

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 23, 2024

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

Members Present: Council Members Elliott Payne, Robin Wonsley, Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw, Jeremiah Ellison, Jamal Osman, Katie Cashman, Andrea Jenkins, Jason Chavez (Chair), Aisha Chughtai, Emily Koski, Aurin Chowdhury (Vice-Chair), and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 7)

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

1. Appointment of Council Members to various boards, commissions, and committees ([2024-00007](#))

Passage of Resolution appointing Council Members to various boards, commissions, and committees for the 2024-2025 Term.

Staff presentation by Casey Carl, City Clerk.

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

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, Chowdhury, and Palmisano (12)

Nay: Jenkins (1)

Abstain: (0)

2. City Council Rules of Order (2024 revision) ([2024-00003](#))

1. Passage of Resolution ratifying the 2024 revision of The Rules of Order of the City Council.

Staff presentation by Casey Carl, City Clerk.

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

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, Chowdhury, and Palmisano (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Receiving and filing the 2024-2025 Guide to City Council Structure & Operations.

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

3. Expired ordinances and resolutions directive ([2024-00057](#))

Directing the City Clerk to expire all ordinances and resolutions which were introduced but undisposed from the 2022-2023 Term of City Council.

Staff presentation by Casey Carl, City Clerk.

Chavez moved to continue to the meeting of Feb 6, 2024. On roll call, the motion passed.
Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, Chowdhury, and Palmisano (13)
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)

4. Support of permanent ceasefire and preventing loss of human life in the Middle East ([2024-00011](#))

Passage of Resolution supporting a permanent ceasefire and preventing loss of human life in the Middle East.

Chughtai moved to approve.

Ellison moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Whereas, the ongoing bombardment in the Gaza Strip comes in the context of the 75-year displacement of Palestinians and 56-year illegal military and settler occupation of Gaza and the West Bank in 2016 the United Nations Security Council found the settlements in the occupied West Bank, which have gone on for 56 years, unlawful, and the 17-year blockade of Gaza; and

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (9)
Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Palmisano (3)
Abstain: Koski (1)

Ellison moved to amend the Resolution as follows:

Whereas, the Government of the State of Israel is engaging in collective punishment of Palestinian civilians; and the Palestinian people are now facing a humanitarian catastrophe the Palestinian people are now facing a humanitarian crisis, and human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have reported that the government of the State of Israel has been engaging in collective punishment; and

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (9)
Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Palmisano (3)
Abstain: Koski (1)

Wonsley moved to amend the resolution to insert the following after “Whereas, the Government of the State of Israel is engaging in collective punishment of Palestinian civilians; and the Palestinian people are now facing a humanitarian catastrophe; and”:

Whereas, according to a November 2023 United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner press release, UN experts stated, “Many of us already raised the alarm about the risk of genocide in Gaza.” “We are deeply disturbed by the failure of governments to heed our call and to achieve an immediate ceasefire. We are also

profoundly concerned about the support of certain governments for Israel's strategy of warfare against the besieged population of Gaza, and the failure of the international system to mobilise to prevent genocide.”

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (8)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Jenkins, Palmisano (4)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Chowdhury moved to amend the following:

Whereas, Palestinians living in Gaza are being killed at an unprecedented rate. Over ~~22,000~~ 24,000 Gazans – including at least ~~8,500~~ 10,000 children – have been killed in ~~93~~ 110 days, meaning 1 child in Gaza is killed every 10 minutes. Over 300 medical workers and over 100 journalists have been killed. Proportional to population, the death toll in Gaza is the equivalent of about 3.1 million American deaths. In addition, over 50,000 Gazans are wounded, and over 7,000 are missing under the rubble; and

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Palmisano (3)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Ellison moved to amend the following:

Whereas, we unequivocally condemn the targeting and killing of Palestinian and Israeli civilians, which would constitute a violation of international law; and

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (10)

Nay: Vetaw, Palmisano (2)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Wonsley moved to amend the resolution to insert the following after “Whereas, the World Health Organization, United Nations, Save the Children, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, His Holiness Pope Francis, more than 120 countries, and countless other organizations in Minnesota and around the world have called for a ceasefire to end the violence and suffering in the Gaza Strip. Doctors Without Borders has advocated for, ‘a total ceasefire and the unconditional supply of humanitarian aid, including access to food, fuel, and water. The survival of people in Gaza depends on this’; and”:

Whereas, on Thursday, January 11, 2024, and Friday, January 12, 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague held public hearings in the case brought forward by South Africa against Israel for alleged violations of the Genocide Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide during its operations in Gaza. South Africa’s application alleges that “acts and omissions by Israel... are genocidal in character, as they are committed with the requisite specific intent... to destroy Palestinians in Gaza as a part of the broader Palestinian national,

racial and ethnical group.” South Africa’s actions to receive provisional protections of the people of Gaza are supported by several countries and over 1,000 organizations worldwide; and

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (8)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Jenkins, Palmisano (4)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Ellison moved to amend the following:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council of the City of Minneapolis supports our State and Federal delegations and the Biden Administration using their authority to:

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Palmisano (3)

Abstain: Koski (1)

Wonsley moved to amend the following clause:

Be It Further Resolved that the Office of the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Minneapolis’s elected representatives to the Minnesota State Legislature, and Minnesota’s elected representatives to the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, Governor Walz, and the Office of President Biden.

On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chughtai, Chowdhury, Chavez (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, Palmisano (3)

Abstain: Koski (1)

On roll call, the main motion, as amended, passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Cashman, Jenkins, Chavez, Chughtai, and Chowdhury (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, and Palmisano (3)

Abstain: Koski (1)

The committee recessed at 2:57 pm and returned at 3:15 p.m.

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:

Reports of Committees

- [Administration & Enterprise Oversight Committee](#)
- [Budget Committee](#)

- [Business, Housing, and Zoning Committee](#)
- [Climate & Infrastructure Committee](#)
- [Public Health & Safety Committee](#)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Reported by Rachel Blanford, Clerk