

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
November 26, 2018

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

Members Present: Council Members Phillippe 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. Commission on Civil Rights appointments ([2018-01157](#))
 1. Confirming the Mayoral reappointment of Elizabeth Simones, Seat 13, Ward 3, for a three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2021.
 2. Approving the Council reappointment of Amy Bergquist, Seat 14, Ward 3, for a three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2021.
 3. Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Leili Fetahi, Seat 11, Ward 11, for a three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2021.
 4. Approving the following Council appointments for three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec. 31, 2021: Cassandra Shepherd, Seat 8, Ward 13; Siddeeqah Shabazz, Seat 9, Ward 9; and Mary Fee, Seat 12, Ward 10.
 5. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments to fill unexpired three-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2020: Marcel Thompson, Seat 1, Ward 6; Khalid Mohamed, Seat 3, Ward 6; and Jeffrey Cobia, Seat 4, Ward 12.
 6. Approving the Council appointment of Cindy Devonish, Seat 18, Ward 10, to fill an unexpired three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2017, and ending Dec 31, 2019.
 7. Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Lee Linderman, Seat 19, Ward 13, to fill an unexpired three-year term beginning Jan 1, 2017, and ending Dec 31, 2019.

Staff presentation by Franklin Reed, Department of Civil Rights.

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

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

2. Staple food ordinance ([2018-00985](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 203 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Food Code: Grocery Stores, amending provisions related to staple foods.

Staff presentation by Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. David Therklesen, 4750 E 53rd St
2. KJ Starr, 2644 29th Ave S, with the Public Health Advisory Committee
3. Emily Minge, 3107 12th Ave S, with the Minneapolis Homegrown Food Policy Council

4. Mary McGovern, 1225 S 8th St, #1102, with the Minneapolis Highrise Residents Council
5. Eric Fung, 424 Washington Ave N, #506, owner of United Noodles
6. Osman Ahmed, with the East Africa Health Project (eahpro.org)

The public hearing was closed.

Gordon moved to amend Section 203.10 by adding the following language to the definition of accessory use grocery: *“Accessory use grocery. A retail establishment that sells staple foods as an accessory use to its primary business, or sells only specialized types or classes of staple foods and accessory foods, including, but not limited to, such establishments as imported food stores and gift shops. The definition of accessory use grocery does not include stores that accept government supplemental nutrition programs, unless the commissioner of health makes a finding, upon application by the store or proposed store, that the store’s inventory and business plan and practices will be sufficient to meet or exceed established public health goals with regard to providing meaningful and local community access to healthy food options.”* On voice vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Office of Violence Prevention ordinance ([2018-01313](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 214 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Health Department, creating an Office of Violence Prevention within the Health Department.

Staff presentation by Sasha Cotton, Minneapolis Health Department.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Al Flowers, 3106 Chicago Ave S
2. Farji Shaheer, 701 Park Ave, Director of the Next Step Program/Hennepin County
3. Leslie Redmond, 3435 Morgan Ave S, President of the Minneapolis NAACP
4. Charmaine Wahlstrom, 1500 W Broadway, with the Jordan Area Community Council
5. Unidentified woman
6. Salome James, State Chair of Minneapolis NAACP
7. Mollie Weatherall, 1823 13th Ave S
8. Danielle Tiegan, 3506 Humboldt Ave N, representing the Northside Neighborhood Council

The public hearing was closed.

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

4. Municipal Identification Program ordinance ([2018-00135](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, adding a new Chapter 42 entitled "Municipal Identification Program."

Staff presentation by Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk, and Christina Kendrick, Department of Neighborhood & Community Relations. The following representatives stepped up to speak to their organization's support of the municipal identification program:

1. Dave Hutchinson, Hennepin County Sheriff-elect
2. Rick Beeson, Executive Vice President and Director - Business Development & Government Relations at Sunrise Banks, along with Terri Banaszweski, Vice President of Sunrise Banks
3. Joseph Green, general counsel with TCF Bank
4. Ryan Strack, Administrator/Board & Government Relations with Minneapolis Public Schools
5. Nick Eull, Senior Manager of Revenue Operations with Metro Transit
6. Bill Dossett, Executive Director of NiceRide Minnesota

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Terrie Thompson, 3670 Knoll Ridge Dr, Eagan, member of Edina Community Lutheran Church
2. Mirian Eaguilar, 1515 E Lake St, #131, testified through assistance of an interpreter
3. Matilde Tenesaca testified through assistance of an interpreter
4. Rafael Vasquez testified through assistance of an interpreter
5. Maria Rosella Hervera, 1515 E Lake St, testified through assistance of an interpreter
6. Uriel Perez, 312 Central Ave SE, with Unite Here
7. Jose Matailo, 1145 N 7th St, testified through assistance of an interpreter
8. Kathleen Ganley, 9 Pleasant St SE, teacher at the University of Minnesota
9. Allisa Barns, student at the University of Minnesota
10. Jessica Alvacado, resident of Bloomington, testified through assistance of an interpreter
11. Mairead Herson, 3322 Oakland Ave, with the University of Minnesota

12. Mollie Wetherall, 1823 13th Ave S
13. Cesar Poulo, 2729 Bloomington Ave, testified through assistance of an interpreter
14. Jovita Morales
15. Dennis Skoog, with Redeemer Lutheran Church
16. Julia Nekessa Opoti, 2107 Pleasant Ave, with Black Immigrant Collective
17. Daniel Romero, with MIRAC

The public hearing was closed.

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

5. Uptown Locavore, 3137 Hennepin Ave ([2018-01447](#))

Considering the report and recommendations on cross motions for summary judgment issued by Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman on Nov 13, 2018, in the matter of the food law orders issued to Will Winter d/b/a Uptown Locavore, OAH Docket No. 8-6010-35378.

Cunningham moved to postpone to the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights, and Engagement Committee meeting of Jan 7, 2019. On voice vote, the motion passed.

6. Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council appointments ([2018-01402](#))

1. Approving the following Council appointments to fill unexpired two-year terms, beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2019: Andrea Eger, Seat 4, Ward 3; and Teresa Opheim, Seat 7, Ward 2.
2. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments to fill unexpired two-year terms, beginning Jan 1, 2018, and ending Dec 31, 2019: Tsega Tamene, Seat 12; and Emily Minge, Seat 13, Ward 9.
3. Waiving the residency requirement (Minneapolis Code of Ordinance 14.180) for Tsega Tamene.

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

7. Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) appointments ([2018-01401](#))

1. Approving the following Council appointments for two-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2020: Michelle Shaw, Seat 1, Ward 1; Erin Niehoff, Seat 2, Ward 2; Brady Steigauf, Seat 3, Ward 8; Forrest Theisen, Seat 4, Ward 8; David Watts, Seat 5, Ward 10; Jason Alvey, Seat 6, Ward 4; Molly Ellis, Seat 7, Ward 6; Cody Welchin, Seat 8, Ward 9; Jimmy Randolph, Seat 9, Ward 11; Tim Sexton, Seat 10, Ward 13; and Lisa Daniels, Seat 11, Ward 7.
2. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments for two-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2019, and ending Dec 31, 2020: Allan Campbell, Seat 12, Ward 13; Thomas Olsen, Seat 13, Ward 10; Anthony Varriano, Seat 14, Ward 5; Nicole Bauchnight, Seat 15, Ward 1; Marianna Hefte, Seat 16, Ward 9; Katie Hill Brandt, Seat 17, Ward 8; Sandy Fazeli, Seat 18, Ward 11; and Nicholas Minderman, Seat 19, Ward 3.

3. Thanking outgoing members for their dedication and service: Andrew Murray, Darrell Gerber, Ellen Kennedy, James Nash, Jenna Grove, Jennifer Kruse, Jon Stenseth, Michelle Stockness, Mohamed Yakub, Tony Hainault, Bobbie Erichsen, and Ricardo McCurley.

Cunningham moved to approve items 7.1 and 7.2 and to receive and file item 7.3. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Site agreement with AmeriCorps to host Minnesota Opioid Response Corps member ([2018-01014](#))

Amending Council Action 2018A-0683 to authorize a site agreement with AmeriCorps to host, for one year, a total of two Minnesota Opioid Response Corps members to work on designing and framing the work of the Minneapolis Health Department in collaboration with the Mayor's Task Force on the opioid epidemic.

Cunningham moved to approve and refer to the Ways & Means Committee meeting of Dec 4, 2018. On voice vote, the motion passed.

9. Donation of travel and lodging expenses for the 2018 National Immigrant Integration Conference ([2018-01435](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a donation of travel and lodging-related expenses from the National Partnership for New Americans for Michelle Rivero, Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, to attend the 2018 National Immigrant Integration Conference from Dec 9-11, 2018.

Cunningham moved to approve and refer to the Ways & Means Committee meeting of Dec 4, 2018. On voice vote, the motion passed.

10. Residential energy disclosure ordinances ([2018-01331](#))

1. Referring to staff 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, adding provisions relating to residential energy disclosure.
2. Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 248 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Truth in Sale of Housing, adding provisions relating to residential energy disclosure.

Cunningham moved to refer to staff. On voice vote, the motion passed.

11. Invasive tree species ordinances ([2018-01330](#))

1. Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, adding and amending provisions related to the removal of trees subject to invasive species infestation.
2. Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 15, Chapter 399 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses--Miscellaneous: Control of Invasive Species Tree Pests, adding and amending provisions related to the removal of trees subject to invasive species infestation.

Cunningham moved to refer to staff. On voice vote, the motion passed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Council Committee Coordinator