

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  
May 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:33 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Blong Yang (Chair), Cam Gordon, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame and Linea Palmisano (Quorum 4)

Members Absent: Council Member Barbara Johnson

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

*Items #1 and #2 were considered together*

1. Spitting, Depositing Tobacco Ordinance ([15-00316](#)):

Receiving public testimony regarding an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 213 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: In General, repealing Section 213.30 relating to spitting; depositing tobacco, to be continued to May 20, 2015 (by Gordon and Yang).

2. Lurking Ordinance ([15-00315](#)):

Receiving public testimony regarding an ordinance amending Title 15, Chapter 385 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses--Miscellaneous: In General, repealing Section 385.80 relating to lurking, to be continued to May 20, 2015 (by Gordon and Yang).

Staff presentation by Council Member Cam Gordon on Items #1 and #2.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke in support of the repeal of both ordinances:

- 1) Ashley Fairbanks, 2617 36th Ave S, Minneapolis, with NACDI
- 2) Teresa Nelson, 2300 Myrte Ave, St. Paul, Legal Director for ACLU (also submitted written comments)
- 3) Jay Hinner, 337 Washington Ave N, Minneapolis, with the Community Justice Project with the University of St. Thomas (also submitted written comments)
- 4) Amanda Brodhag, 1117 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis
- 5) Lindsay Schwag, 215 Oak Grove St, Minneapolis
- 6) Bill Kasloe, 9942 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis, with SEIU
- 7) Daniella Schulz, 706 1st Ave N, Minneapolis
- 8) Claudio Rivera, 3222 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis
- 9) Ron Harris, with Neighborhoods Organizing For Change
- 10) Wintana Melekin, 1101 W Broadway, Minneapolis, with Neighborhoods Organizing For Change
- 11) Maria Mitchell, President of Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
- 12) Nekima Levy-Pounds, President of the NAACP
- 13) Rachel Bean, 3205 Grand Ave S, Minneapolis
- 14) Marcus Harcus, 4830 Humboldt Ave N, Minneapolis, with MN Norml
- 15) Ja'Nerio Taylor, 2929 Chicago Ave S, #815, Minneapolis, with Black Lives Matter
- 16) Carrie Osaoski, 1053 Goodrich Ave, St. Paul, with University of St. Thomas Law
- 17) Lena Gardner, 156 14th Ave N, Minneapolis, with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis

- 18) Ryan Kennedy, 1416 3rd St NE, Minneapolis, with the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group
- 19) Erin Conti, 415 N 1st St, Minneapolis
- 20) Leroy Duncan, 1002 24th Ave SE, Minneapolis, with Norml, Black Lives Matter and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change
- 21) Angela Porter, 2841 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis
- 22) Pat Nevin 2125 Laurel Ave W, Minneapolis
- 23) Patrick Currier, 2739 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis
- 24) Meg Riley, 5501 Shoreview Ave S, Minneapolis
- 25) Misty Gradison, resident of St. Paul
- 26) Melissa Fraser, with the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office
- 27) Nekima Levy-Pounds, President of the NAACP

The following persons spoke in opposition of the repeal of both ordinances.

- 1) Joseph Finley, 1350 Nicollet Ave, #1201, Minneapolis, with Citizens for a Loring Park Community
- 2) Mike Maney, 90 Wildhard, Tonka Bay, with the Minneapolis Downtown Council (also submitted written comments)

There being no further persons wishing to speak on this date, the public hearing was continued to May 20, 2105 at 1:30 p.m.

On motion by Yang, carried on voice vote, the matter was continued to May 20, 2015.

3. Video Analytics System ([15-00581](#)):

Authorizing an annual contract agreement with IBM in the amount of \$16,000, for the licensing, service and training of a video analytics system, with the total system cost for the pilot program of \$100,000, with costs provided from an Urban Area Security Initiative grant (**Refer to W&M**).

On motion by Yang, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

4. DWI Officer and Vehicle Grant Award ([15-00582](#)):

Authorizing a grant agreement to receive \$156,000 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Police Department to add a DWI Officer to the Traffic Unit and for the purchase of an equipped police vehicle; Passage of Resolution approving budget appropriation (**Refer to W&M**).

On motion by Yang, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Committee Coordinator