

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
May 8, 2023

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

Members Present: Council Members Robin Wonsley (Vice-Chair), LaTrisha Vetaw, Jeremiah Ellison (Chair), Jason Chavez, Emily Koski, and Andrew Johnson (Quorum - 4)

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

1. Appointed position in the Office of Community Safety: Director Partnership & Outreach ([2023-00480](#))

1. Adopting findings that the proposed position of Director Partnership & Outreach meets the criteria in Section 20.1010 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, City Council to Establish Positions; and approving the appointed position, evaluated at 470 total points, and allocated to Grade 10.
2. Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Personnel, approving the salary schedule for the position, which has a salary range of \$97,455 to \$115,526, in accordance with the adopted compensation plan for appointed officials effective May 11, 2023.

Staff presentation by Jared Jeffries, Office of Community Safety.

By unanimous consent, the item was continued to the meeting of May 22, 2023.

2. 2023 Quarterly Donations Reports ([2023-00472](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting 1st Quarter 2023 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Gift acceptance from the Joyce Foundation for travel expenses ([2023-00485](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses from the Joyce Foundation for Police Chief Brian O'Hara, Chief of Staff Chris Gaiters, Deputy Chief Troy Schoenberger, Chief of Staff Skyler Nash, Inspector Katie Blackwell, and Commander Yolanda Wilkes to attend a Forum on Policing Reform hosted by The Joyce Foundation in Chicago, IL.

Staff presentation by Robin McPherson, Minneapolis Police Department.

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

Aye: Wonsley, Vetaw, Ellison, Chavez, Koski, and Johnson (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Gift acceptance from the Major Cities Chiefs Association for travel expenses ([2023-00486](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses from Major Cities Chiefs Association for Police Department Chief Brian O'Hara to attend The Major Cities Chiefs Association 2023 Chiefs Leadership Development Meeting in Louisville, KY.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Gift acceptance from John Jay College of Criminal Justice for travel expenses ([2023-00487](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses from John Jay College of Criminal Justice for Police Chief Brian O'Hara to attend the Center for Effective Public Policy and the Future of Public Safety Initiative sessions in New York.

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

Aye: Wonsley, Vetaw, Ellison, Chavez, Koski, and Johnson (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

6. Gift acceptance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives for travel expenses ([2023-00488](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses from The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives for Police Department Chief Brian O'Hara to attend Department of Justice's Chief of Police Executive Forum on Gun Crimes in Washington, DC.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

7. Gift acceptance from the National Association of Counties and Cities Heath Officials for travel and lodging expenses ([2023-00489](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel and lodging expenses from the National Association of Counties and Cities Heath Officials (NACCHO) for the Health Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to attend NACCHO360 annual member conference in Denver, CO.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Gift acceptance from National Association of Counties and Cities Heath Officials of travel and lodging expenses ([2023-00490](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel and lodging expenses from the National Association of Counties and Cities Health Officials (NACCHO) for Damon Chaplin, Health Commissioner, to attend Board REI Training in St. Pete's Beach, FL.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

9. Gift acceptance from the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum of travel and lodging expenses ([2023-00491](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel, registration, per diem, and lodging expenses from the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum for a Homegrown staff member to attend the RE-AMP annual conference in Detroit, MI.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

10. Hiring Practices for Public Safety Workers ([2023-00475](#))

Approving a legislative directive related to a comprehensive analysis of the City's hiring practices as it relates to unarmed and armed safety workers.

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

Aye: Wonsley, Vetaw, Ellison, Chavez, and Johnson (5)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Nay: (0)

Absent: (0)

11. Transgender Equity Council appointments ([2023-00481](#))

1. Approving the following Mayoral reappointment for a two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2023, and ending Dec 31, 2024: Becca Sanborn, Seat 8, Ward 5.
2. Approving the following Council reappointment for an unexpired two-year term beginning Jan 1, 2023, and ending Dec 31, 2023: Billie Jean Kurek, Seat 10, Ward 6.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

12. Agreements with Xcel Energy to purchase renewable electricity from their Renewable*Connect Program ([2023-00484](#))

1. Authorizing a renewal of the five-year Renewable*Connect contract with Xcel Energy for 19.2 million kWh annually.
2. Authorizing a renewal of the five-year Renewable*Connect contract with Xcel Energy for 100% of annual usage for select accounts for approximately 23.2 million kWh annually.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

13. Bid for Minneapolis Maintenance Facilities Roof Replacement Project ([2023-00474](#))

Accepting the low bid of John A. Dalsin & Sons, Inc. submitted on Event No. 2366, in the amount of \$4,390,556, including Alternates 1, 2 and 3, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Maintenance Facilities Roof Replacement Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

14. Bid for Pavement Sawing ([2023-00476](#))

Accepting the second low bid of Langford Tool and Drill, submitted on Event No. 2462, in the amount of \$198,950, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for concrete sawing for projects throughout the City, authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

15. Bid for Yard Maintenance ([2023-00477](#))

1. Accepting the low bid of Metro Lawns, LLC submitted on Event No. 2422, in the amount of \$150,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Yard Maintenance Services, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.
2. Accepting the second low bid of Aloha Landscaping, Inc. submitted on Event No. 2422, in the amount of \$150,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Yard Maintenance Services, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.,

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

16. Bid for 2023 Small Diameter Pipe Cleaning & Televising ([2023-00479](#))

Accepting the low bid of Equix Integrity, Inc. submitted on bid Event No. 2441, in the amount of \$351,850, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the 2023 Small Diameter Pipe Cleaning and Televising project, and authorizing a contract, all in accordance with City specifications.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

17. Contract amendment for property maintenance, mowing and snow removal services ([2023-00473](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0001746 with Tree Trust in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$529,000, for additional property maintenance, mowing and snow removal services, all in accordance with City specifications.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

18. Contract amendment with Pryes Brewery for leased space improvements at 550 Kasota Ave SE [\(2023-00492\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to Contract COM0005819 with Pryes Brewery, in the amount of \$30,000 for a total not to exceed \$1,053,838.70, for leased space improvements at 550 Kasota Ave SE.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

19. Temporary construction easement amendment with Metropolitan Council for the Southwest Light Rail Transit project [\(2023-00493\)](#)

Authorizing an extension to temporary construction easements on City-owned land with the Metropolitan Council for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project until December 2025.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

20. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of David Sheppard [\(2023-00463\)](#)

Approving the workers compensation claim of David Sheppard by payment of \$125,000 to David Sheppard, and attorney, Gerald Bosch, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

21. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Wendy Johnson [\(2023-00464\)](#)

Approving the workers compensation claim of Wendy Johnson by payment of \$190,000 over four years to Wendy Johnson and attorney, Scott Puklich, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

22. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Bruce Smith [\(2023-00465\)](#)

Approving the workers compensation claim of Bruce Smith by payment of \$122,500 to Bruce Smith, and attorney, Osterbauer Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Ellison moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

23. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Danielle Evans [\(2023-00466\)](#)

Approving the workers compensation claim of Danielle Evans by payment of \$123,000 to Danielle Evans and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

Aye: Vetaw, Ellison, Koski, and Johnson (4)

Nay: Wonsley and Chavez (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

24. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Keith Smith ([2023-00467](#))

Approving the workers compensation claim of Keith Smith by payment of \$150,000 over two years to Keith Smith and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

Aye: Vetaw, Ellison, Koski, and Johnson (4)

Nay: Wonsley and Chavez (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

25. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Paul Huynh ([2023-00468](#))

Approving the workers compensation claim of Paul Huynh by payment of \$95,000 to Paul Huynh and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

Aye: Vetaw, Ellison, Koski, and Johnson (4)

Nay: Wonsley and Chavez (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

26. Legal Settlement: Workers Compensation claim of Nathan Johnson ([2023-00469](#))

Approving the workers compensation claim of Nathan Johnson by payment of \$125,000 to Nathan Johnson and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

Aye: Vetaw, Ellison, Koski, and Johnson (4)

Nay: Wonsley and Chavez (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Reported by Michael Waldegerma, Clerk