

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:31 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Phillipe Cunningham (Chair), Steve Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Cam Gordon, Jeremiah Ellison, Alondra Cano, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Council Members and staff participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Commission on Civil Rights appointments ([2021-00019](#))
 1. Approving the following Mayoral reappointments to the Commission on Civil Rights for three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2023: Jared Widseth, Seat 1, Ward 8; Jeffrey Cobia, Seat 4, Ward 10; Kathryn Stevens, Seat 5, Ward 12; and Paul Hurckman, Seat 7, Ward 5.
 2. Approving the following Mayoral appointments to the Commission on Civil Rights for three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2023: Andrew Crowder, Seat 2, Ward 13; McKenzie Colas, Seat 3, Ward 7; and Kenneth Rance, Seat 6, Ward 5.
 3. Approving the following Mayoral appointments to the Commission on Civil Rights for three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2021: Bob Fine, Seat 10, Ward 13; Blythe Davis, Seat 11, Ward 11; and Jayne Swift, Seat 13, Ward 10.
 4. Approving the following Mayoral appointments to the Commission on Civil Rights for three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2020, and ending Dec 31, 2022: Mark Stignani, Seat 19, Ward 11; and Victoria Fok, Seat 20, Ward 11.
 5. Approving the following Council appointment to the Commission on Civil Rights for a three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2021: Ashley Gold, Seat 9, Ward 12.

Staff presentation by Kaela McConnon Diarra, Department of Civil Rights.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Jared Widseth, appointee
2. Andrew Crowder, appointee
3. Bob Fine, appointee
4. Mark Stignani, appointee

The public hearing was closed.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Signatory authority on health insurance plan provider contracts for School-Based Clinics services reimbursement ([2021-00073](#))

Authorizing signature by the Minneapolis Health Commissioner or their designee on updated and expanded health care plan insurance contracts for School-Based Clinics services reimbursement

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. MPD Release of Liability, Hold Harmless & Defense, and Indemnification agreement with Met Council ([2021-00075](#))

Authorizing the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) to enter into a Release of Liability, Hold Harmless & Defense, and Indemnification agreement with Metropolitan Council (Met Council) related to ownership and maintenance of the Workforce Director system.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Request for Proposals for violence interruption services ([2021-00077](#))

Authorizing issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for violence interruption outreach services for the Office of Violence Prevention's Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. Surveillance ordinance ([2020-00681](#))

Referring to the Policy & Government Oversight Committee, for the setting of a public hearing, an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 41 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Information Governance, adding a new article entitled “Facial Recognition Technology.”

Cunningham moved to refer to the Policy & Government Oversight Committee meeting of January 27, 2021. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

6. Eliminating Child Lead Poisoning Action Plan ([2021-00138](#))

Directing Health Department staff to collaborate with other relevant City departments and jurisdictional agencies, the Public Health Advisory Committee, Housing Advisory Committee, and community stakeholders to develop an Eliminating Child Lead Poisoning Action Plan that includes the following:

1. Steps and partnerships needed to be taken to completely eliminate new cases of child lead poisoning in Minneapolis,
2. Any subgoals needed to reach the goal of eliminating child lead poisoning,
3. Implementation scenarios and timelines,
4. Budgetary requirements to implement different potential scenarios,
5. Community input, and
6. Additional items deemed necessary by content experts.

Staff will present the Draft Eliminating Child Lead Poisoning Action Plan to the Public Health & Safety Committee by the end of the first quarter of 2021 and post it for public comment. A final Action Plan shall be presented to City Council by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

7. MWAC worker outreach and engagement report ([2021-00078](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to the Minneapolis Workplace Advisory Committee (MWAC)'s worker outreach and engagement recommendations for safely reopening the downtown economy.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor for the presentation to Veronica Mendez Moore, Co-Chair of the Minneapolis Workplace Advisory Committee; Dan Scoggins, representing S.C.I.U. Local 26; Jamel Thomas, employee with Marquette Hotel; Gloria Estrada Moreno, unemployed restaurant employee; and Taylor Shevey, interpreter.

Fletcher moved to refer the following direction to staff: “Directing staff in the Labor Standards Division of the Civil Rights Department to work with the Workplace Advisory Committee to form a Downtown Workers Subcommittee, to identify options for safeguarding the health and safety of the downtown workforce as it returns from shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to report back to the Public Health and Safety Committee with initial recommendations no later than July 31, 2021.”

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

The presentation was received and filed.

8. Community safety update ([2021-00071](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on community safety.

Staff presentation by Jason Case, Austin Rice, and Scott Wolfert, Minneapolis Police Department/Strategic Operations Division.

The presentation was received and filed.

9. Transforming community safety update ([2021-00076](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to phase I of community engagement for transforming community safety.

Staff presentation by Sasha Cotton, Health Department/Office of Violence Prevention.

The report was received and filed.

10. Alternative to police response work update ([2021-00101](#))

Receiving and filing an update on alternative to police response pilot programs as approved in the 2021 budget, including work to date and a framework for reporting future work.

Staff presentation by Andrea Larson, City Coordinator’s Office/Strategic Management Division, and Gina Allen, City Coordinator’s Office/Office of Performance & Innovation.

The presentation was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Clerk