

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**POLICY & GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

October 16, 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, Jason Chavez, and Emily Koski (Quorum - 4)

Members Absent: Council Members Jeremiah Ellison (Chair) and Andrew Johnson

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

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

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, regarding provisions related to boards, commissions, committees, task forces, and similar organizations:

1. Adding a new Chapter 10 entitled Boards, Commissions and Advisory Bodies.
2. Amending Chapter 14 In General.

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

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Chavez abstained, Ellison and Johnson absent]

2. American Rescue Plan Act transfer of funds for outfitting of behavioral health crisis vans ([2023-00984](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2023 General Appropriation Resolution by transferring the temporary American Rescue Plan Act funding from the Performance Management and Innovation Department to the Department of Neighborhood Safety to fund proper outfitting of behavioral response crisis vans.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

3. American Rescue Plan Act transfer of funds for programming related to syringe clean-up ([2023-00985](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2023 General Appropriation Resolution by transferring a portion of the temporary American Rescue Plan Act funding for encampment response from the Regulatory Services Department to the Department of Health for syringe programming.

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

[Ellison and Johnson absent]

4. Gift acceptance from Bloomberg Philanthropies of travel expenses including flights, hotel, and meals ([2023-00977](#))
  1. Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses including flights, hotel, and meals from Bloomberg Philanthropies for Kim Havey, Director of Sustainability, to attend the Bloomberg CityLab 2023 in Washington D.C.
  2. Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses including flights, hotel, and meals from Bloomberg Philanthropies for Heidi Ritchie, Deputy Commissioner of Health, to attend the Bloomberg American Health Summit in Baltimore, MD.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

5. Gift acceptance from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms of travel expenses ([2023-00981](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift of travel expenses from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, for Officer Brian Heaton to attend Advanced Explosives Disposal Techniques Training in Redstone Arsenal, AL.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

6. Property Services Preservation Projects fund appropriation ([2023-00982](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2023 General Appropriation Resolution by appropriating \$7,836,946.76 from the unappropriated cash balance of the Property Services Preservation Projects fund to the Finance & Property Services Department.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

7. Contract with Horsemen, Inc. for horse boarding services ([2023-00946](#))

Authorizing a contract with Horsemen, Inc. for a contract amount not to exceed \$253,680, for a two-year term, with the option to extend for an additional one-year term in the amount of \$136,080, for horse boarding services.

Wonsley moved to postpone the item to the October 30, 2023, meeting. On roll call, the motion failed.

Aye: Wonsley, Chavez (2)

Nay: Koski, Vetaw (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Ellison, Johnson (2)

Wonsley moved to approve the main motion to approve. On roll call, the motion failed.

Aye: Koski, Vetaw (2)  
Nay: Wonsley, Chavez (2)  
Abstain: (0)  
Absent: Ellison, Johnson (2)

Wonsley moved to forward without recommendation. On voice vote, the motion failed.  
[Wonsley and Chavez nay, Ellison and Johnson absent]

No further action was taken.

8. Contracts with various service providers for community violence intervention services ([2023-00980](#))
1. Authorizing a contract with Somali Community Resettlement, in the amount of \$100,000, for a one-year term, Oct 30, 2023, through Oct 29, 2024, with the option to extend for an additional one-year term, for community violence intervention services.
  2. Authorizing a contract with SALEM Inc, in the amount of \$200,000, for a one-year term, Oct 30, 2023, through Oct 29, 2024, with the option to extend for an additional one-year term, for community violence intervention services.
  3. Authorizing a contract with Change Equal Opportunity, in the amount of \$200,000, for a one-year term, Oct 30, 2023, through Oct 29, 2024, with the option to extend for an additional one-year term, for community violence intervention services.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

9. Contracts for the operation and maintenance of Peavey Plaza ([2023-00983](#))
1. Authorizing the termination of contract COM0000683 with Green Minneapolis, as of Dec 31, 2023, for the operation, maintenance, and programing of Peavey Plaza.
  2. Authorizing a contract with the Downtown Improvement District, in the amount of \$2,123,655, for a five-year period through Dec 31, 2028, for the operation, maintenance, and programming of Peavey Plaza.
  3. Approving the 2024-2028 fee schedule and guidelines for the use of Peavey Plaza.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

10. Contract amendment with Research Foundation of the City University of New York for strategic advising with Group Violence Intervention ([2023-00978](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0005384 with Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$450,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$825,000, and an extension of the

contract term through Dec 31, 2025, for ongoing strategic advising with the specific aims of supporting the core Group Violence Intervention (GVI) implementation team.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

11. Contract amendment with Verint Americas, Inc. for the 311 Lagan system ([2023-00979](#))

Authorizing an increase to Contract C-37587 with Verint Americas, Inc. in the amount of \$767,873.17 for a new total amount not to exceed \$4,634,233.17, and a two-year extension through Nov 30, 2026, to provide hosting, support and maintenance services for the 311 Lagan system.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

12. Legal settlement: LaShawn Harris v. City of Minneapolis ([2023-00971](#))

Approving the settlement of the lawsuit Charles Orange v. City of Minneapolis by payment of \$18,000 to LaShawn Harris and attorneys, Fishman, Carp, Bescheinen & Van Berkom, Ltd., and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Wonsley moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Ellison and Johnson absent]

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

Reported by Michael Waldegerma, Clerk