

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: January 29, 2009

To: Chair Council Member Betsy Hodges and IGR Committee Members

Subject: City of Minneapolis' Intent to Withdraw from the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

Recommendation: Approve City of Minneapolis Resolution to Withdraw from Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

Prepared by: Gene Ranieri, Director, Intergovernmental Relations _____

Presenters in Committee: IGR Staff

Supporting Information: The counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington and the City of St. Paul and the City of Minneapolis established the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA). The agency was established by the members for the purpose of improving public library services within the members' jurisdictions and coordinating public library services. Coordination includes but is not limited to establishing and maintaining catalogs of materials, arranging interchange of materials and services and coordinating the coverage of subject fields.

Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 121 authorized the merger of the Minneapolis Library Board into the Hennepin County Library. As a result the City's library board no longer supports a library and should withdraw from MELSA.

To withdraw the city must adopt a resolution that states its intent to withdraw from MELSA. A copy of the resolution is attached.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Hodges

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis was a member of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA); and

Whereas, Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 121, merged the Minneapolis Library Board into the Hennepin County Library; and

Whereas, library services within the City of Minneapolis are provided by the Hennepin County Library;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That it intends to withdraw from the MELSA and instructs the Intergovernmental Relations Department to forward a certified copy of the resolution to the President of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency.