

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

February 4, 2021

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

Members Present: Council Members Phillippe Cunningham (Chair), Steve Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Cam Gordon, Jeremiah Ellison, Alondra Cano, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

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. MWAC worker outreach and engagement report ([2021-00078](#))

Directing staff in the Labor Standards Division of the Civil Rights Department to work with the Workplace Advisory Committee to form a Downtown Workers Subcommittee, to identify options for safeguarding the health and safety of the downtown workforce as it returns from shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to report back to the Public Health & Safety Committee with initial recommendations no later than Jul 31, 2021.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Hospitality Worker Right to Recall ordinance ([2021-00108](#))

Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 40 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Workplace Regulations, adding a new Article VII entitled "Hospitality Worker Right to Recall," establishing recall rights for certain employees.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. CDC grant amendment for Violence Prevention ([2021-00173](#))

1. Accepting additional grant funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for services related to Realizing and Advancing Collective Equity in Violence Prevention Efforts for Young People of Color (RACE-VIP) for the period August 2020 thru August 2021.
2. Authorizing an amended agreement with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for the additional grant funds.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

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

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Public safety charter amendment ([2021-00105](#))

Setting a public hearing for February 18, 2021, to consider an ordinance to be submitted to the voters at the November 2, 2021, municipal election, proposing amendments to Article VII of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to Administration, pertaining to the creation of a new Charter Department to provide public safety services, including law enforcement, and the removal of the Police Department as a standalone Charter Department.

Staff presentation by City Clerk Casey Carl.

Cunningham moved to set public hearing for Feb 18, 2021. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, and Cano (5)

Nay: Palmisano (1)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

5. COVID-19 update ([2021-00017](#))

Receiving and filing an update report on COVID-19.

Staff presentation by Commissioner Gretchen Musicant, Health Department.

The update was received and filed.

6. 340B Drug Pricing Program ([2021-00074](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on the 340B Drug Pricing Program from representatives of Allina Health and Abbot Northwestern.

Presentation by Tony Collins-Kwong from Abbott-Northwestern Hospital and Alison Pence of Allina Health.

The update was received and filed.

7. MPD's 2021 law enforcement hiring plan ([2021-00172](#))

1. Receiving and filing a presentation of the Police Department's sworn hiring plan for 2021 including current staffing levels, updates on challenges regarding current and projected levels, projection of 2021 active monthly staffing, diversity of classes, and proposed hiring timelines.
2. Passage of Resolution appropriating funds for 2021 from the Public Safety Staffing Reserve to the Police Department to fund two additional hiring/training classes and the Community Service Officers Program.

Staff presentation by Chief Medaria Arradondo, Director Robin McPherson, Deputy Chief of Professional Standards Amelia Huffman, and Commander Darcy Horn of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Cunningham moved to approve.

Fletcher moved to amend the resolution by setting forth a schedule for releasing the allocated staffing funds.

On roll call, the main motion, including Fletcher's amendment, passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Gordon, Ellison, Cano, and Palmisano (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk