

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
February 10, 2021

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

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

Members Absent: Council Member Alondra Cano

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. Surveillance ordinance ([2020-00681](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 41 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Information Governance, adding a new article entitled "Facial Recognition Technology."

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Fletcher, who gave a presentation on the proposed ordinance amendment.

Staff presentation by Erick Fors, Police Department.

The public hearing was opened. The following persons spoke:

1. Peter Ireland
2. Nathan Sheard
3. Mutale Nkonde
4. Wilbur Ince
5. Aaron Tovo
6. Chris Weiland
7. Albert Cahn
8. David Wang
9. Elizabeth Adams
10. Linden Beryl
11. Cassie Hortsch
12. Vinicius Taguchi
13. Julius Hernandez
14. Sneha Revanur
15. Ismael Dore
16. Manjunan Gnanaratnam
17. Tessa Wetjen

18. Drake Jamali
19. Jo Facklam
20. Marjaan Sirdar
21. Cynthia Gomez
22. Ruby Cromer

The public hearing was closed.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Rent stabilization charter amendment ([2021-00104](#))

1. Setting a public hearing for Feb. 24, 2021, to consider an Ordinance to be submitted to the voters at the November 2, 2021, municipal election, proposing amendments to Article IV of the City Charter relating to City Council, pertaining to explicitly adding the City's authority to exercise power to control rents on private residential property in the City.
2. Setting a public hearing for Feb. 24, 2021, to consider an Ordinance to be submitted to the voters at the November 2, 2021, municipal election, proposing amendments to Article I of the City Charter relating to General Provisions, pertaining to adding initiative and referendum for the sole purpose of exercising the City's authority to control rents on private residential property in the City.

Jenkins moved to set public hearing for Feb 24, 2021. On roll call, the motion passed.

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Second amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan ([2021-00199](#))

Authorizing an amendment to the City of Minneapolis Minneflex Plan, as amended and restated effective Jan. 1, 2018, to make changes to Flexible Spending Accounts during calendar year 2021 as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Transgender Equity Council appointments ([2021-00197](#))

Approving the following Council appointments for an unexpired two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2021, and ending Dec 31, 2022: Emma Grey, Seat 3, Ward 2; and Galen Mitchell, Seat 4, Ward 8.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

5. Legal Settlement: Raul Estrada v. City of Minneapolis ([2021-00141](#))

Approving the settlement of Raul Estrada by payment of \$100,000 to Mr. Estrada and his attorneys and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Legal Settlement: Worker's Compensation claim of Tammy Persoon ([2021-00198](#))

Approving the worker's compensation claim of Tammy Persoon by payment of \$125,000 to Ms. Persoon and her attorney Meuser Law Firm and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

7. Legal Settlement: Minnesota Commercial Railway v. City of Minneapolis ([2021-00201](#))

Approving the settlement in the special assessment appeal Minnesota Commercial Railway v. City of Minneapolis, et al. (Court File No. 27-CV-19-8850) by reduction of the special assessment by \$55,818.79 from the amount of \$63,818.79 to \$8,000, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)
Absent: Cano (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

8. Contract amendment with Modern Piping, Inc. for mechanical work for Public Service Building Project [\(2021-00191\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000416 with Modern Piping, Inc., in the amount of \$90,482 for a total amount not to exceed \$28,631,605, for increased costs for mechanical 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, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)
Absent: Cano (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

9. Contract amendment with Knutson Construction Services, Inc. for concrete work for Public Service Building Project [\(2021-00192\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-44463 with Knutson Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$15,982 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,041,444 for additional concrete 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, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)
Absent: Cano (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

10. Contract amendment with Premier Electrical Corporation for electrical work for Public Service Building Project [\(2021-00193\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0000189 with Premier Electrical Corporation, in the amount of \$642,606 for a total amount not to exceed \$16,114,002 for additional electrical 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, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano (12)
Absent: Cano (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

11. Contract amendment with Wold Architects and Engineers for the Fire Stations No. 4 and No. 8 Improvements Project ([2021-00194](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-41632 with Wold Architects and Engineers, in the amount of \$12,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$309,000, and an extension through December 31, 2022, for the Fire Stations No. 4 and No. 8 Improvements Project.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

12. Contract amendment with West Publishing Corporation for online research services for the Minneapolis Police Department ([2021-00195](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-41693 with West Publishing Corporation, in the amount of \$65,470 for a total amount not to exceed \$303,547, for online research services and access to databases that provide the Minneapolis Police Department the ability to conduct research and retrieve information.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

13. Contract amendment with Standard Insurance Company for employee life, disability insurance, and leave management services ([2021-00200](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. C-43267 with Standard Insurance Company, in the amount of \$3,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$13,099,776 for the contract terms of Jan. 1 2021 to Dec. 31 2021 and Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31 2022, for employee life and disability insurance and leave management services.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

14. Contract with Hillard Heintze LLC to provide an after action review and report ([2021-00202](#))

Authorizing a one-year contract with Hillard Heintze LLC, in the amount of \$229,490.55 to provide an after action review and report on the response to the civil unrest associated with the death of George Floyd.

Staff presentation by Ryan Patrick, City Auditor.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

15. 2020-2021 wage freeze ([2020-00457](#))

Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2020R-108 entitled "Adopting a wage freeze for all positions in the appointed, politically appointed, and non-represented employee groups," passed Apr 24, 2020, to allow for removal of the freeze on step movements occurring between Apr 29, 2021, and Dec 31, 2021, and adding additional exceptions to the wage freeze.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

16. Strategic and Racial Equity Action Plan (SREAP) update ([2020-00772](#))

Receiving and filing an update on activities and progress towards goals for operational and policy priorities in the Strategic and Racial Equity Action Plan (SREAP).

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

17. Minneapolis Ethical Practices Board 2020 Annual Report ([2021-00196](#))

Receiving and filing the 2020 Annual Report of the Minneapolis Ethical Practices Board.

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

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

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (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:

- Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning Committee ([CR-BIHZ-21-00049](#))
- Public Health & Safety Committee ([CR-PHS-21-00042](#))
- Transportation & Public Works Committee ([CR-TPW-21-00037](#))
- Audit Committee ([CR-AUDIT-21-00048](#))
- Executive Committee ([CR-EXEC-21-00047](#))

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Reported by Ayan Adan, Clerk