

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

April 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Andrea Jenkins (Chair), Jeremiah Ellison (Vice-Chair), Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, Phillippe Cunningham, Jamal Osman, Lisa Goodman, Alondra Cano, Lisa Bender, Jeremy Schroeder, Andrew Johnson, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 7)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Committee 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. Appointment of City Assessor ([2021-00363](#))

Considering the appointment by the Executive Committee of Rebecca Malmquist to the appointed position of City Assessor for an unexpired term ending Jan 2, 2022.

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

1. Greg McHenry
2. Wade Patterson
3. Patrick Chapman
4. Daryl Moeller
5. Dorothy Jacks
6. Bob Wilson
7. Natalie Jones
8. Faye Bland
9. John Gendler
10. Mark Chapin
11. Neal Anderson
12. James Atchison
13. Brent Nicklay

The public hearing was closed.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Civil Service Commission appointment ([2021-00314](#))

Considering the appointment by the Executive Committee of Candace Falk to the Civil Service Commission, Seat 2, for a three-year term beginning Mar 1, 2021, and ending Feb 28, 2024.

The public hearing was opened, there were no persons wishing to speak. The public hearing was closed.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs ordinance ([2021-00387](#))

Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration:

1. Adding a new Chapter 43 entitled "Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs."
2. Chapter 15, Ethics in Government, amending regulations to include the Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Jenkins moved to refer to staff. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Transgender Equity Council Appointment ([2021-00398](#))

Approving the following Council appointment for an unexpired two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2022: Ka'milla La'starise Harris, Seat 1, Ward 8.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. Capital Long-Range Improvements Committee (CLIC) Appointments ([2021-00485](#))

1. Approving the following Council appointments for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2022: Kitrina Stratton, Seat 8, Ward 4 and William Graves, Seat 18, Ward 1.
2. Approving the following Mayoral appointments for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2022: Eamonn Gallagher, Seat 29, Ward 9.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)  
Abstain: (0)  
Absent: (0)

6. Southside Green Zone Council Appointments ([2021-00487](#))

Approving the following City Council appointments for two-year terms beginning Apr 1, 2021, and ending Mar 31, 2023: Joan Vanhala, Seat 1, Ward 9; Blake Miller, Seat 2, Ward 6; Cassandra Holmes, Seat 3, Ward 9; Megan Kuhl-Stennes, Seat 4, Ward 9; José Luis Villaseñor, Seat 5, Ward 9; Karen Clark, Seat 6, Ward 9; Kowsar Mohamed, Seat 7, Ward 6; Muhubo Mohamed, Seat 8, Ward 6; Viviana Rodriguez, Seat 9, Ward 9; Samara Adam, Seat 13, Ward 6; Eticha Fufa, Seat 19, Ward 12; and Zaynab Mohamed, Seat 20, Ward 9.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)  
Abstain: (0)  
Absent: (0)

7. Legal settlement: lawsuit of Annette Williams v. City of Minneapolis, et al. ([2021-00476](#))

Approving the settlement of lawsuit, Annette Williams v. City of Minneapolis, et al., Court File No. 20-CV-1303 (DSD/BRT), by payment of \$2,500.00 to Annette Williams and Hutton, Madgett & Klein, PLLC, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)  
Abstain: (0)  
Absent: (0)

8. Contract with Restorative Justice Community Action for restorative justice services ([2021-00477](#))

Authorizing a contract with Restorative Justice Community Action in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for three years with the option to extend an additional two years to provide restorative justice services to eligible offenders in the City of Minneapolis.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)  
Abstain: (0)  
Absent: (0)

9. Contract amendment with Modern Piping Inc., for additional mechanical work for the Public Service Building Project ([2021-00479](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000416 with Modern Piping, Inc., in the amount of \$71,315 for a total amount not to exceed \$28,943,256, for changes to the project schedule for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

10. Bid for Addressing, Tapping, and Finishing Services ([2021-00480](#))

Accepting the second low bid of The First Impression Group Inc., submitted on Event No. 1305 and authorizing a two (2) year contract in the estimated amount of \$200,000, to furnish and deliver all labor, materials, and incidentals for Addressing, Tapping and Finishing Services for the City of Minneapolis City Clerks Office Document Solutions Center, with the option to extend for one (1) additional year period at the sole discretion of the City, all in accordance with City specifications.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

11. Agreement with Comcast for additional IPTV services to Public Service Building ([2021-00475](#))

Authorizing a contract with Comcast Cable Communications Management for cable television services to reflect the following negotiated material changes: limiting Comcast's liability to a maximum of 6 months of payments for most claims; disclaiming all warranties; providing that mutual defense and indemnification is triggered by gross negligence rather than mere negligence; providing for prepayment upon invoice of certain fees; and including early termination fees of between 60 and 100% of remaining payments owed.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

12. Contract amendment with Premier Electrical Corporation for additional electrical work for Public Service Building Project ([2021-00481](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000189 with Premier Electrical Corporation, in the amount of \$546,865 for a total amount not to exceed \$16,660,867, for additional electrical work for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

13. Contract amendment with Danny's Construction Company LLC, for structural steel installation for the Public Service Building Project ([2021-00482](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-44518 with Danny's Construction Company LLC, in the amount of \$94,954 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,949,061, for increased structural steel installation work for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

14. Contract amendment with Spec 7 Group LLC, for waterproofing work for the Public Service Building Project ([2021-00483](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000184 with Spec 7 Group, LLC, in the amount of \$1,959 for a total amount not to exceed \$666,142, for increase in waterproofing the below grade structures for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

15. 1st Quarter 2021 Donations Report ([2021-00484](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting 1st Quarter 2021 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

16. Contract amendment with Genex Services LLC, for workers compensation medical bill review and payment services ([2021-00486](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-39514 with Genex Services LLC, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,370,000 and extension for one year, through April 30, 2022, for providing workers compensation medical bill review and payment services.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

17. Legal Settlement: Property Damage claim of Grace Watkins-Wright and George Wright ([2021-00488](#))

Approving the settlement of the claim brought by Grace Watkins-Wright and George Wright for property damage and direct expenses related to the sewer backup that flooded their basement at 813 West 61st Street, Minneapolis, MN by payment of \$29,838.19 to claimants in exchange for a waiver and release of all property damage related claims they might have and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute all documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

18. Request for Proposals for Municipal Building Commission Mechanical/Life Safety Renovations and City of Minneapolis Office Improvements ([2021-00489](#))

Authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Municipal Building Commission Mechanical/Life Safety Renovations and City of Minneapolis Office Improvements.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

19. Request for Proposals for rooftop solar installations at the Currie Maintenance Facility and the Lowry Warehouse ([2021-00496](#))

Authorizing the issuance of a "Best Value" Request for Proposals (RFP) for two separate rooftop solar installations on Currie Maintenance Facility and Lowry Warehouse, publication of the RFP is contingent on approval from the Permanent Review Committee (PRC).

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

20. Third amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan ([2021-00490](#))

Authorizing an amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2018, to make changes to dependent care Flexible Spending Account during calendar year 2021 as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), 2021.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

21. Contract amendment with Cost, Planning, and Management International Inc., for owner's project representative services for the Public Service Building Project ([2021-00491](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-41453 with Cost, Planning, and Management International, Inc. (CPMI), in the amount of \$93,470 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,692,290, for additional owner's project representative services for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

22. Grant acceptance from Minnesota State Arts Board ([2021-00492](#))
1. Authorizing the acceptance of a \$15,000 grant from Minnesota State Arts Board for staffing needs to support the Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy from April 2021 to March 2022.
  2. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation for the Coordinator's Department in the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy program.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

23. Consolidated Plan and Action Plan budget adjustments ([2021-00493](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2021 General Appropriation Resolution by decreasing the following project/program allocations in Schedule 4:

1. Reducing the following CDBG capital/other projects: Adult Training, Placement and Retention by \$29,300 to \$1,332,648; High Density Corridor Initiative by \$90,500 to \$403,609; NEDF/CEDF (Great Streets) by \$2,028 to \$91,626; Home Ownership Support & Development by \$4,200 to \$191,028; Vacant and Boarded Building Program by \$32,000 to \$1,456,163.
2. Decreasing the following HOME Investment Partnerships funds: Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) by \$100,426 to \$1,838,969; Home Ownership Works (HOW) by \$33,355 to \$610,399.
3. Decreasing the following Emergency Solutions Grants: CPED Administration by \$8,305 to \$55,695.
4. Increasing the following Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds: Increase Third Party Contractors/Subrecipients/Subgrantees by \$212,861 to \$1,895,851.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

24. 2020 Fourth Quarter Financial Report on results of select City Funds ([2021-00409](#))

Receiving and filing the 2020 Fourth Quarter Financial Report on results of select city funds.

Fletcher moved to receive and file. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)



25. Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Campus Expansion ([2021-00461](#))

Directing staff from Finance & Property Services, Public Works, and Community Planning & Economic Development, in policy alignment with the City's Southside Green Zone, the City's resolution declaring racism a public health emergency, and the City's resolution establishing a truth and reconciliation process, to suspend all aspects of the City's work to expand the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility at 1860 28th Street East and 2717 Longfellow Avenue South.

Further, the Finance & Property Services and Public Works departments are directed to work with the City Attorney's Office and Community Planning & Economic Development to:

1. Return with a report on the financial and operational implications of terminating the City's interest in this parcel and identifying another site for a facility, including but not limited to process, timeline, and budgetary needs; and
2. Recommend a process for how to sell or develop the City-owned parcels located at 1860 28th Street East and 2717 Longfellow Avenue South in a way that is aligned with community interests and engages community-based organizations.

Staff shall present these recommendations to the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Cano moved to approve.

Reich moved to amend the staff direction as follows:

"In policy alignment with the City's Southside Green Zone, the City's resolution declaring racism a public health emergency, and the City's resolution establishing a truth and reconciliation process, staff from Finance & Property Services, Public Works, and Community Planning & Economic Development are directed to:-

~~Further, the Finance & Property Services and Public Works departments are directed to work with the City Attorney's Office and Community Planning & Economic Development to:~~

1. Suspend the City's work to expand the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility at 1860 28th Street East and 2717 Longfellow Avenue South;
- ~~1.~~ 2. Return with a report on the financial and operational implications of terminating the City's interest in this parcel and identifying another site for a facility, including but not limited to process, timeline, and budgetary needs; and

~~2.~~ 3. Recommend a process for how to sell or develop the City-owned parcels located property not needed for municipal operations at 1860 28th Street East and 2717 Longfellow Avenue South in a way that is aligned with community interests and engages community-based organizations.

Staff shall present these recommendations to the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021.”

After discussion. Goodman moved the previous question. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Bender, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

On roll call, Reich’s motion passed.

Aye: Reich, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Bender, Schroder, Ellison (8)

Nay: Gordon, Cano, Johnson, Palmisano, Jenkins (5)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

On roll call, the main motion, as amended, passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (10)

Nay: Fletcher, Cunningham, and Bender (3)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)