

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

December 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:33 pm on this date.

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

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. Legal Settlement: City of Minneapolis v. W Minneapolis Owner VIII, LLC and MP Johnson Construction, Inc. ([2020-01197](#))

Approving the settlement of the lawsuit *City of Minneapolis v. W Minneapolis Owner VIII, LLC and MP Johnson Construction, Inc.*, 27-CV-20-5025, where the City of Minneapolis agrees to accept payment of \$92,000.00 from Defendants, in exchange for the City's waiver of all claims and dismissal of the matter, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Legal Settlement: Elizabeth Wilson v. City of Minneapolis, et al. ([2020-01198](#))

Approving the settlement of the lawsuit of *Elizabeth Wilson v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, Court File No. 27-CV-20-7276, through payment by the City of Minneapolis of \$48,000.00 to Elizabeth Wilson and her Counsel of Record in exchange for waiver of all claims she has or might have against the City of Minneapolis and its employees, agents, and others, for personal injury sustained in a vehicle accident, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to effectuate any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Minneapolis intervention in the Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan MN PUC ([2020-01203](#))

Authorizing submission of comments as a formal party to the Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Request for Proposals for two new 100% renewable electricity resources for delivery of renewable electricity in 2023 for the City of Minneapolis' municipal electricity needs ([2020-01204](#))

1. Authorizing issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new 100% renewable electricity resource outside of city limits for 80 million kWh annually starting in 2023 to supply 90% of the City of Minneapolis municipal operations electricity needs.
2. Authorizing issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new 100% renewable electricity resource within city limits for 9 - 10 million kWh annually starting in 2023 to supply 10% of the City of Minneapolis municipal operations electricity needs.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) appointments ([2020-01212](#))

1. Approving the following Council appointments for two-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2022: Max Dalton, Seat 1, Ward 1; Erin Niehoff, Seat 2, Ward 12; Abishhu Woge, Seat 3, Ward 5; Indigo-Davitt-Liu, Seat 4, Ward 3; Toya Lopez, Seat 5, Ward 7; Leslee Jackson, Seat 6, Ward 4; Nemera Jorgo, Seat 7, Ward 12; Manu Lewis, Seat 8, Ward 5; Anna Johnson, Seat 9, Ward 9; Tess Dornfeld Seat 10, Ward 3; and Mark Dhennin Seat 11, Ward 7.
2. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments for two-year terms beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2022: Senbeta Ayansa Seat 12, Ward 6; Barbara Lunde, Seat 13, Ward

13; Divine Islam Seat 14, Ward 4; Jaqueline Zepede, Seat 15, Ward 9; Mathew Douglas-May, Seat 16, Ward 10; Lauren Fleming, Seat 17, Ward 8; Sandy Fazeli, Seat 18, Ward 1; and Nicholas Minderman, Seat 19, Ward 7.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

6. First amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2018. ([2020-01205](#))

Authorizing an amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2018, to make changes to Flexible Spending Accounts during calendar year 2020 as authorized by Internal Revenue Service Notice 2020-29.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

7. 2020 Quarterly Donation Reports ([2020-00473](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting Third Quarter 2020 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

8. Contract amendment with Questions and Solutions Engineering, Inc. for consulting services for Public Service Building Project ([2020-01199](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C43080 with Questions and Solutions Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$56,200 for a total amount not to exceed \$379,536, and an

extension through March 1, 2021, for additional mechanical and electrical commissioning consulting services for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

9. Contract amendment with Cost, Planning, and Management International Inc. for owner's project representative services for the Public Service Building Project ([2020-01200](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-41453 with Cost, Planning, and Management International, Inc. (CPMP), in the amount of \$117,490 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,598,820 and an extension through October 31, 2021, for additional owner's project representative services for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

10. Contract amendment with RTL Construction, Inc. for drywall and fire proofing work for the Public Service Building Project ([2020-01201](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0001070 with RTL Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$141,037 for a total amount not to exceed \$5,487,830, for increased drywall and fireproofing work for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

11. Contract amendment with Prevolv, Inc. for workplace systems furniture for the Public Service Building Project ([2020-01202](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0001722 with Prevolv, Inc., in the amount of \$73,871 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,361,537, for additional workplace systems furniture components for the Public Service Building Project.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

12. Grant from Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District to fund Downtown Strategic Justice Partnership ([2020-01207](#))

1. Accepting a grant from Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, in the amount of \$175,000, to fund the Downtown Strategic Justice Partnership funding a probation officer and prosecutor who will work within Downtown Minneapolis.
2. Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM00001797 with Hennepin County, in the amount of \$65,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$130,000, and an extension through December 31, 2021, to provide continued probation services in the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District.

A staff presentation was given by Mary Ellen Heng, City Attorney's Office.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

13. Strategies to support tenants facing eviction in Minneapolis ([2020-00786](#))

Receiving and filing a report on funding and legislative strategies to support tenants facing eviction in Minneapolis

A staff presentation was given by Dean Porter-Nelson and Katie Topinka, Department of Community Planning and Economic Development.

Jenkins moved to receive and file. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

14. 2021 Legislative Agenda and Policy Positions ([2020-01209](#))

Receiving and filing a report on the 2021 Legislative Agenda and Policy Positions.

A staff presentation was given by Fatima Moore and Alysen Nesse, Department of Intergovernmental Relations.

Jenkins moved to receive and file. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

15. Stabilizing the arts and culture services within the City Enterprise ([2020-01208](#))

Passage of Resolution stabilizing the arts and culture services in the City Enterprise so as to elevate the visibility and increase the effectiveness of the City's arts and culture services.

A staff presentation was given by Gulgun Kayim, City Coordinator's Office.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Reports of Committees

Council Members reviewed reports from standing committees to be presented to the full City Council for consideration. Committee reports for each reporting committee are linked below:

- Budget Committee ([CR-BUDGET-20-00527](#))
- Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning Committee ([CR-BIHZ-20-00534](#))
- Public Health & Safety Committee ([CR-PHS-20-00535](#))
- Transportation & Public Works Committee ([CR-TPW-20-00531](#))

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Reported by Ayan Adan, Clerk