



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	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) *provide copy of published hearing notice <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading
Submitted by:	Department:
Presenter (Name & Title):	Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue:	
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:	
Recommended Action/Motion:	
Financial Impact: 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>	

RESOLUTION
NO. _:21

City of Brainerd Resolution For Paying LGA on Time and In Full

State of Minnesota

WHEREAS, Minnesota's cities are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response and need to be strong to provide services to support the economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is an essential aid program to Minnesota cities, helping to restrain local property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, LGA helps cities pay for critical needs and services such as public safety, street maintenance & repairs, libraries, parks and trails, economic development and housing; and,

WHEREAS, the \$564 million LGA appropriation in 2021 represents just 2.2% of the state's general fund; and,

WHEREAS, our state (and nation) is facing one of the worst economic struggles in its history; and,

WHEREAS, our city has taken the following steps to support our residents and business including, but not limited to, small business grants, reduction of liquor license fees, extension of premises for our bars and restaurants, extension of rental licenses and complaint-based only code compliance. LGA is essential to the City in providing services such as police, fire, snow plowing, library, parks and other services that make our community a vital and desirable place to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, the most important thing the Minnesota Legislature can do this session to keep cities strong and healthy is to ensure that LGA is paid on time and in full; and,

WHEREAS, over 80% of the 2021 budgeted revenues for the City of Brainerd is from property taxes and LGA. It is vital to the City that the payment of LGA is paid on time and in full to be able to provide the invaluable and basic essential services that all City's need to provide. The City of Brainerd has a low taxable value and without LGA the City would not be competitive to be attract residents and business. LGA is a vital revenue stream for the City and without the full and timely payment of LGA, the City would not be able to provide economic recovery programs such as a reduction of fees for our residents and business for recovery of the pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Brainerd, Minnesota urges through this Resolution to its lawmakers that the state resolve the state budget for 2022-2023 without reductions to Local Government Aid; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Senator Carrie Ruud, Representatives Josh Heintzman and Dale Lueck, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, and Governor Tim Walz.

Adopted this ____ day of February, 2021

KELLY BEVANS
President of the Council

Approved this ____ day of February, 2021

DAVE BADEAUX
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
JENNIFER BERGMAN
City Administrator