

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 2018

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

Members Present: Phillipe Cunningham (Chair), Cam Gordon (Vice-Chair), Andrea Jenkins, Alondra Cano, Jeremy Schroeder, and Andrew Johnson (Quorum - 4)

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

1. Reappointment of Commissioner of Health/Director of Health Department ([2018-00502](#))

Considering the reappointment by the Executive Committee of Gretchen Musicant to the appointed position of Commissioner of Health/Director of Health Department for a two-year term beginning Jan 2, 2018.

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

Chair Cunningham afforded the courtesy of the floor to Mayor Frey who spoke to his nomination of Gretchen Musicant to the appointed position of Commissioner of Health/Director of Health Department.

Cunningham moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Tobacco 21 ordinance ([2018-00367](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 281 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Tobacco Dealers, amending provisions to increase the minimum age for sales or provision of tobacco products from 18 to 21.

Staff presentation by Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health/Director of Health Department.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke in support:

1. Laura Oliven, Minnesota Department of Health, Tobacco Control Manager
2. Derral Pratt, NorthPoint
3. Takisha Connas, NorthPoint
4. Britta Babel, 2321 Dupont Ave S, American Cancer Society
5. Carmel San Juan, 900 Washington Ave SE, Clear Way MN
6. Paul Pentel, 225 Upton Ave S, Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee
7. Anika Ward, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MN
8. LaTrisha Vetaw, 3241 47th Ave S, NorthPoint
9. VJ Smith, President, Mad Dads, 3026 4th Ave S

10. Sylvia Amos, 1918 Thomas Ave N, Stairstep Baptist Women's Auxiliary
11. Amanda Jansen, 5605 Pleasant Ave
12. Alex Feng, Minneapolis Youth Congress
13. Nayeli Hernandez, Minneapolis Youth Congress
14. Jack Leon, Minneapolis Youth Congress
15. Amy Mexautitla, Minneapolis Youth Congress
16. Nia Kilstofte, Centennial Hall, 614 Delaware St SE
17. Rich Pennington, Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center
18. Eugene Nichols, Shoreview
19. Kim, 2003 E 19th St
20. Bruce, 631 SE Oak St

The following persons spoke in opposition:

1. Neil King, 600 University Ave SE
2. Steve Rush, Holiday Station Stores, 4567 American Blvd W
3. Elizabeth Johnson, Elk River
4. Michael Johnson, Elk River
5. Hassan Warsame, BP Amoco, 2000 3rd Ave S
6. Angie Griffith, Smokeless Vapor, 514 E Hennepin Ave
7. Khalid, Haidari, Pantry Food, 5200 Bryant Ave
8. Makenzie Jensen, Infinite Vapor, 4104 Blaisdell Ave
9. Tim Koester, Independent Vapor Retailers of Minnesota, 4901 12th Ave S
10. Alauna Hagerty, 323 7th St SE
11. Adele Evidon, 1225 LaSalle Ave
12. Mark Bartholomew, 222 County Road B2 W, Roseville
13. Jesse Forsblade, 222 County Road B2 W, Roseville
14. William Boldernow, Infinite Vapor, 1400 Lagoon Ave
15. Cap O'Rourke, 5816 10th Ave, Independent Vapor Retailers of Minnesota
16. Brian Reek, 1800 3rd Ave S
17. Michael Nguyen, Infinite Vapor
18. Tony, vape shop owner, Lakeville
19. Reverend, Evangelical Church, Minneapolis
20. Jake Waterbergen, Eagan, MN
21. Sam Seymour, vape shop worker, Bloomington

The public hearing was closed.

Johnson moved to amend Sections 281.45(e) and 281.50 of the ordinance by changing the effective date from Aug 1, 2018, to Oct 1, 2018. On voice vote, the motion passed.

Johnson moved to approve the ordinance, as amended. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Nuisance odors ordinance ([2018-00518](#))

Setting a public hearing for June 4, 2018, to consider the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 47 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Energy and Air Pollution, amending provisions related to nuisance odor.

Cunningham moved to set public hearing for Jun 4, 2018. On voice vote, the motion passed.

4. The Day of the Transgender Child ([2018-00549](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing May 20, 2018, as The Day of the Transgender Child in the City of Minneapolis.

Cunningham moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging appointments and reappointments ([2018-00541](#))

1. Approving the following City Council reappointments for two-year terms, beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2019: Charlie Lakin, Seat 2, Ward 2; Flo Castner, Seat 5, Ward 5; Hazel Tanner, Seat 11, Ward 11; and Joanna Lees, Seat 13, Ward 13.
2. Approving the following Mayoral appointments for completion of a two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2017, and ending Dec 31, 2018: Mark Lucas, Seat 14, Member at Large; James Meyer, Seat 15, Member at Large; and Rebecca Furman, Seat 17, Member at Large.
3. Approving the following Mayoral reappointment for a two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2019: Jean Greener, Seat 16, Member at Large.

Cunningham moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

6. Public Health Advisory Committee reappointment ([2018-00539](#))

Approving the Council reappointment of Joseph Desenclos, Seat 19, Member At Large, for a two-year term, beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2019; and waiving the residency requirement (Minneapolis Code of Ordinance 14.180).

Cunningham moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

7. Minneapolis Foundation/Environmental Legacy Fund grant for the Minneapolis Solar Energy Green Business Initiative ([2018-00546](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the Minneapolis Foundation/Environmental Legacy Fund, in the amount of \$20,000, for the Minneapolis Solar Energy Green Business Initiative.
2. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Cunningham moved to approve and refer to WM meeting of May 22, 2018. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Neighborhoods 2020 Work Group [\(2018-00543\)](#)
 1. Approving the Neighborhoods 2020 Work Group structure and directing the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to move forward with the appointment process.
 2. Receiving and filing public comment report on the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap - A Guide for Conversation.
 3. Receiving and filing updated Roadmap document.

Staff presentation by David Rubedor, Director, Neighborhood & Community Relations Department.

Chair Cunningham afforded the courtesy of the floor to Nick Cichowicz, Chair of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission.

Gordon moved to amend the work group structure as follows:

“The final decision of who is a member of each work group will be decided as follows:

~~(1)~~ (2) City Council representatives on each workgroup will be appointed by Council President Bender;

(1) Mayoral representative will be appointed by Mayor Frey;

(2) Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission representatives and (2) Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board representatives will be selected by each body at their May 2018 board meetings; and

(3) Cultural Community representatives, (5) Neighborhood representatives, and (2) Equity and Undoing Racism representatives will apply through an open application process and will be chosen by a committee of the Chair of the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights, and Engagement Committee, two NCEC members, and two NCR staff.”

On voice vote, the motion passed.

Cunningham moved to approve the Neighborhoods 2020 Work Group structure, as amended, and directed the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to move forward with the appointment process. On voice vote, the motion passed.

Cunningham moved to receive and file the public comment report on the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap - A Guide for Conversation and the updated Roadmap document. On voice vote, the motion passed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Council Committee Coordinator