

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 12, 2022

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

Members Present: Council Members Elliott Payne (Vice-Chair), Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw (Chair), Jeremiah Ellison, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

Members Absent: Council Member Robin Wonsley

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Grant award from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) ([2022-00947](#))

Accepting a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of \$4,575,098.70, to be used for 15 additional firefighter positions.

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

Aye: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Wonsley (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Bloomberg Philanthropies grant for biochar production ([2022-00951](#))

1. Accepting a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies, in the amount of \$400,000, for biochar production for the period May 1, 2022, to Apr 30, 2024.

2. Authorizing an agreement with Bloomberg Philanthropies for the grant.

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

Aye: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Wonsley (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Public Health and Environmental Health Entities in Metropolitan Minnesota Mutual Aid Agreement ([2022-00953](#))

Authorizing execution of a mutual aid agreement between several Twin Cities jurisdictions for response in public health and environmental health emergencies for the period of Jan 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2028.

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

Aye: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Wonsley (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

4. U. S. Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs grant for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) [\(2022-00950\)](#)
 1. Accepting a grant from the Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$1,297,502, for the period Oct 1, 2022, to Sept 30, 2025, to address the opioid epidemic through the implementation of First Step, a hospital-based Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) program.
 2. Authorizing an agreement with the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the grant.
 3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Vetaw moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)
Absent: Wonsley (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

5. Appointment of Police Chief [\(2022-00942\)](#)

Setting a public hearing for Oct 26, 2022, to consider the Mayor's nomination of Brian O'Hara to the appointed position of Chief of the Police Department for a term ending January 2026.

Vetaw moved to set public hearing for Oct 26, 2022. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, and Palmisano (5)
Absent: Wonsley (1)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Reported by Kendall Smaby, Clerk