

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
April 15, 2020

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

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Bender (Chair), Andrea Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, Phillipe Cunningham, Jeremiah Ellison, Lisa Goodman, Alondra Cano, Jeremy Schroeder, Andrew Johnson, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 7)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Council 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. Summit House Housing Improvement Area ordinance ([2020-00172](#))

Setting a public hearing for May 6, 2020, to consider an ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 421 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Housing Improvement Areas, adding a new Article IV entitled "Summit House Housing Improvement Area," to establish the area and impose fees to pay for housing improvements within the area.

Bender moved to set public hearing for May 6, 2020. On roll call, the motion passed.  
Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Cultural Districts ordinance ([2020-00446](#))

Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 16 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development, adding thereto a new Chapter 428 entitled "Cultural Districts" to establish Cultural District boundaries and policy.

Casey Carl, City Clerk, summarized the intended timeline for the ordinance.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Contract amendment with Alpha Review/Genex for medical bill review services ([2020-00456](#))

Authorizing an extension to Contract No. C-39514 with Alpha Review/Genex for a one-year period through April 30, 2021, for continuing outside review of all medical bills.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Gift acceptance from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to attend Leadership for Wellbeing and Equity – Bhutan Study Tour ([2020-00455](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for staff travel and lodging expenses for the Minneapolis Deputy Commissioner of Health to attend the Leadership for Wellbeing and Equity – Bhutan Study Tour in the Fall of 2020.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. Johnson St NE (between Lowry Ave NE and 18th Ave NE) Street Reconstruction Project: Layout approval and easements ([2020-00449](#))

1. Approving the layout for the Johnson St NE Street Reconstruction Project, between Lowry Ave NE and 18th Ave NE.
2. Authorizing negotiation with private property owners to acquire easements and additional right-of-way, if necessary, for the project.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

6. Highway turnback deed from State of Minnesota for land adjacent to Trunk Highway 94 at Lyndale Ave S ([2020-00450](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a quit claim deed from the State of Minnesota conveying all its interests in that real estate situated adjacent to Trunk Highway 94 at Lyndale Ave S, described in the quit claim deed dated April 30, 2001.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

7. Highway turnback deed from State of Minnesota for land adjacent to Trunk Highway 394 at Washington Ave N ([2020-00451](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a quit claim deed from the State of Minnesota conveying all its interests in that real estate situated adjacent to Trunk Highway 394 at Washington Ave N, described in the quit claim deed dated February 5, 2020.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

8. Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for landscaping improvements in the North Loop Neighborhood ([2020-00452](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement Letter with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requesting the City of Minneapolis to act as the sponsoring unit of government enabling funds to be transferred from the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program to the City for landscaping improvements at the southeast corner of Washington Ave and the I-394 eastbound on-ramp in the North Loop Neighborhood.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

9. Contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for engineering and design services for Bryant Ave S Street Reconstruction Project ([2020-00453](#))

Authorizing a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc., in the amount of \$1,266,600, for engineering and design services for the Bryant Ave S Street Reconstruction Project (PV126).

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

10. Bid for catch basin and manhole repairs ([2020-00454](#))

Accepting the low bid of Minger Construction Companies, Inc., submitted on Event No. 975, in the amount of \$1,195,095, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for catch basin and manhole repairs, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

11. Federal Legislative Agenda ([2017-01031](#))

1. Amending the Federal Legislative Agenda to add support for the Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act [S. 3529] to the Access to Voting and Modernizing the Election Process and Ensuring Election Integrity section.
2. Authorizing submittal of a letter to members of the Minnesota federal delegation expressing support by the City of Minneapolis for the Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act [S. 3529].

Staff presentation by Casey Carl, City Clerk.

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

Aye: Bender, Jenkins, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Goodman, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Council Committee Coordinator