

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 24, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:32 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Phillipe Cunningham (Chair), Steve Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Alondra Cano, Jeremiah Ellison, Cam Gordon, 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. Right to Counsel ordinance ([2021-00654](#))

Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 7 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Civil Rights, adding a new Chapter 143 entitled "Right to Counsel" to create a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction.

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

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

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant for COVID-19 response ([2021-00725](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the amount of \$4,292,679, for a two-year period from June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2023, to address COVID-19 health disparities among high-risk and underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minority populations.
2. Authorizing an agreement with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 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, Cano, Ellison, Gordon, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Minnesota Department of Health grant for influenza vaccination extension ([2021-00726](#))

Authorizing an extension to a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health (Grant Project Agreement No. 185743), through June 30, 2022, to provide enhanced influenza vaccination coverage for the 2021-2022 influenza season.

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

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

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

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

Receiving and filing a presentation on community safety.

Staff presentation by Commander Jason Case, Austin Rice, Scott Wolfert, and Lindsay Larsen from the Minneapolis Police Department and Director Sasha Cotton from the Office of Violence Prevention.

The presentation was received and filed.

5. Racism as a public health emergency ([2020-00717](#))

1. Receiving and filing an update on the Racism as a Public Health Emergency resolution.
2. Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2020R-193 entitled "Declaring racism a public health emergency in the City of Minneapolis," passed July 17, 2020.

Staff presentation by Health Commissioner Gretchen Musicant, Luisa Pessoa-Brandao from the Minneapolis Health Department, Dawn Baker from Human Resources, Rachel Oberg-Hauser from the Office of Violence Prevention, Jen White from the Office of Violence Prevention, Mary Ellen Heng from the City Attorney's Office, and Erik Hansen from the Office of Community Planning and Economic Development.

Cunningham moved to receive and file the report, approve the resolution, and adopt the update on racism as a public health emergency as the implementation plan for the resolution.

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, and Palmisano (4)

Absent: Cano and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division ([2021-00474](#))

Receiving and filing an update on the design and creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division.

Staff Presentation by Director Brian Smith in the Office of Performance and Innovation.

The report was received and filed.

7. Public safety transformation alternatives and policy analysis update ([2021-00332](#))

Receiving and filing an update on progress around the various pilots and implementation projects for alternatives to police response.

Staff Presentation by Director Brian Smith in the Office of Performance and Innovation, Renae Youngs from the City Coordinator's Office, and Christina Dowling and Ahmed Adow from Regulatory Services.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk