

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
May 12, 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), Lisa Bender, Alondra Cano, Phillipe Cunningham, Steve Fletcher, Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Andrew Johnson, Jamal Osman, Linea Palmisano, Kevin Reich, and Jeremy Schroeder (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. Juneteenth holiday ordinance ([2021-00529](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Personnel, amending Article V to add a Juneteenth holiday for City employees.

A staff presentation was given by Patience Ferguson, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Ricka Stenerson, Department of Human Resources.

The public hearing was opened, and the following person spoke:

1. Tony Kelly

The public hearing was closed.

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

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

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

2. Defense and indemnification of Robert Kroll in the matters of *Nekima Levy Armstrong v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, *Jared Goyette v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, *Linda Tirado v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, and *Samantha Wright v. City of Minneapolis, et al.* ([2021-00535](#))

Adopting the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Recommendation and Order on Cross Motions for Summary Disposition issued by Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf in Office of Administrative Hearings matter 21-6010-36948 and denying defense and indemnification for Robert Kroll in the matters of *Nekima Levy Armstrong v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, *Jared Goyette v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, *Linda Tirado v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, and

Samantha Wright v. City of Minneapolis, et al., in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 466.07.

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

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

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Contract amendment with Perceptyx, Inc. for employee engagement survey services ([2021-00541](#))

Authorizing an extension to Contract No. C-40471 with Perceptyx, Inc., to December 31, 2021 to continue the employee engagement survey needs.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Automobile No-Fault Claim Processing Authorization: Ronald Olson ([2021-00537](#))

Approving initial authorization to submit all current and ongoing medical bills relating to no-fault claimant Ronald Olson to the City Finance Officer for payment from Fund/Org No. 06940-1500100-602013, following review by the City Attorney or his designee, pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 16.1120.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

5. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claims of Luke Eckert ([2021-00536](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claims of Luke Eckert by payment of \$175,000 over three years to Mr. Eckert and his attorneys Meuser Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claim of Andrew Hegseth ([2021-00539](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of Andrew Hegseth by payment of \$90,000 to Mr. Hegseth and his attorneys Mesuer Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

7. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claim of Jared Roettjer ([2021-00540](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of Jared Roettjer by payment of \$190,000 over three years to Mr Roettjer and his attorneys Meuser Law Firm, 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

8. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claim of Gene Suker ([2021-00542](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of Gene Suker by payment of \$200,000 over three years to Mr. Gene Suker and his attorney's Meuser Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

9. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claim of Lindsay Herron ([2021-00543](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of Lindsay Herron by payment of \$250,000 over four years to Ms. Lindsay Herron and her attorneys Meuser Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

10. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claims of David Robins ([2021-00544](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of David Robins by payment of \$125,000 over two years to Mr. Robins and his attorneys Meuser Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

11. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation claim of Sokham Klann ([2021-00545](#))

Approving the Workers' Compensation claim of Sokham Klann by payment of \$180,000 over three years to Mr. Klann and his attorneys Meuser Law Firm 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, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

12. Lake Street - Greenway Partnership Agreement ([2021-00346](#))

Passage of Resolution confirming renewal and new name of the Lake Street - Greenway Partnership to integrate policies and mobilize investments for Lake Street and the Greenway.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

13. Staff Purchasing and Joint Purchase Reports ([2021-00538](#))

Receiving and filing the list of Staff Purchasing Letters (low bid awards) and Joint Purchase Letters (Cooperative Purchasing Ventures (CPV)) issued from January 2021 through March 2021.

The report was received and filed.

14. 2021 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization report ([2021-00533](#))

1. Receiving and filing the report of the 2021 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.
2. Passage of Resolution approving the equalization of assessed valuations of real and personal property as recommended by the 2021 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

A staff presentation was given by Rebecca Malmquist, City Assessor.

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

Aye: Jenkins, Ellison, Bender, Cano, Fletcher, Goodman, Johnson, Osman, Palmisano, Reich, and Schroeder (11)

Absent: Cunningham and Gordon (2)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Reported by Ayan Adan, Clerk