

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 4, 2021

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

Members Present: Council Members Phillippe 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. Hospitality Worker Right to Recall ordinance ([2021-00108](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 40 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Workplace Regulations, adding a new Article VII entitled "Hospitality Worker Right to Recall," establishing recall rights for certain employees.

Staff presentation by Brian Walsh, Civil Rights Department; and Andrea Naef, Attorney's Office.

The public hearing was opened, and the following persons spoke:

1. Wade Luneberg
2. Steve Cramer
3. Tamra Huston
4. Maria Chinos-Bonfil
5. Kathy Boeber
6. Jorge Quizhpi Supacela
7. Adam Schreifels
8. Claudia Sandoval Mendoza
9. Jimell Thomas
10. Rosalyn Goldberg
11. Jeff Barnhart

The public hearing was closed.

Fletcher 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. Minneapolis Workplace Advisory Committee appointment ([2021-00279](#))

Approving the following Council appointment for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2021, and ending Dec. 31, 2022: Anna Schmitz, Seat 4, Ward 9.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Minnesota Department of Health grant for COVID-19 vaccination implementation ([2021-00281](#))
 1. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in the amount of \$368,621, to work in partnership with MDH to address the areas of public health responsibility and essential public health services for the period February 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, to be used for COVID-19 vaccination implementation.
 2. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the grant funds.
 3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization grant for erosion and sediment control enforcement ([2021-00280](#))
 1. Accepting a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), in the amount of \$19,200, to hire interns to assist in erosion and sediment control enforcement for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 15, 2021.
 2. Authorizing an agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization for the grant.
 3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

5. Contract amendments with Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO) for continued violence interruption services ([2021-00278](#))
 1. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0002827 with Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, in the amount of \$115,000, for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$290,000 and extend the

contract to June 30, 2021, for continued violence interruption services under the Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative.

2. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0002829 with Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO), in the amount of \$115,000, for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$290,000 and extend the contract to June 30, 2021, for continued violence interruption services under the Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Washburn Center for Children grant for School Based Clinic mental health services ([2021-00277](#))

1. Accepting an additional grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Washburn Center for Children, in the amount of \$222,000, for School Based Clinic mental health services for the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.
2. Authorizing an amended agreement with the Washburn Center for Children for the additional funds.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

7. YouthPrise Foundation/Hennepin County grant for Health Mentor Model programs ([2021-00276](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the Youthprise Foundation, in the amount of \$240,000 for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, to implement the Health Mentor Model at Henry, Roosevelt and South High Schools as part of our School Based Clinics work.
2. Authorizing an agreement with YouthPrise Foundation for the grant funds.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Gordon (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

8. Public safety charter amendment ([2021-00105](#))

1. Passage of Ordinance, to be submitted to the voters at the November 2, 2021, municipal election, proposing amendments to Article VII of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to Administration, pertaining to the creation of a new Charter Department to provide public safety services, including law enforcement, and the removal of the Police Department as a standalone Charter Department.
2. Passage of Ordinance, to be submitted to the voters at the November 2, 2021, municipal election, proposing amendments to Article VIII of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to Officers and Other Employees, pertaining to the creation of a new Charter Department to provide public safety services, including law enforcement, and the removal of the Police Department as a standalone Charter Department.

Cunningham moved to approve and direct the Clerk's Office to consolidate the two ordinances into a single ordinance for consideration at the next meeting of the City Council on March 12. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, and Cano (5)

Nay: Palmisano (1)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

9. COVID-19 update ([2021-00017](#))

Receiving and filing an update report on COVID-19.

Cunningham moved to postpone to PHS meeting of Mar 18, 2021. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

10. Evidence-based violence reduction ([2021-00018](#))

Receiving and filing a report on evidence-based, community-focused approaches to reducing violence and promoting safe communities.

Staff presentation by Josh Peterson from the Office of Violence Prevention with guests, Fatimah Loren-Drier, Anne Marks, and Kentrall Galloway.

The report was received and filed.

11. 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 report was received and filed.

12. Study of injuries from less lethal weapons during the George Floyd protests ([2021-00275](#))

Receiving and filing a report on a study of injuries from less lethal weapons during the George Floyd protests, conducted by an interdisciplinary team at the University of Minnesota.

Presentation from Erika Kaske, Dr. David Darrow, and Dr. Rachel Hardeman from the University of Minnesota.

Gordon moved to request that the Minneapolis Police Department to provide a description of policy and procedure changes intended to eliminate the kinds of injuries caused by the use of "less lethal weapons" described by the interdisciplinary team from the University of Minnesota, and to provide that information to the Public Health & Safety Committee at its regular meeting on April 1, 2021. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

The report was received and filed.

13. Request for Proposals for mobile mental health ([2021-00227](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to the mobile mental health response RFP process.

Staff presentation from Gina Allen from the City Coordinator's Office/Office of Performance & Innovation.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk