

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:23 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Elliott Payne, Michael Rainville, Jeremiah Ellison, Jason Chavez (Chair), and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

Members Absent: Council Member Robin Wonsley (Vice-Chair)

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

1. Grant application to Hennepin County for Healthy Tree Canopy grants ([2024-00344](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Hennepin County's Healthy Tree Canopy Grants for exploration of developing a Tree Preservation Ordinance.

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

Aye: Payne, Rainville, Ellison, Chavez, and Palmisano (5)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Wonsley (1)

2. Grant application to Minnesota Department of Health for Transforming the Public Health System Innovation Projects ([2024-00373](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a joint grant application with Saint Paul - Ramsey Public Health to the Minnesota Department of Health for the Transforming the Public Health System Innovation Projects Infrastructure Fund to explore, research, and analyze the impacts and feasibility of Safe Recovery Sites and for community engagement.

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

Aye: Payne, Ellison, Chavez, and Palmisano (4)

Nay: Rainville (1)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Wonsley (1)

3. Pollution Reduction Legislative Directive ([2024-00357](#))

Approving a legislative directive to develop a work group comprised of relevant City department staff, the City Attorney's Office, and the Council authors to research, analyze, and develop environmental justice goals that would reduce air pollution and other off-site impacts that make them inappropriate in an urban environment.

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

Aye: Payne, Rainville, Ellison, Chavez, and Palmisano (5)

Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: Wonsley (1)

4. State Director of Addiction and Recovery Jeremy Drucker presentation on the State of Minnesota's response to the opioid epidemic ([2024-00345](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation by State Director of Addiction and Recovery Jeremy Drucker on the State of Minnesota's response to the opioid epidemic.

Presentation by Jeremy Drucker, State of Minnesota Director of Addiction and Recovery.

The report was received and filed.

5. Opioid Response Legislative Directive presentation ([2024-00347](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation in response to a legislative directive related to the City's response to the opioid epidemic.

Staff presentation by Heidi Ritchie, Deputy Commissioner of Health Department.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Reported by Kendall Smaby, Clerk