

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
March 21, 2016

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:34 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Cam Gordon (Chair), Andrew Johnson, Jacob Frey, Elizabeth Glidden, Alondra Cano, and Lisa Bender

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

1. Carry out bags in retail establishments ordinance (Bring your own bag) ([15-00999](#))

Passage of ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 225 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Garbage and Refuse, adding a new Article VII regulating the use of carry out bags in retail establishments.

Staff presentation by Robin Garwood, Ward 2 Policy Aide.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Madalyn Cioci, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul.
2. Tom Vogel, Seward Co-op, 2601 East Franklin Avenue.
3. Andrew Murray, Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC).
4. Julia Curran, 1325 West 25 1/2 Street.
5. Thomas Crouse, Happy Earth Cleaning, 3647 Lyndale Avenue South.
6. Felicity Britton, Linden Hills Power and Light.
7. Steve Eberly, Linden Hills Boulevard.
8. Gretchen Spear, American Forest and Paper Association, 5408 Knox Avenue South.
9. Ann Laughlin, Audubon Chapter Minneapolis, 4804 Dowling Street.
10. Deanna White, Clean Water Action, 330 2nd Avenue South.
11. Judy Enenstein, East Isles Residents Associatin and East Isles Green Team, 2856 Irving Avenue South.
12. Erin Niehoff, 1514 Brook Avenue Southeast.
13. Jamie Pfuhl, Minnesota Grocers Association, 533 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul.
14. Russ Henry, Giving Tree Gardens, 4549 41st Avenue South.
15. Jason McGrath, Sierra Club, 2327 East Franklin Avenue.
16. Sarah Silver, South High School.
17. Lynn Hoffman, Eureka Recycling, 2828 Kennedy Street Northeast.
18. Jonathan Perman, American Progressive Ban Alliance.
19. Karrie Vrabel, 3844 Bloomington Avenue South.
20. Dr. Adrienne Tipton, 101 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.
21. Keiko Veasey, Linden Hills Power and Light.
22. Thalia Garcia, Little Earth, 3010 37th Avenue South.
23. Richardo McCurly, Whittier Alliance and Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC).
24. Kendra Roedl, South High School.
25. Diane Hofstede, Ward 3.

The public hearing was closed.

Gordon extended the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Warsame, co-author of the ordinance.

A. Johnson moved that the item be postponed to the HECE meeting of April 4, 2016.

The motion failed upon a voice vote.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, Section 225.930 of the ordinance was amended by deleting the language "or provide customers a credit of not less than ten cents per reusable bag customers use". The motion was approved upon a voice vote.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the ordinance, as amended, was approved. Abstain: A. Johnson.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, Solid Waste and Recycling, Licenses and Consumer Services, Regulatory Services, and Health Department staff were directed to report back to the HECE Committee no later than Jan. 31, 2017, with recommendations for study, implementation, and enforcement of the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. Such recommendations should reflect the overall strategies laid out in the Zero Waste Policy Plan.

2. Restructuring annual pollution control billing fees ordinance ([16-00108](#))
 1. Passage of the following ordinances amending the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances restructuring the annual pollution control billing fees:
 1. Title 3 relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection:
 1. Chapter 46 Hazardous Waste Generation, Handling, Storage and Disposal.
 2. Chapter 47 Energy and Air Pollution.
 3. Chapter 48 Minneapolis Watershed Management Authority.
 4. Chapter 50 Minneapolis Waste Control and Waste Discharge Rules.
 5. Chapter 54 Storm Water Management.
 2. Title 13, Chapter 261 relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: License Fees Generally.
 2. Amending the License Fee Schedule.
 3. Returning to author the following ordinances:
 1. Title 3, Chapter 52 relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Erosion and Sediment Control and Drainage.
 2. Title 5, Chapter 91 relating to Building Code: Permit Fees.

Staff presentation by Daniel Huff, Patrick Hanlon, and Thomas Frame, Health Department.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Robert Moffitt, American Lung Association in Minnesota, 490 Concordia Avenue, St. Paul.

2. Sarah Goodspeed, Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy (CEED), 3131 14th Avenue South.
3. Laura Babcock, Minnesota Technical Assistance Program, 200 Oak Street Southeast.
4. Carol Hughes, 4234 Dight Avenue.
5. Allan Campbell, Sierra Club, 3220 West Calhoun Parkway.
6. James Kelly, Minnesota Department of Health.

The public hearing was closed.

On motion by Frey, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee.

3. Emergency shelters ordinance ([15-01268](#))

Continuing the public hearing to May 16, 2016, to consider an ordinance amending Title 11 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, adding a new Chapter 236, Emergency Shelters, adding provisions providing for the licensure and regulation of emergency shelters.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the public hearing was continued to the HECE meeting of May 16, 2016.

4. Grant agreement with Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) for summer interns ([16-00352](#))

1. Authorizing grant agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization accepting \$19,200 to hire interns to assist in erosion control enforcement in 2016.
2. Passage of Resolution appropriating the funds to the Health Department.

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

5. Software License Agreement with Don Bailey for Energy Benchmarking Management System ([16-00353](#))

Authorizing a Software License Agreement with Don Bailey for use of the Energy Benchmarking Management System (BMS) to manage data until the City's Enterprise Land Management System (ELMS) can fill the data management needs of the program, currently scheduled for October 2016.

On motion by Gordon, 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 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator