

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 19, 2023

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, Lisa Goodman, Andrea Jenkins, Jason Chavez (Vice-Chair), Aisha Chughtai, Emily Koski, Andrew Johnson, and Linea Palmisano (Chair) (Quorum - 7)

Members Absent: Council Member Jamal Osman

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

1. Minnesota Ballpark Authority appointment ([2023-00902](#))

Approving the Council appointment of Justin Baylor, Seat 1, Ward 7, for a four-year term, beginning Jan 1, 2022, and ending Dec 31, 2025

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

2. 2023 Contract awards or amendments for federal grants report ([2023-00194](#))

Receiving and filing a report of the loan approvals, contract awards or amendments, for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) related expenditures during the month of August 2023, approved by the Chief Financial Officer

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

3. Truth and Reconciliation Update ([2023-00901](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to a proposed high-level overview of an implementation plan for Truth and Reconciliation, including deliverables, action items, and metrics of success through December of 2023.

Staff presentation by Robert Sayers, interim Director of Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (REIB); Malaysia Abdi, REIB Department, and Daanis Chosa, REIB Department.

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

4. Boards and Commissions ordinance ([2022-00124](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to a series of policy reforms proposed for the administration of the City's Appointed Boards and Commissions.

Staff presentation by Casey Carl, City Clerk, and Andrea Naef, City Attorney's Office.

Palmisano moved to receive and file the report and to refer the ordinance to the POGO meeting of Oct 2, 2023, for the purpose of setting a public hearing. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. 3rd Precinct engagement ([2023-00690](#))

Receiving and filing an update relating to 3000 Minnehaha Ave (former 3rd Precinct building).

Staff presentation by Alexander Kado, Office of Public Service, and Barbara O'Brien, Director of Property Services.

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

6. Purchase agreement amendment to include 3rd Precinct police operations space in the facility located at 1101 3rd Ave S ([2023-00832](#))

Authorizing an amendment to the Purchase Agreement, Parking Lease, Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement and related agreements with 1111 Partners, LLC, for the turnkey acquisition of a new 1st Precinct Police Station at 1101 3rd Ave S.

Palmisano moved to postpone indefinitely. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Ellison, Goodman, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, Johnson, and Palmisano (11)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: Jenkins (1)

Absent: Osman (1)

Addendum: Gift acceptance from One Fair Wage for travel and lodging expenses related to expert testimony to the Chicago City Council regarding municipal minimum wage policy. ([2023-00929](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift from One Fair Wage for Council Member Wonsley to attend the meeting of the Chicago City Council Committee on Workforce Development on September 20th, 2023 to give expert testimony regarding municipal minimum wages.

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

Reports of Committees

- Budget Committee ([CR-BUDGET-23-00387](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00390](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00371](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00375](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00376](#))
- Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning Committee ([CR-BIHZ-23-00377](#))
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee ([CR-IGR-23-00397](#))
- Policy & Government Oversight Committee ([CR-POGO-23-00398](#))
- Public Health & Safety Committee ([CR-PHS-23-00379](#))
- Public Works & Infrastructure Committee ([CR-PWI-23-00384](#))

CLOSED SESSION

7. Litigation matter of State of Minnesota by Smart Growth Minneapolis, et al. v. City of Minneapolis [\(2023-00900\)](#)

Receiving a briefing on the litigation matter of State of Minnesota by Smart Growth Minneapolis, et al. v. City of Minneapolis.

City Attorney Kristyn Anderson stated that the meeting may, upon a proper motion, be closed under the Minnesota Open Meeting Law for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations and strategies.

At 3:27 p.m., Chair Palmisano moved to adjourn to a closed session, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations and strategies related to the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Officers Federation.

On a voice vote, the motion passed.

At 3:29 p.m., Chair Palmisano called the closed session to order, a quorum being present.

Present – Council Members Elliott Payne (Out at 4:17 p.m.), Robin Wonsley (In at 3:47 p.m.), Michael Rainville (Out at 3:54 p.m.), LaTrisha Vetaw (Out at 3:41 p.m.), Jeremiah Ellison, Lisa Goodman (In at 3:33 p.m.; Out at 4:15 p.m.), President Andrea Jenkins, Jason Chavez (In at 3:33 p.m.; Out at 3:58 p.m.; In 4:00 p.m.), Aisha Chughtai (In at 3:35 p.m.), Andrew Johnson (Out at 3:56 p.m.), Emily Koski, Linea Palmisano.

Absent – Council Member Jamal Osman.

Also Present – Interim City Operations Officer Heather Johnston, City Attorney Kristyn Anderson, Deputy City Attorney Erik Nilsson, Assistant City Attorney Kristin Sarff, Assistant City Attorney Ivan Ludmer, Assistant City Attorney Munazza Humayun, Assistant City Attorney Haynes Hansen, Interim CPED Director Erik Hansen, Legislative Clerk Rachel Blanford, and City Clerk Casey Carl.

Sarf, Nilsson, Anderson, and Ludman provided a briefing on the litigation matter of State of Minnesota by Smart Growth Minneapolis, et al. v. City of Minneapolis from 3:32 p.m. to 4:18 p.m.

At 4:20 p.m., President Jenkins moved that the meeting be opened.

On a voice vote, the motion passed.

The closed session of the Committee of the Whole meeting was recorded with the recording on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

At 4:22 p.m., Chair Palmisano reconvened the meeting in open session.

Present – Council Members Elliott Payne, Robin Wonsley, Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw, Jeremiah Ellison, Andrea Jenkins, Lisa Goodman, Jason Chavez, Aisha Chughtai, Emily Koski, Andrew Johnson, Linea Palmisano.

Absent – Council Member Jamal Osman.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Reported by Rachel Blanford, Clerk