    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31331    | 120039    | LEEF SERVICES                  | 002-20200     | 23.60     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31332    | 120012    | LIBRARY STORE                  | 002-20200     | 115.38    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31333    | 120004    | LITERARY GUILD                 | 002-20200     | 59.25     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31334    | 130004    | MESABI DAILY NEWS              | 002-20200     | 1,169.59  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31335    | 130006    | MESABI HUMANE SOCIETY          | 002-20200     | 854.87    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31336    | 130093    | MESABI RANGE COLLEGE           | 002-20200     | 1,049.00  |
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| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31338    | 130096    | MICROMARKETING ASSOCIATES      | 002-20200     | 94.30     |
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| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31341    | 130013    | MOUNTAIN IRON FIREMEN'S RELIEF | 002-20200     | 2,700.00  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31342    | 140013    | NATIONAL WATERWORKS            | 002-20200     | 1,021.74  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31343    | 140052    | NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE  | 002-20200     | 39,088.64 |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31344    | 160003    | PERPICH TV & MUSIC INC         | 002-20200     | 10.19     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31345    | 160023    | POHAKI LUMBER                  | 002-20200     | 214.57    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31346    | 170007    | QUILL CORPORATION              | 002-20200     | 314.30    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31347    | 180045    | RESERVE ACCOUNT                | 002-20200     | 500.00    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31348    | 190045    | SERVICE SOLUTIONS              | 002-20200     | 340.85    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31349    | 190046    | SMART APPLE MEDIA              | 002-20200     | 75.80     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31350    | 200020    | THE TRENTI LAW FIRM            | 002-20200     | 3,050.80  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31351    | 200006    | TRIMARK INDUSTRIAL             | 002-20200     | 56.36     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31352    | 210001    | UNITED ELECTRIC COMPANY        | 002-20200     | 1,045.79  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31353    | 210029    | USS REAL ESTATE                | 002-20200     | 370.77    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31354    | 220025    | VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE     | 002-20200     | 28.73     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31355    | 220014    | VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH        | 002-20200     | 1,232.70  |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31356    | 220004    | VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  | 002-20200     | 21,133.20 |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31357    | 230029    | WORLD REFERENCE RESOURCES      | 002-20200     | 183.98    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31358    | 260005    | ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY      | 002-20200     | 47.64     |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31359    | 260002    | ZIEBART                        | 002-20200     | 536.75    |
| 03/05 | 03/08/2005 | 31360    | 130023    | MINNESOTA CHAPTER IAAI         | 002-20200     | 205.00    |

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| Totals:                   |      |          |           |       |               | <u>170,750.71</u>   |
| Payroll-PP Ending 2/25/05 |      |          |           |       |               | <u>85,311.05</u>    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES        |      |          |           |       |               | <u>\$256,061.76</u> |



**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IIA**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**JOBZ HEARING**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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This public hearing is scheduled to determine the possibility of granting JOBZ benefits to Precision Testing Inc. Enclosed, please find the draft Business Subsidy Agreement for your consideration.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY BUILDING ZONE  
BUSINESS SUBSIDY AGREEMENT**

**I. PARTIES**

This agreement is made on March 21, 2005, the Approval Date, by and between the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, local unit of government with offices at 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768, (Telephone Number: 218-748-7570; (hereinafter "subzone administrator") and Precision Testing Inc., a non-retail, non-commercial trade or business organized and operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota (hereinafter "qualified business"), with its principal offices at 1018 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Virginia, MN 55792 (Telephone Number: 218-741-0555). This agreement shall become effective upon its Approval Date, the date on which the last person signs the agreement. In order to satisfy the provisions of the Job Opportunity Building Zone statute (M.S. §§ 469.310 - 469.320) and the Business Subsidy Statute (M.S. §§ 116J.993 - 116J.995), the subzone administrator and a representative of the qualified business acknowledge and agree as follows:

**II. RECITALS**

- A. Whereas, the Precision Testing Inc. owned by Connie Pearson is the fee owner of the Property located at 5559 Enterprise Drive NE, in the City of Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, with property tax identification number «SitePIN»; consisting of «#ofAcres» acres; and
- B. Whereas, the Property is located within a designated Job Opportunity Building Zone, as described in the Northeast Minnesota JOBZ Application; and is currently comprised of vacant land;
- C. Whereas, the Precision Testing Inc. has been approved by the subzone administrator to be a non-retail, non-commercial business relocating from another Minnesota non-Zone location; that:
  - 1. Commits to signing a Relocation Agreement with DEED; and
  - 2. Ceased one or more operations or functions at a non-Zone location and begins performing substantially the same functions inside the City of Mountain Iron Zone; and
  - 3. Increases full time employment by 20% (measured relative to the operations that were relocated) within the first full taxable year of operation within the Zone and maintains the required level of employment during each year of zone designation; or
  - 4. Makes a capital investment in the Zone equivalent to at least 10% of gross revenues for the taxable year immediately preceding relocation to the Zone;
- D. Whereas, the qualified business plans to begin business operations in the subzone on «OperationStartDate».
- E. Whereas the Job Zone Term shall be effective from the approval date until December 31, 2015.
- F. Whereas, the qualified business agrees to satisfy the provisions of the business subsidy reporting requirements under the business subsidy statute at (M.S. § 116J.993 -116J.995); and as required by M.S. § 469.320 Subd. 1., identified in Section IV. of this agreement.

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agreement" means this Job Opportunity Building Zone Business Subsidy Agreement by and between "subzone administrator" and the "qualified business".
- B. "Approval Date" means the date upon which the final execution of this agreement takes place; and after which a qualified business has been approved by the subzone administrator.
- C. "Benefit Date" is the date after which tax benefits shall begin to accrue to the qualified business; and shall mean the "Operations Start Date" for a qualified relocating business.
- D. "Business Subsidy" means tax exemptions or tax credits available to a qualified business located in a job zone, and or a state or local government agency grant, contribution of personal property, real property, infrastructure, the principal amount of a loan at rates below those commercially available to the recipient, any reduction or deferral of any tax or any fee, any guarantee of any payment under any loan, lease, or other obligation, or any preferential use of government facilities given to a business, and as defined by the Business Subsidy statute.
- E. "Business Subsidy Report" means the annual report required to comply with M.S. § 116J.994 Subd. 7. (b).
- F. "Capital Investment" means any investment that is defined as depreciable for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- G. "DEED" means Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
- H. "Job Zone Term" shall mean stated period of time stated in Section II. E. of this agreement.
- I. "JOBZ" means Job Opportunity Building Zone as defined in M.S. § 469.310.
- J. "Local Government Unit" means a statutory or home rule charter city, county, town, iron range resources and rehabilitation agency, regional development commission, or federally designated economic development district.
- K. "Person" includes an individual, corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, association, or any other entity.
- L. "Property" means the parcel or parcels located within a subzone on which a qualified business is or will be operating, that excludes any building footprint of a business operating in a subzone prior to January 1, 2004; and as identified in Section II.A. of this agreement.
- M. "Qualified Business" means a person that carries on a trade or business at a place of business located within a Job Opportunity Building Zone as referenced in M.S. § 469.310 Subd. 11; and complies with the reporting requirements specified by M.S. § 469.313 Subd. 2. (5); and shall comply with the criteria in Section II.C. of this agreement; and shall also mean "Recipient" mean any business entity that receives a business subsidy as defined by M.S. § 116J.993, and that has signed a Business Subsidy Agreement with a designated subzone administrator. A qualified business shall not include a retail, low-wage service, agricultural production business, or provide less than the minimum wages provided in section IV.D.4. of this agreement.
- N. "Relocation Agreement" means a binding written agreement between a relocating qualified business and the commissioner of DEED pledging that the qualified business will either:

- (a) increase full-time for full-time equivalent employment in the first full year of operation within the job opportunity building zone by at least 20 percent, *or*
  - (b) make a capital investment on the property equivalent to 10% of the gross revenues of operation that was relocated in the immediately preceding taxable year; and provides for repayment of all tax benefits if the requirements of (a) or (b) are not met.
- O. "Subzone" means the parcel or parcel of land designated by the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development within a Job Opportunity Building Zone within the boundaries of City of Mountain Iron to receive certain tax credits and exemptions specified under M.S. § 469.310-469.320.
  - P. "Subzone Administrator" means the legal representative designated by the Local Governmental Unit to administer the subzone and shall also mean "Grantor" as defined by the business subsidy statute M.S. § 116J.993 Subd. 4.
  - Q. "Zone" means a Job Opportunity Building Zone or an Agricultural Processing Facility Zone designated by the commissioner of Employment and Economic Development under M.S. § 469.314.

#### **IV. BUSINESS SUBSIDY REQUIREMENTS**

Whereas, compliance with provisions of the Minnesota business subsidy statutes (M.S. §116J.993 -116J.995) require the following, the parties agree that:

- A. The Job Opportunity Building Zone business subsidy shall include all tax exemptions, job credits or other business subsidies provided from the Approval Date until the last date of the Job Zone Term:
  - (1) Exemption from individual income taxes as provided under M.S. § 469.316; and
  - (2) Exemption from corporate franchise taxes as provided under M.S. § 469.317; and
  - (3) Exemption from the state sales and use tax and any local sales and use taxes on qualifying purchases as provided in M.S. § 297A.68, subdivision 37; and
  - (4) Exemption from the state sales tax on motor vehicles and any local sales tax on motor vehicles as provided under M.S. § 297B.03; and
  - (5) The jobs credit allowed under M.S. § 469.318.
- B. Other business subsidies provided to the qualified business, as described in the Business Subsidy statute at M.S. § 116J.993 - 116J.995, shall be identified, including the amounts and type of subsidy provided, specifically:
  - (1) Loan
  - (2) Contribution of property or infrastructure
  - (3) Land contribution
- C. The public purpose(s) for the Job Opportunity Building Zone business subsidy agreed to by the Parties shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (1) The enhancement of economic diversity
  - (2) The creation of high quality job growth
  - (3) Stabilizing the community
- D. The measurable, specific, and tangible goals for the job zone subsidy shall include:

- (1) The qualified business shall create «NumNewFTEJobs» new FTE jobs by «NewJobCreationDate» by and retained by the qualified business during the Job Zone Term and within the subzone boundary.
  - (2) The qualified business shall maintain «NumNewFTEJobs» the new FTE jobs during the Job Zone Term and within the subzone boundary.
  - (3) The qualified business shall provide an average wage and benefit level for the new FTE jobs of at least «AvgHourlyWageNewFTE» per hour, during the Job Zone Term and within the subzone boundary.
  - (4) The qualified business shall provide a specific wage and benefit floor for the wages and benefits to be paid for the new jobs created. The wage and benefit floor is 110% of 2003 poverty level for a family of four in the state of Minnesota is \$9.73 per hour.
  - (5) Notwithstanding M.S. § 116J.994 Subd.4 (3) wage and benefit and job goals for job zone business subsidy recipients shall not be set at zero.
  - (6) A capital investment in the zone of not less than \$«AmtCapitalInvestment» during the first year of business operation in the zone.
- E. A properly noticed public hearing shall be held by the subzone administrator as provided by M.S. § 116J.994. The purpose of the hearing is to define the criteria that a qualified business must meet in order to be eligible to receive a Job Opportunities Building Zone business subsidy. The hearing may also specify the public purpose(s) that shall be achieved and the measurable, specific, and tangible goals committed to by the qualified business. A business subsidy may not be granted until the subzone administrator has adopted criteria as required by M.S. § 116J.994 Subd. 2. A copy of the criteria shall be submitted to the Department of Employment and Economic Development along with the first annual report. As provided by M.S. § 116J.994, Subd. 5., a public notice shall be published in print and if possible, on the internet, at least 10 days prior to the hearing, identifying the location, date time and place of the hearing; and providing information about the business subsidy proposed, including a summary of the terms of the subsidy.
- F. A description of the financial obligation(s) of the qualified business to repay all JOBZ related tax benefits obtained if it does not meet the goals identified in this agreement, and as defined in M.S. § 469.319.
- G. A description of the financial obligation(s) of the qualified business related to other business subsidies provided to the qualified business, as governed by the Business Subsidy statute at M.S. § 116J.993 - 116J.995, and to repay tax benefits obtained if it does not meet the goals identified in this agreement, and as defined in and in M.S. § 116J.994 Subd. 6.
- H. A commitment to continue to operations in the jurisdiction where the subsidy is used for the duration of the job zone term.
- I. A qualified business agrees to furnish to the subzone administrator, on or before March 1 in each year, an annual business subsidy report required in M.S. § 116J.994, Subd. 7., on a form developed and made available by DEED.
- J. A qualified business agrees not to compete with or displace local businesses currently operating within the subzone community.
- K. The Local Government Unit will provide the qualified business with all of the local tax benefits and property tax benefits permitted under M.S. § 469.315.

- L. A qualified business receiving sales tax exemptions provided under M.S. 297A.68, subdivision 37(b) and (c) and (d) agrees to comply with prevailing wages requirements under M.S. 116J.871.
- M. A qualified business is encouraged to list new job opportunities in the Minnesota Job Bank by contacting the MN Job Bank Help Desk at 651-296-8400, or go directly to the MN Job Bank at [www.mnworks.org](http://www.mnworks.org).

This agreement shall be binding upon any successors or assignees of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subzone administrator and the qualified business have acknowledged their assent to this agreement and agree to be bound by its terms through the signatures entered below:

**QUALIFIED BUSINESS:** I have read and I agree to all of the above provisions of this agreement; By and through the Representative of the Precision Testing Inc.:

**SUBZONE ADMINISTRATOR:** I have read and I agree to all of the above provisions of this agreement; By and through the Representative of the City of Mountain Iron,

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IVC1**

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**LARGE TRASH PICK-UP**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Utility Advisory Board is recommending the City Council approval for a large trash pick-up to be held the weeks of June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005. To off-set increased disposal costs, a \$5.00 fee per participant will be charged. Furthermore, we would need to extend the completion time line for Locomotive Park by two weeks because of the personnel and equipment required for the large trash pick-up.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IVC2**

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**STREET LIGHT POLICY**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Utility Advisory Board reviewed the recommended changes to the Street Light Policy by the City Council. The Board concurred with the changes but tabled formal action until the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 UAB meeting.



**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IVC3**

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**SEWER RATE INCREASE**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Don Kleinschmidt  
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Utility Advisory Board has studied the sewer rate increase needed to balance the deficiencies in the Wastewater Enterprise Fund. This includes an \$110,000.00 depreciation expense line item. The total expenditures for the fund for 2005 are projected to be approximately \$325,000.00. Revenues projected for the same time are \$198,000.00.

To balance the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, the Utility Advisory Board is recommending to the City Council that the sewer rate charging system change from a flat rate system to a volume based system with the service charge and commodity charge as follows:

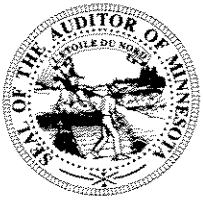
Residential - \$10.00 per month service charge and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used commodity charge.

Commercial - \$20.00 per month service charge and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used commodity charge.

The Residential summer rate will be determined by the average water consumption used during the months of January, February, and March. This will eliminate a sewer commodity charge for water used other than entering the sanitary sewer, such as lawn/garden watering, etc.

Overall averages of surrounding cities showed an average residential charge of \$15.91 service charge plus \$5.56/1,000 gallons commodity charge. Commercial is \$15.61 service charge plus a \$5.06/1,000 gallons commodity charge. Overall monthly residential average bill was \$24.17 and commercial was \$77.39. It should be noted that during the survey, several cities were expecting future rate increases.

Staff Note: Since the UAB made this recommendation, the City of Mountain Iron received the attached letter from the State Auditor concerning the fund deficiencies.



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March 2, 2005

The Honorable Gary Skalko  
Mayor  
City of Mountain Iron  
8586 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768-8260

Dear Mayor Skalko

Thank you for the assistance of your staff in providing your City's audit and other requested information to this office.

We have completed our review of your City's 2003 audit and related documents. We urge the City to work with its auditor and take appropriate action to comply with your auditor's comments and recommendations.

In reviewing your City's audit, we noticed that your wastewater enterprise fund had operating losses for 2002 and 2003. In light of this fact, I encourage your City to examine its wastewater enterprise fund operations. The purpose of an enterprise fund is to be self-sustaining not needing the support of another enterprise or other government fund.

I trust that your City has a plan to make the wastewater enterprise fund profitable. At your earliest convenience, please send us information on your City's plan to make this fund profitable. If after examining the wastewater enterprise fund operations the City found a way to turn the operation into a profitable one, I would be interested in hearing about the changes that you made and found to be successful.

Thank you again for your City's assistance. We look forward to reviewing your 2004 audit next year. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Anderson", written over a large, faint, stylized signature.

Patricia Anderson  
State Auditor

Cc: Craig Wainio, Administrator  
Walker, Giroux & Hahne, LTD, Virginia, City Auditor

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IVD1**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**WEST TWO CARETAKER CONTRACT-2005**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Parks & Recreation Board

Larry Nanti  
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Parks & Recreation Board is requesting approval of the contract renewal for Wilbur and Violette Ball for caretakers for the 2005 season. Wilbur and Violette are requesting a \$25.00 per week increase in wages for the 2005 season.

Their salary for the year 2002, 2003, and 2004 was \$500.00 per week for a period of 17 weeks.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-IVD2**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**SUMMER STAFF FOR 2005**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Parks & Recreation Board

Larry Nanti  
Director of Parks & Recreation

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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The Parks & Recreation Board is requesting approval to advertise and hire workers for the 2005 season. Applications will be reviewed and the Board will interview applicants as needed. A list will be provided to the City Council.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VA**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**4 MILE LAKE AREA ROADS/STREETS**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

It appears that Taylor Investments is purchasing properties around the Range. The City should exercise its rights as per the agreement voted on last Fall and require Taylor Investments to construct the 3 needed cul-de-sacs on the 4 Mile West Side Drive roads before the City officially accepts all the 4 Mile Lake area roads/streets.

Staff Note: The following is the motion accepting the roads around Mashkenode Lake: It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to adopt Resolution Number 45-04, accepting the offer of the dedication of street right-of-way easements as shown on the final plat and certificate of survey, (a copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes), contingent if there is any major problems that Taylor Investment agrees to repair any problems. It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to amend the motion to repair any problems that the Director of Public Works and the City Engineer deem as a problem until June 1, 2004. And further, Scott Seeley, representing Taylor Investments, was present and agreed to the motion to repair any problems with the roads in the Mashkenode Lake area. It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to have an additional amendment directing the City Attorney to prepare a written agreement reflecting the discussion for Taylor Investments repairing any problems with the roads in the Mashkenode Lake area and having the agreement signed by both Taylor Investments and the City of Mountain Iron. The amended motion carried with Councilor Roskoski voting no.

Based upon this motion, the City has already accepted the roads and Taylor has agreed to fix any on the problems concerning the existing roads. Also enclosed is a letter received from Taylor after the last time Councilor Roskoski raised this subject.

**Donald V. Kleinschmidt**

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**From:** Craig J. Wainio  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 3:49 PM  
**To:** Donald V. Kleinschmidt  
**Subject:** FW: Mashkenode West

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**From:** Scott Seeley [mailto:sseeley@naterraland.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 2:33 PM  
**To:** Craig J. Wainio  
**Subject:** Mashkenode West

Good Afternoon Craig: I just wanted to drop a quick note to you in regards to your letter dated to me 1/24/05 in regards to installing two cul de sacs on the West Side of Mashkenode. Sorry its taken so long - I've been gone a couple of weeks & I've been very swamped since the first of the year.

I've stopped by Mashkenode last week when i was in the area for meetings. I'm not sure what we can do at this point, since we don't own any of the lots out here and there is only 66' of right of way. Maybe something can be done within the 66' foot right of way by using one of the existing entrance approaches as a turn around that we built. I think Springer Drive isn't much of an issue, but i can see the problem with Shorthair Lane.

Let me know if you or Don have any ideas & I'll keep thinking on my end what could possibly be done to alleviate the situation. Once again, I thank you for all your assistance given & look forward working with you in the future.

Scott A Seeley, Land Manager  
Natterra Land, Inc  
19163 Soder Road  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
(218) 825-7624  
sseeley@naterraland.com  
F/K/A Taylor Investment Corporation

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VB**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**MESABI TRAIL AREA SIDEWALK**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

The sidewalk that runs east of the Ken Jacobsen alley. The boulevard area between the sidewalk and curb should be sodded or seeded along the entire length. The area south of the sidewalk should be cleaned up to the width of 6 feet and be sodded or seeded along the entire length.

**Craig J. Wainio**

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**From:** Renny & Cathie Renzaglia [renzaglia@rangenet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:48 AM  
**To:** Craig J. Wainio  
**Subject:** Calvary Cemetery

Craig,

As we discussed earlier, the Calvary Cemetery Board would like to be on the March 21st City Council meeting agenda to discuss possible City funding to assist in the construction of a building addition. The present cemetery building is only an equipment storage garage with a small partitioned office. Our intention is to expand the building to the East and create a new and modern office and reception area.

We had previously petitioned IRRR through the City of Virginia for this funding which has since been turned down. Virginia in turn, has offered to provide \$12,500 towards the building addition if Mt. Iron would do likewise. In fact, the city of Virginia previously proposed this arrangement to the Mt. Iron Council without the Cemetery Board's knowledge.

It is understandable that in times of financial turmoil, that unbudgeted items such as this request be carefully scrutinized. It has come to our attention that more monies than was budgeted is available to the City of Mt. Iron from the mining effect tax. We are requesting that the City Council review this and consider allocating this monies to the cemetery building addition. This monies will only provide about two thirds of the needed \$12,500, however if the Council can see fit to allocated these funds to the project with consideration for the remainder in fiscal year 2006, the Cemetery Board can supplement the shortfall in order to get the project started and hopefully completed in the summer of 2005.

Thank you for your consideration,

R J Renzaglia  
Chairman, Calvary Cemetery Board



**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIB**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RESOLUTION 06-05**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005  
**FROM:** Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Resolution Number 06-05 is a required by the USDA Rural Development in order to receive a loan for Library Improvements. It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution Number 06-05 as presented.



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-05

**AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS EN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AN ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, HANDLING, AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUES THEREFROM, AND AUTHORIZING MAKINGS OF PROMISSORY NOTES, SECURITY INSTRUMENTS. AND PLEDGES OF REVENUES TO EVIDENCE AND SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID INDEBTEDNESS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron, (hereinafter referred to as the "Organization"), was organized under Minnesota State Statutes for the purpose of providing public services including a public library (hereinafter referred to as the "Facility") to serve the members of the said Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, a meeting of the members of the said Organization was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2005, pursuant to proper notice thereof to consider plans for the acquisition, construction, and methods of financing the Facility; and, as shown by the minutes of said meeting, of the five members of record of the Organization there were five present and voting and by a recorded vote, the Facility and its financing were authorized; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Facility is to be constructed and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Damberg, Scott, Gerzina, and Wagner Architects, Inc. and in order to finance the Facility, the City Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is authorized and empowered, in their discretion, for and in the name of the Organization, to make application to the United States of America, through the United States Department of Agriculture, (hereinafter referred to as the "Government"), for financial assistance; to cause the execution and delivery of an installment promissory note or notes or other evidence of indebtedness (hereinafter referred to as the "Note"), and appropriate security instruments to secure any loan or loans made or insured by the Government; to comply with any requirements, terms or conditions prescribed by the Government or by Government regulations; and to execute contracts or enter into agreements and, without limitation, to take any and all other action as may be necessary, incidental or appropriate to finance, acquire, construct, complete or equip the Facility for and on behalf of the Organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:**

Section 1. (Determination of Board). That it is necessary to defray a portion of the costs of financing the Facility by obtaining a loan made or insured by the Government in accordance with applicable provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, it being determined that the Organization is unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance the Facility, taking into consideration prevailing private and cooperative rates and terms currently available;

Section 2. (Terms of Loan). That the Organization borrow \$ 300,000.00 and issue as evidence thereof Note in the form prescribed by the Government for the full principal amount of the loan. The note shall be signed by the President, attested by the Secretary and if necessary, have the corporate seal of the Organization affixed thereto, and shall bear interest from its date, which shall be the date of delivery, at a rate not to exceed 4.5000 percent per annum; the principal and interest shall be paid over a period of 30 years in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in the Note, until the principal and interest are fully paid except the final payment of the entire indebtedness, not sooner paid, shall be due and payable 30 years from the date of the Note. Each payment shall be applied first to the payment of the accrued interest and second to the payment of the principal, Prepayments of any installment may be made in any amount at any time at the option of the Organization.

Section 3. (Assignment and Pledge of Revenue). The indebtedness hereby authorized to be incurred, together with the interest thereon, shall be payable from the gross income and revenue to be derived from the operation of the Facility, a sufficient portion of which, to pay the principal and interest as and when the same shall become due, is hereby assigned, and pledged and shall be set aside for that purpose and this assignment and pledge shall extend to and include any assessments that may be levied pursuant to Section 5 (d) hereof.

Section 4. (Protection and Disposition of Funds). The City Administrator of the Organization shall be the custodian of all funds of the Organization. Funds may be deposited in institutions insured by the State or Federal Government or invested in readily marketable securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any income from these accounts will be considered as revenues of the system. The City Administrator is hereby directed to establish the following accounts into which the current funds of the Organization, Note proceeds, the revenues from the Facility and any other income shall be deposited, which accounts shall be continually maintained, except as otherwise provided, so long as the indebtedness hereby authorized remains unpaid:

- (a) Construction Account. The proceeds of the Note, hereby authorized not disbursed contemporaneously with loan closing for incurred Facility costs, and at least the amount of \$0.00 to be contributed by the Organization from the collection of initial connection fees, membership fees or contributions shall be deposited in an account designated as the Construction Account which shall be established as

required by the Government. Withdrawals from the construction account shall be made only on checks signed by the City Administrator of the Organization as authorized by the Board from time to time, and with prior concurrence of the Government. At the option of the Government, the construction account may be established as a "supervised bank account". Amounts in the supervised bank account exceeding \$100,000 shall be secured by the depository bank in advance in accordance with 31 C.F.R. part 22. Withdrawals from a supervised bank account shall be made only on checks signed by the City Administrator of the Organization and countersigned by an authorized official of the Government. The Organizations share of any insurance or liquidated damages and other monies paid by defaulting contractors or their sureties will be deposited in the Construction Account to assure completion of the Facility. When all construction costs have been paid in full, any balance remaining in the Construction Account may be applied on the loan or used for other authorized purposes that have been approved by the Government and the Construction Account shall be closed.

- (b) General Account. As soon as the Facility becomes revenue producing, all funds received shall be set aside in an account to be designated as the General Account. Disbursements and transfers from this account shall be for: debt service, operations and maintenance, and transfers to an account designated as the Reserve Account. Monies deposited in the General Account shall be used only in the manner and order as follows:
  - (1) Organizations making monthly Government debt service payments shall use the General Account for making such payments plus operating and maintenance expenses. Any remaining funds will be transferred from this account to the Reserve Account in accordance with (d) below.
  - (2) Borrowers making other than monthly Government debt service payments shall first use the General Account to pay operating and maintenance expenses. Then other transfers from his account will be made in the following order: (i) To an account designated as the Debt Service Account will be made in accordance with (c) below, (ii) Transfers to the Reserve Account will be made in accordance with (d) below.
- (c) Debt Service Account. Organizations making other than monthly debt service payments, shall transfer subject to income availability from the General Account to the Debt Service Account, a sum not to increase the next installment on the note.
- (d) Reserve Account. From the remaining funds in the General Account, after transfers and payments required in (b) (1) or (b) (2) and (c), there shall be set aside into the Reserve Account the sum of \$0.00 each month until there is accumulated in that account the sum of \$0.00 after which deposits may be suspended, except to replace withdrawals. When necessary, disbursements may be used for payments due on the Note if sufficient funds are not available in the

General or Debt Service Account. With the prior written approval of the Government, funds may be withdrawn for:

- (1) paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the Facility which may have been caused by catastrophe, or
- (2) making extensions or improvements to the Facility.

Whenever disbursements are made from the Reserve Account, monthly deposits shall then be resumed until there is again accumulated the amount \$0.00, at which time deposits may be discontinued. Whenever there shall accumulate in the General Account, amounts in excess of those required in subsections (b) (1) and (2), (c) and (d), such excess will be used by the Organization to make prepayments on the loan or retained in the General Account. The accounts required in subsections (b) (1) and (2), (c) and (d) may be established and maintained as bookkeeping accounts or as separate bank accounts at the election of the Organization, unless otherwise directed by the Government.

Section 5. (Other Covenants and Agreements of the Organization). The Organization covenants and agrees that so long as the indebtedness hereby authorized remains unpaid:

- (a) It will indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government.
- (b) It will comply with applicable state laws and regulations and continually operate and maintain the Facility in good condition.
- (c) It will impose and collect such rates and charges that gross revenues will be sufficient at all times to provide for the payment of the operation and maintenance thereof and the installment payments on the Note and the maintenance of the various accounts herein created. All service rendered by or use of the Facility shall be subject to the full rates prescribed in the rules and regulations of the Organization.
- (d) If, for any reason, gross revenues are insufficient, it will cause to be levied and collected such assessments as may be necessary to operate and maintain the Facility in good condition and meet installment payments on the Note as the same become due.
- (e) It will (i) establish and maintain such books and records relating to the operation of the Facility and its financial affairs, (ii) will provide for the annual audit thereof in such manner as may be required by the Government, (iii) will provide the Government without its request a copy of each such audit, and (iv) will make and forward to the Government such additional information and reports as it may from time to time require.

- (f) It will provide the Government, at all reasonable times, access to the Facility and all its books and records so that the Government may ascertain that the Organizations complying with the provisions hereof and with the provisions of other instruments incident to the making or insuring of the loan.
- (g) It will maintain at least such insurance and fidelity bond or employee dishonesty coverage as may be required by the Government.
- (h) It will not borrow any money from any source or enter into any contract or agreement or incur any other liabilities in connection with making extensions or improvements to the Facility, exclusive of normal maintenance, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Government.
- (i) It will not cause or permit any voluntary dissolution of the Organization or merge or consolidate with an other organization, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Government. It will not dispose of, or transfer title to the Facility or any part thereof, including lands and interest in lands by sale, security instrument, lease or other encumbrance, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Government. Revenue, in excess of the amount required to maintain the accounts described by Section 4 herein, will not be distributed or transferred to any other organization or legal entity.
- (j) It will not modify or amend its organizational documents, including any articles of incorporation or bylaws without the written consent of the Government.
- (k) It will provide adequate service to all persons within the service area who can feasibly and legally be served and will obtain Government's concurrence prior to refusing new or adequate services to such persons. Upon failure to provide services which are feasible and legal, such person shall have a direct right of action against the Organization or public body.
- (l) All present and future contract rights, accounts receivable, and general intangibles arising in connection with the Facility are pledged as security for the loan.
- (m) It will comply with the measures identified in the Governments environmental impact analysis for this Facility for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the adverse environmental impacts of the Facility's construction or operation.

Section 6. (Security Instruments). In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest of the Note, the President and Secretary of the Organization are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver good and sufficient lien instruments, where necessary, encumbering the properties and assets, both real and personal, constituting said Facility, as completed, or as the same may be thereafter extended, including an assignment and pledge of revenues and such other instruments as may be prescribed by the Government.

Section 7. (Refinancing). If at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Organization is able to refinance the amount of the indebtedness then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time the Organization will, upon request of the Government, apply for, and accept, such loan in sufficient amount to repay the Government and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

Section 8. ("Equal Employment Opportunity under Construction Contracts and Nondiscrimination"). The President and the Secretary be and they are authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the Organization, Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement", and Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement".

Section 9. (Authorization of Officials). In the case of a grant in the sum not to exceed \$0.00 the Organization hereby accepts the grant under the terms as offered by the Government and that the N/A and N/A of the Organization are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant and the Organization hereby resolves to operate the Facility under the terms as offered in said grant agreements.

Section 10. (Cross Default). Default under the provisions of this agreement or any instrument incident to the making or issuing of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Organization, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.

Section 11. (Resolution of Contract). The provisions hereof and the provisions of all instruments incident to the making or the insuring of the loan, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of such instruments, shall constitute a contract between the Organization and the Government or assignee so long as the note hereby authorized remains unpaid.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2005.**

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Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

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City Administrator



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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-05

### SUPPORTING MOUNTAIN IRON DARE FUNDRAISER

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron feels that the DARE Program is valuable for the students of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, April 21, 2005, is the date of the Mountain Iron DARE Fundraiser at the Mountain Iron Community Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**, that it fully supports and endorses the efforts of the Mountain Iron DARE Fundraiser.

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL**, that it endorses the use of City Staff and facilities for the DARE Fundraiser on April 21, 2005.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2005.**

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Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

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City Administrator



**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VID**

**MAYOR SKALKO**

**ALL SEASONS TEMPORARY  
EMPLOYMENT POLICY**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Mayor Skalko

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Mayor Skalko requested this item be placed on the Agenda, no background information was presented.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIE**

**COUNCILOR NELSON**

**HEATHER AVENUE CONDITION**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Nelson

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Nelson requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

With the deplorable status of Heather Avenue and after the City Council ignored all recommendations not to place mill feed on Heather Avenue, a plan needs to be developed on how we are going to correct the situation.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIF**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**LIBRARY BOARD REQUEST**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

The Library Board members feel more janitorial hours are needed to keep the facility in top condition. "I did notice that the basement area floors could use a wax job"... Ed Roskoski.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIG**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**TACONITE CONCENTRATE HAULING**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

I'm sure we all have noticed that the area/road/street/ County Road 102 from Old Highway 169 to Minntac is very dirty and broken-up. The work is that more hauling will continue through the summer. An alternative way of getting taconite concentrate from Keewatin to Mountain Iron has to be explored. We do have utilities under these streets.

Staff Note: In order to keep the hauling on County Roads and not on City Streets, hauling should not be allowed on Old Highway 169 through the Kinross area. Any route suggested should remain on County Roads as is currently the case.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIH**

**COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI**

**SPENDING LIMITS**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005  
**FROM:** Councilor Roskoski  
Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

The irony is “we Councilors” fight amongst ourselves over if \$100, \$500 or \$800 of expenditures are specifically budgeted for but our Administrative Staff have the authority to spend over \$1,000 at a time on items not specifically budgeted for and without Council approval. Administrative expenditures should only be for “emergency items/situations” that can not be delayed until Council meetings.

Staff Note: To change the policy as presented would severely limit the ability of the City to function. Under the policy as proposed, staff would not be able to purchase a wrench or pen or floor wax or grass seed without prior Council approval. If the Council perceives a large problem with the current system, it is recommended that this issue be referred to the Personnel Committee for review.

**COUNCIL LETTER 032205-VIJ**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**CLOSED MEETING**

**DATE:** March 17, 2005

**FROM:** Personnel Committee

Craig J. Wainio  
City Administrator

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Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, subd. 2(b), the City Council will close a portion of the meeting to consider charges and allegations concerning an employee of the City.

COMMUNICATIONS  
MARCH 21, 2005

1. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the March 11, 2005, Friday fax.
2. Mountain Iron-Buhl Class of 2005, forwarding a thank you for the contribution to the All Night Graduation Party.



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## **Governor's supplemental budget released**

Thursday afternoon, the governor released his supplemental budget recommendations for the upcoming two-year budget. The supplemental recommendations are unveiled shortly after the Department of Finance releases the February budget forecast and therefore reflect the effects of the updated forecast and any reprioritization of the governor's initial budget proposal.

The February forecast increased the revenues available for the balance of the current biennium, which ends this June 30, by \$175 million. In addition, the projections for revenues available for the 2006-2007 biennium increased by \$234 million. Despite these "increases," the state continues to face a deficit for the upcoming biennial budget. However, given that the governor's initial budget was based on lower available revenue projections, the improved budget forecast effectively translates into more available revenue for the governor's budget.

The governor's supplemental recommendations would increase K-12 education funding by \$108 million, \$66 million of which would be used to increase the basic education finance formula. When combined with the governor's earlier budget recommendation, he is now proposing that the basic education funding formula increase by 2.5 percent per year for the upcoming budget cycle.

The governor's supplemental budget did not restore funding for the market value homestead credit cuts proposed by the governor in January.

The governor's overall budget recommendations continue to rely on an assumed \$200 million one-time infusion of revenue from a new casino. If that source of revenue is not realized, the governor and Legislature will have to find other revenues or other expenditure reductions before the end of the session.

The governor may have provided some protection from the possible loss of the casino revenue and also from the possible loss of federal revenue due to Congressional action that could negatively impact the state. His supplemental recommendations include a set aside of \$75 million which he labels as a "federal transition reserve." According to the governor, this reserve would be used to cover potential federal cuts to a wide range of non-entitlement discretionary programs, although it apparently would not be limited only to those uses.

The governor's budget recommendations are only a starting point for legislative budget negotiations. The Legislature has two months remaining in this session to craft a final state biennial budget.

*Questions? Contact Gary Carlson at 651.281.1255 or at [gcarlson@lmnc.org](mailto:gcarlson@lmnc.org)*

## **What is the proper role of a city council?**

This week, the Governor's Chief-of-Staff, Dan McElroy, during a discussion on Minnesota Public Radio was asked the question, "Has the governor taken a position yet on whether or not people in the local communities where a casino would be sited--whether they should be





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allowed to vote on this or just go with whatever the city council says?"

McElroy replied, "We believe the city council should make that decision. I've looked at how it's been done in other parts of the country and the challenge is if the community were to undertake a referendum, it's likely the current Indian gaming group would spend a ton of money to defeat it. The proponents would have to spend a ton of money to pass it. It gets into a battle that's not particularly constructive.....it still wastes a lot of resources, pits neighbor against neighbor and I don't think it's necessary. We believe a city council resolution would be the right way to go."

In a completely unrelated note, Governor Tim Pawlenty and House Tax Committee Chair Phil Krinkie this week unveiled the Taxpayer Satisfaction Survey at a meeting of the Minnesota Association of Realtors. The proposal would allow property owners to petition for a vote on a city council decision to increase the property tax, making it difficult for city councilmembers and mayors to answer the question posed in the title of this article.

We hope Chief-of-Staff McElroy will share his views on the role of city councils with others at the state capitol.

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## **Action Alert! House hearing next Tuesday on salary cap proposal**

Legislation that would give Minnesota cities and counties control over local compensation decisions will be heard on Tuesday, March 15

in the House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Committee.

The bill, HF 995, repeals the statute that limits local government compensation to 95 percent of the governor's salary. This legislation also eliminates the related cap on salary that is counted for pension purposes. Rep. Ron Erhardt (R-Edina) is the chief sponsor of the House bill and Sen. Steve Kelley (DFL-Hopkins) is carrying the Senate companion. The proposal is supported by a bi-partisan group of legislators.

HF 995 passed out of the House Local Government Committee last week on a 10-8 roll call vote. We expect that the vote in the Governmental Operations Committee will also be close. **Please contact members of the committee before Tuesday's hearing to encourage them to repeal the salary cap or to provide a higher limit that includes an annual inflationary adjustment, which will be offered as an amendment if necessary.**

The members, their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed below:

Rep. Kathy Tingelstad, (651) 296-5369,

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Rep. Michael Beard, (651) 296-8872,

[rep.mike.beard@house.mn](mailto:rep.mike.beard@house.mn)

Rep. Lloyd Cybart, (651) 296-5506,

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Rep. Randy Demmer, (651) 296-9236,

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Rep. Jerry Dempsey, (651) 296-8635,

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For more information on city legislative issues, contact any member of the League of Minnesota Cities Intergovernmental Relations team.

651.281.1200 or 800.925.1122



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 Rep. Sheldon Johnson, (651) 296-4201,  
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 Rep. Denny McNamara, (651) 296-3135,  
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## Street utility bill narrowly clears hurdle in Senate

The Senate Transportation Committee took a neutral position on the League's street utility initiative, SF 366 (Marko, DFL-Cottage Grove), at a Thursday hearing. On a vote of seven to four, the bill was passed without recommendation to the Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee. A prior motion to table the bill was defeated on a vote of five to five.

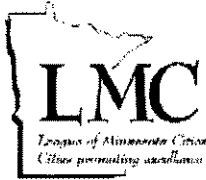
The committee heard strong testimony by the bill's author, Senator Sharon Marko, and by city officials, that street utility authority would provide a fair and much-needed tool for street preservation funding.

The bill ran into trouble when some key supporting senators left the hearing to attend other committee meetings. Subsequently, cities lost a couple of swing votes on the committee to the bill's opponents. Representatives of the Minnesota Multi-Housing Association, the Minnesota Trucking Association, the Minnesota Grocers Association and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties used familiar arguments that cities would use the fees to unfairly "tax" businesses and that property taxes should sufficiently cover the cost of street maintenance and reconstruction. They also charged that the mechanism used to calculate the fees—trip generation rates—is obscure.

In fact, the trip generation information would be taken from the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, which is widely accepted by engineering and planning professionals. The manual is a key source of information used to make decisions about traffic management, safety and development.

Some members of the committee noted that they had not heard from city officials in their districts on this initiative and were not inclined to support it without local pressure.

The next hearing on SF 366 has not been scheduled. The outcome of this legislation will depend largely on the ability of city officials to make the case that this street funding tool would be useful and would be implemented carefully and fairly at the local level.



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League members have a small remaining window of opportunity to influence this legislation. If your city supports the initiative, now is the time for you to inform or remind your legislators of your interest.

To learn more about the street utility initiative, go to the League's [Street Utility Action Toolkit](#) on the LMC website ([www.lmnc.org](http://www.lmnc.org)).

*Questions? Contact Anne Finn at 651.281.1263 or at [afinn@lmnc.org](mailto:afinn@lmnc.org)*

## **Extracurricular activities to remain in schools for now**

HF 1090, a bill that would have shifted responsibility for student activities such as sports and arts from school districts to local governments, met its demise this week in the House Education Policy and Reform Committee.

The authors, Rep. Mark Buesgens (R-Jordan) and Rep. Mindy Greiling (DFL-Roseville), said the bill had been introduced in an effort to help facilitate a discussion about the use of education dollars and the appropriate role of schools. The bill was greeted with alarm by educators, students, parents and local government officials.

The authors acknowledged the initiative was controversial and, after several committee members and testifiers made it clear there was little appetite for this shift, they agreed to lay the bill on the table.

The Senate companion, SF 1381 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul), has not been scheduled for a hearing.

*Questions? Contact Anne Finn at 651.281.1263 or [afinn@lmnc.org](mailto:afinn@lmnc.org).*

## **Liquor law changes discussed this Monday**

The Senate's Liquor Subcommittee will meet on Monday to take up a number of liquor related bills. Among the bills they will hear that impact cities are: SF 1444 (Anderson, DFL-St Paul) mandating that cities issuing liquor licenses perform two compliance checks a year per license, and setting a minimum administrative penalties for sales to minors. SF 1131 (Ourada, R-Buffalo) prohibits any new municipal liquor stores. SF 1435 (Kleis, R-St. Cloud) requires any city with a municipal liquor operation to issue an off-sale license to any qualifying entity. The committee will take a vote on SF 1444, but will not on either of the municipal liquor bills.

The wine in grocery stores proposal, SF 1572 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) is not scheduled for this hearing, although many of the issues brought forward in these bills are some of the same arguments made for expanding the sale of wine to grocery stores. This bill was introduced this week in the Senate; the companion is HF 1727 (Beard, R-Shakopee).

The House companion committee, the Liquor subcommittee of Regulated Industries, will meet Monday night to hear the non-controversial local bills. The hearing is at 7 pm in the State Office Building, room 500 North. House staff has said they will not be taking up any controversial bills at that hearing.



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## Commerce Subcommittee on Liquor

*Chair: Sen. Sandra L. Pappas*

12 noon Room 15 Capitol

**Agenda:** SF 1280-Skoe: Minors alcoholic beverages purchase, possession or consumption strengthened restriction.

SF 1444-Anderson: Alcoholic beverage sales to minors mandatory civil penalties and compliance checks.

SF 1535-Dibble: Authorizing the city of Minneapolis to issue an on-sale license.

SF 1072-Hann: Eden Prairie on-sale intoxicating liquor license.

The following bills will be heard for discussion only; no votes will be taken:

SF 1130-Kierlin: Wine sales exclusive agreements prohibition.

SF 1131-Ourada: Municipal liquor stores establishment prohibition.

SF 1322-Dibble: Beer market dual distribution prohibition repeal.

SF 1435-Kleis: Municipal liquor store cities off-sale licenses issuance.

SF 1585-McGinn: Modifying law relating to wholesaler-retailer relationships.

*Questions? Contact Jenn O'Rourke at 651.281.1281 or at [jorourke@lmnc.org](mailto:jorourke@lmnc.org)*

## Committee meetings

Committee schedules are changing frequently.

To get the latest information on committee agendas, check the legislative websites

[Legislative home page](#)

## Make your city's voice heard at the Capitol—State of the Cities Legislative Conference set for March 31

The State of the Cities Legislative Conference is set for March 31, 2005 and will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, St. Paul. This conference is followed by the City Day at the Capitol—the

perfect chance to meet with your legislators and tell your city's story.

At this conference, you'll:

- Learn about key legislative initiatives and issues facing cities this session, including transportation, land use and water quality\*.
- Hear about the *2005 State of the Cities Report*
- Learn how Minnesota cities are coping with fiscal pressures and how our cities compare to other states.
- Find out about the Financing Local Government Task Force recommendations.
- Hear from legislative leaders.
- Network with other city officials and learn how to foster closer state-local partnerships.
- Stay on for the networking social hour from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kelly Inn, Sweetwater Bar and Grill.

Registration Fee: \$75 person

Questions? Contact Cathy Dovidio at (651) 281-1250 or (800) 925-1122, or e-mail: [cdovidio@lmnc.org](mailto:cdovidio@lmnc.org)

Register online anytime at: [Online Registration](#)

\*Also learn more about impaired waters at legislative update sessions on April 1 or 8. For more information visit [Impaired Waters Meetings](#)

# Mountain Iron-Buhl High School



Class of 2005

We sincerely thank you  
for your contribution to the  
MIB all night Grad Party!

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