

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 23, 2021

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

Members Present: Council Members Kevin Reich (Chair), Lisa Bender (Vice-Chair), Steve Fletcher, Cam Gordon, Andrew Johnson, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

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. Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report ([2021-00567](#))

Passage of Resolution adopting the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase I Permit Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report for 2020 Activities.

Staff presentation by Elizabeth Stout, Surface Water and Sewers.

The public hearing was opened. There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Truck parking ordinance ([2019-00855](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 18, Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing, amending provisions related to parking of overweight vehicles and commercial vehicles.

Staff presentation by Dillon Fried, Traffic and Parking Services; and Jeff Miller, Regulatory Services.

The public hearing was opened. The following persons spoke:

1. Dale Poe, BCT Heartland
2. John Hausladen, Minnesota Trucking Association
3. Allyson Tarnowski, Seward Civic and Commerce Association (SCCA)

4. Anita Raaum, 2716 E 26th St
5. Mark Nunberg, Director, Common Ground Meditation Center
6. Mohamed Aydarus

The public hearing was closed.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Jenkins, Ward 8; Council Member Cunningham, Ward 4; and Council Member Osman, Ward 6.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Gordon, and Palmisano (4)

Abstain: Johnson (1)

Absent: Fletcher (1)

Nay: (0)

3. 2021 Alley Renovation Program: Project designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing ([2021-00705](#))
 1. Passage of Resolution designating the 2021 Alley Renovation Program (PV006), the improvement of six alleys throughout the City of Minneapolis.
 2. Adopting report receiving the cost estimate of \$180,000, directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the list of benefited properties, and setting a public hearing for Aug 11, 2021.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Contract amendment with Thomas & Sons Construction, Inc. for 8th St S Street Reconstruction Project ([2021-00706](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000415 with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$185,800 for a total amount not to exceed \$10,814,990.34, for additional project work and costs associated with unforeseen conditions on the 8th St S Street Reconstruction Project, all in accordance with City specifications.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. Contract amendment with Hennepin County for the Minnehaha Ave S Street Reconstruction Project [\(2021-00707\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-39212 with Hennepin County, in the amount of \$272,361.36 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,957,495.76, and an extension through Dec 31, 2021, for additional costs associated with the Minnehaha Ave S Street Reconstruction Project.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

6. Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for landscaping improvements at the Highway 77 and Highway 62 interchange [\(2021-00708\)](#)

Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), to accept up to \$2,500 in funding from the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program, for landscaping improvements at the Highway 77 and Highway 62 interchange.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

7. Agreement with Metropolitan Council for the reconstruction of a stormwater shaft [\(2021-00710\)](#)

Authorizing an agreement with the Metropolitan Council that permits the City of Minneapolis to reconstruct a portion of the Metropolitan Council-owned stormwater shaft at the intersection of Portland Ave and Washington Ave as part of the Central City Parallel Storm Tunnel Project in accordance with agreed upon plans.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

8. Agreement with Hennepin County for road maintenance [\(2021-00711\)](#)

Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis reimbursing the City for providing routine maintenance on certain County State Aid routes and bridges in the City of Minneapolis, effective Jan 1, 2021, through Dec 31, 2023.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

9. Cooperative agreement with Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for a stormwater quality improvement project in Bryn Mawr Park ([2021-00712](#))

Authorizing an agreement with the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) for the design of stormwater treatment ponds and associated storm sewer infrastructure at Bryn Mawr Park and the preparation of construction plans and specifications for the project.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

10. Easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy for new water service to the Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock and Dam Building ([2021-00713](#))

Authorizing an easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy for construction, operation, and maintenance of a water service line serving the US Army Corps of Engineers' Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock and Dam Building.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

11. Easement agreement with Minnesota Ballpark Authority for the 5th St Bridge ([2021-00714](#))

Authorizing an easement agreement with the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for permanent easements for the 5th St Bridge.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

12. Temporary construction easement agreement amendment with the University of Minnesota for the 10th Ave SE Bridge Project ([2021-00715](#))

Authorizing an amendment to a temporary construction easement agreement with the University of Minnesota for the 10th Ave SE Bridge Project extending the term of the agreement to Dec 31, 2021.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

13. Temporary construction easement agreement amendment with the University of Minnesota for construction of a new water main near the 10th Ave SE Bridge ([2021-00716](#))

Authorizing an amendment to a temporary construction easement agreement with the University of Minnesota for the construction of a new water main near the 10th Ave SE Bridge.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

14. Lease agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for space in Ramp B ([2021-00717](#))

Authorizing a lease agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for a space located in Ramp B to be utilized by the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District for a storage program.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

15. National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Pandemic Response and Recovery Grant for the 18th Ave S and Little Earth Transportation Study ([2021-00718](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), in the amount of \$50,000, to support the 18th Ave S and Little Earth Transportation Study.
2. Authorizing an agreement with the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) for the grant.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Public Works Department.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

16. Minnesota GreenCorps Program: Application to host a GreenCorps member for the 2021-2022 program year ([2021-00719](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing Public Works to apply for and host an AmeriCorps member through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) GreenCorps Program for the 2021-2022 program year.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

17. Environmental Impact Statement Draft Purpose and Need Statement: Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 252/I-94 ([2021-00720](#))

Approving City of Minneapolis comments on the Environmental Impact Statement Draft Purpose and Need Statement for Highway 252/I-94, and authorizing submission of the comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Gordon requested that this item be sent forward without recommendation to allow Council Member Ellison to amend the comments at the City Council meeting on July 2, 2021.

Reich moved to send forward without recommendation. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

18. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) appointment ([2021-00721](#))

Approving the following Council appointment for a two-year term, beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2022: Natalie Wagner, Seat 10, Ward 10.

Reich moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (0)

19. Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) appointments ([2021-00722](#))

1. Approving the following Council appointments for two-year terms, beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023: Austin Holik, Seat 2, Ward 1; Raina Urton, Seat 4, Ward 3; and Harmony Anderson, Seat 6, Ward 12.
2. Approving the following Council reappointments for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023: Aaron Berger, Seat 1, Ward 2; Matthew Steinrueck, Seat 3, Ward 10; Julia Curran, Seat 5, Ward 7; Peter Vader, Seat 7, Ward 11; and Tamir Mohamud, Seat 9, Ward 6.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

20. Skate Day Block Event Permit: June 24, 2021 ([2021-00727](#))

Approving the application submitted by Mark Rausch of the Minneapolis Downtown Council for a block event permit to allow Skate Day to be held June 24, 2021, on Nicollet Mall between 9th St S and 10th St S, and to operate outside the hours permitted under Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 455.35(c)(1).

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

21. Bid for Downtown East Street Reconstruction Project ([2021-00723](#))

Accepting the low bid of Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., submitted on Event No. 1509, in the amount of \$3,865,112, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Downtown East Street Reconstruction Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

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

Aye: Reich, Bender, Fletcher, Gordon, Johnson, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Clerk