



# Brainerd City Council Agenda Request

**Requested Meeting Date:**

**Title of Item:**

<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> P&F COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> SPW COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> MAIN AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of published hearing notice</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Department:</b>
<b>Presenter (Name &amp; Title):</b>	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>	
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>	
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>	
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping \$ _____ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Please Explain:</u>	

# **CITY OF BRAINERD INVESTMENT POLICY**

This policy covers all monies of the City of Brainerd and includes deposits and investments of funds deposited in interest bearing accounts.

It is a common occurrence for the City of Brainerd to have cash balances in various fund accounts which, though allocated for a specific purpose, are temporarily not needed. It is the policy of the City that any fund with a cash balance which will remain unexpended for a reasonable period of time, shall be invested in a manner as outlined below.

The investment policy of the City of Brainerd encompasses the following principles:

1. Safety of principal
2. Chief Investment Officer
3. Consultants
4. Collateralization
5. Authorized investments
6. Prohibited investments
7. Maximum investment
8. Pooling of investments
9. Liquidity
10. Maximum interest earnings

## SAFETY OF PRINCIPAL

Safety of principal is the first priority in investing City funds. The City invests only in those investment instruments authorized by Statute, Minnesota Statutes Chapters *118A* and as amended set forth the authorized investments for a municipality. Depositories as designated shall have insurance through the FDIC (Federal Insurance). To ensure safety, it is the policy of the City that when considering an investment, all depositories under consideration be cross-checked against existing investments to make certain that funds in excess of insurance limits are not made in the same institution unless collateralized as outlined below.

## CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

The chief investment officer will be the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, who will assure compliance with this policy and further develop and maintain adequate controls, procedures and methods assuring safe and accurate accounting on a day-to-day basis, with the approval of the Personnel and Finance Committee of the Brainerd City Council. The day-to-day investment activities are handled by the City Finance Director and Secretary of the Brainerd Public Utilities Commission in accordance of this Policy. The City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer will provide the Personnel and Finance Committee, on a regular basis, all and any information requested by the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee will, in turn, keep the elected officials fully apprised of any problems, changes or irregularities which may occur to assure proper handling of City funds.

## CONSULTANTS

The retention of consultants, agreements with money managers, etc., will not be authorized without express consent of the Council after recommendation by the Personnel and Finance Committee and the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

### COLLATERALIZATION

In accordance with Minn. Stat. 118A the total amount of the collateral computed at its market value shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit at the close of the financial institution's bank day, except that where the collateral is irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks, the amount of collateral shall be at least equal to the amount on deposit at the close of the financial institution's banking day.

Collateralization will be required on the following types of investments:

- (1) Certificates of Deposit
- (2) Demand Deposits

Collateral is limited to securities allowable pursuant to Minn. Stat. 118A.03.

For cash deposits on hand, collateralization shall be in the form of specific securities with an active secondary market for the City held by an independent third party as detailed in statute 118A.06. The only exceptions are Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

### AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

The City of Brainerd will only invest in securities authorized by Minnesota Statute 118A.04 and 118A.05.

Examples of authorized investments are as follows:

1. Savings/demand deposits
2. Certificates of Deposit (CD's)
3. U.S. Treasury obligations
4. U.S. Agency Securities such as:
  - a. Federal Home Loan Bank System (FHLB)
  - b. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)
  - c. Federal Farm Credit Bureau (FFCB)
  - d. Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)
5. Municipal Securities. The statute allows the City to invest in municipal securities of state or local government agencies with taxing power and a rating of "A" or better by a national bond rating agency.

### MAXIMUM INVESTMENT

It is the policy of the City to determine its cash balance on a daily basis for the purpose of investing excess funds.

### POOLING OF INVESTMENTS

For the purpose of making the maximum amount of funds available for investment, the cash for all City funds is pooled in an investment account. Interest earnings are allocated among the various funds based upon their semi-annual average cash balance.

### LIQUIDITY

The purpose of having part of the City's investment portfolio in very liquid funds is to ensure that funds will be available should unexpected large bills be presented for payment.

### MAXIMUM INTEREST EARNINGS

After the liquidity needs and scheduled maturity needs are satisfied, the balance of the funds available for investment are placed with institutions that offer the greatest safety and highest rate of return consistent with the maturities as determined by the City. Quotations or telephone bids are normally taken for all investments, whether they are short term or long term. This alleviates the problem of whom to place the investment with.

ANNUAL REVIEW

It shall be the practice of the City Council to review and approve the investment policy each year on the first regular meeting of February.

Reviewed and Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022.

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JENNIFER BERGMAN  
City Administrator