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Minneapolis City Council
Council President Jenkins
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Council President Jenkins, Council Vice President Palmisano, and Members of the City Council:

This letter is to inform you that I have vetoed Council Action No. 2022A-0202, included in Legislative File No. 2021-00461. However, I will sign a similar action that meets the following conditions:

1. Replace the word “rescinding” with “suspending” to provide clarity to City staff and the community of next steps if a June 30 deadline is not met and to avoid a scenario where the City has no plan of action to move forward
2. Add clear metrics for what constitutes a “formal proposal,” and the process to review proposals, to satisfy the conditions of the Council action, including:
 - a. a finance plan outlining a strategy to repay the \$14 million dollars owed to Minneapolis ratepayers
 - b. a description outlining the community engagement, space program, design work, regulatory approvals, cost estimates, business plan, organizational model, sources of capital funding, and operating financials for the redevelopment project
 - c. a strategy for the remediation of the site
3. Include a strategy for identifying alternative locations for the facility if the community is successful in satisfying those metrics, including:
 - a. a finance plan outlining a strategy for repaying the \$14 million dollars owed to Minneapolis ratepayers and for financing the eventual redevelopment

I am also committed to including a Training and Outreach Facility and new Central Stores onsite, and based on my conversations with Public Works leadership, I believe that we can do so without infringing on the 3 acres set aside for a community use.

Finally, I urge any agreed upon language for this future action to be finalized at least 24 hours in advance of a Council vote to ensure that all Council Members, City staff, and my office understand the implications of the action and that the necessary legal and subject matter expert input has been included. I look forward to working together on next steps.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey,
City of Minneapolis