

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 6, 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), Alondra Cano, Jeremiah Ellison, Cam Gordon, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

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. Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) plan modification process approval ([2021-00521](#))

Approving the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) plan modification process, as recommended by the NRP Policy Board.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Grant application to the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Auto Theft Prevention ([2021-00522](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,344,552, for the prevention of motor vehicle thefts in Minneapolis and to serve as fiscal agent to the Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Board to reimburse Minnesota law enforcement agencies for vehicle theft programs.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Contract amendment with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for fingerprint-based background checks ([2021-00523](#))

Authorizing an amendment to increase to Minneapolis Police contract COM0001580 with Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), in the amount of \$30,000 for a new not to exceed total of \$45,000, for continued state and federal fingerprint-based background checks using the BCA's amendment form.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Grant from Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Police Bomb Disposal Unit services ([2021-00524](#))

1. Accepting a grant from Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$156,000, for Police Bomb Disposal Unit equipment and training for the year 2021.
2. Authorizing an agreement with Homeland Security and Engagemenet Management for Police Bomb Disposal Unit equipment and training for the year 2021.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

5. Grant application to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services for COVID 19 Health Literacy enhancement ([2021-00525](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount of \$4,000,000, for a two-year period, for Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Response to COVID-19.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Contract with Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for providing investigative forensic DNA analysis on Police Department case evidence ([2021-00527](#))

Authorizing a contract with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), in the not to-exceed amount of \$880,000, for providing investigative forensic DNA analysis on Police Department case evidence for two years.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

7. Contracts for violence prevention ([2021-00528](#))

Authorizing contracts with the following organizations for a total amount not to exceed amount \$350,000 for violence prevention in Minneapolis: Somali Community Resettlement Services: \$43,750; Sewa-AIFW: \$43,750; Worldwide Outreach for Christ: \$43,750; Northside Residents Redevelopment: \$43,750; Hennepin Theatre Trust: \$20,833; Webber Camden Neighborhood: \$20,833; The Sanctuary Covenant Church: \$20,833; Art Is My Weapon: \$20,833; HIRED - \$20,833; Phumulani MN African Women: \$20,833; Lutheran Social Services of MN: \$10,000; Restorative Justice Community Action: \$10,000; Dynamic Family Solutions: \$10,000; Lateshia Carter: \$10,000; and Kente Circle Training Institute: \$10,000.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

8. Creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division ([2021-00474](#))

Directing staff to design and develop recommendations for the creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division, to be housed in a department outside of the Police Department, to be responsible for enforcement, education, and other activities that increase traffic safety; and report back to the Public Health & Safety Committee with a project timeline by the end of Quarter 2, 2021.

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

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

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

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

Receiving and filing an update report on COVID-19.

Staff presentation by Gretchen Musicant, Minneapolis Health Commissioner.

The report was received and filed.

10. UNICEF's Child Friendly City Initiative update ([2021-00464](#))

1. Receiving and filing an update on the Child Friendly City Initiative.
2. Authorizing the City of Minneapolis to become a community collaborator with the Growing Up In Cities Project, to identify disparities in health and well-being outcomes for young people across the city and to engage youth as local change agents.
3. Authorizing a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding with the Growing Up in Cities Project.

Presentation by Gretchen Musicant, Minneapolis Health Commissioner, and Chuck Oberg, University of Minnesota.

Fletcher moved to receive and file the update and approve items 2 and 3. On roll call, the motion passed.

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

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

11. Youth Coordinating Board update ([2021-00526](#))

Receiving and filing an update from the Youth Coordinating Board's Minneapolis Youth Congress on findings of the youth engagement survey on Reimagining Public Safety.

Presentation by Ann DeGroot, Youth Coordinating Board Executive Director; Mikayla Ferg, Youth Coordinating Board Strategic Planning Specialist; Maxine Almen, Youth Congress; and Elise Legler, Youth Congress.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Reported by Lisa Brock, Clerk