

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 17, 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, Jamal Osman, Lisa Goodman, Jason Chavez (Vice-Chair), Aisha Chughtai, Emily Koski, and Linea Palmisano (Chair) (Quorum - 7)

Members Absent: Council Members Jeremiah Ellison, Andrea Jenkins, and Andrew Johnson

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

1. Appointment of Commissioner of Community Safety ([2023-00927](#))

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety for a term ending January 2026.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Mayor Jacob Frey.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Allison O'Toole
2. Steve Cramer
3. Leita Walker
4. Lisa Clemons
5. David Zimmer
6. Lateef Ledbetter
7. Howard Dotson
8. Jabari Barner

Toddrick Barnette introduced himself to the committee.

The public hearing was closed.

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

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

Nay: Wonsley (1)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Johnson (1)

2. Office of City Auditor ordinance: Structure and functions ([2023-00867](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 8 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: City Council, amending Article II - Legislative Department relating to the structure and functions of the Office of City Auditor.

A staff presentation was made by Ryan Patrick, City Auditor.

Palmisano moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Johnson absent.]

3. City Council Standing and Special Committees and membership ([2022-00006](#))

Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2022R-001 entitled “Designating standing and special committees of the City Council,” adopted January 10, 2022, as amended, by revising the memberships and quorums of various committees; and directing the Clerk to update the City Council Rules of Order.

Palmisano moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Johnson absent.]

4. 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 September 2023, approved by the Chief Financial Officer.

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

5. Community Safety Center at 2600 Minnehaha Ave S ([2023-00987](#))

Authorizing staff to pursue preliminary investigation, due diligence, and preliminary design work for a Community Safety Center at the City-owned property located at 2600 Minnehaha Ave S.

Koski moved to postpone to COW meeting of Oct 31, 2023. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Jenkins, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, and Palmisano (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, and Goodman (3)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Johnson (1)

6. Community Safety Center/3rd Precinct Facility legislative directive ([2023-00986](#))

Approving a legislative directive requesting the Mayor’s proposal for a comprehensive Community Safety Center/3rd Precinct Facility at 2600 Minnehaha Ave S, and additional

information and data including the site analysis, the fiscal analysis, any anticipated public engagement, and a review of relevant reports/agreements.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Mayor Jacob Frey, who spoke to the time sensitivity of the matter.

Koski moved to approve as amended moved to approve a substitute motion removing the section related to “anticipated public engagement” and changing the deadline to October 31, 2023. On roll call, the motion passed. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Payne, Wonsley, Ellison, Osman, Jenkins, Chavez, Chughtai, Koski, and Palmisano (9)

Nay: Rainville, Vetaw, and Goodman (3)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Johnson (1)

7. George Floyd Square, Community Engagement Framework (GFS Framework) ([2023-00989](#))

Receiving and filing an update on community engagement efforts at George Floyd Square (GFS) and the development of the George Floyd Square, Community Engagement Framework (GFS Framework) and a forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) process to hire consultants for continued engagement support.

A staff presentation was made by Alexander Kado, Public Works department, and Jenifer Hager, Director of Transportation and Planning in the Public Works department.

Without objection, the report was received and filed.

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

- Budget Committee ([CR-BUDGET-23-00442](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00445](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00431](#)) ([CR-BUDGET-23-00438](#))
- Business, Inspections, Housing & Zoning Committee ([CR-BIHZ-23-00437](#))
- Policy & Government Oversight Committee ([CR-POGO-23-00448](#))
- Public Health & Safety Committee ([CR-PHS-23-00433](#))
- Public Works & Infrastructure Committee ([CR-PWI-23-00443](#))
- Audit Committee ([CR-AUDIT-23-00434](#))

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Reported by Rachel Blanford, Clerk