

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
April 27, 2016

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 10:00 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Elizabeth Glidden (chair), Barbara Johnson, Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Jacob Frey, Blong Yang, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Alondra Cano, Lisa Bender, John Quincy, Andrew Johnson, Linea Palmisano

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

1. Proposed Charter amendment: Vote thresholds for issuance of municipal bonds ([16-00404](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending the Minneapolis City Charter, revising, clarifying, and ensuring consistency in vote thresholds required by the Board of Estimate & Taxation related to the issuance of bonds:

1. Article V, Section 5.5, Board of Estimate & Taxation: Borrowing power.
2. Article IX, Section 9.3, Finance: Budget.
3. Article IX, Section 9.4, Finance: Debt.
4. Article IX, Section 9.6, Finance: Improvements.

Staff presentation by Burt Osborne, City Attorney's Office.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke in support:

1. Carol Becker, 3201 48th St S
2. Sheldon Mains, 2718 E 24th St

The public hearing was closed.

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

2. Neighborhood Park and Street Infrastructure Plans ordinance ([16-00381](#))

1. Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 16 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Finance, adding a new Article XIV entitled Neighborhood Park and Street Infrastructure Plans.

(Continued from the April 13, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting.)

2. Passage of Resolution approving the Street Infrastructure and Neighborhood Park Funding Plan.

Staff presentation by City Attorney Susan Segal and Chief Finance Officer Mark Ruff.

The public hearing, previously opened at the Committee's regular meeting on April 13, 2016, and postponed to this date, was re-opened; whereupon, the following persons addressed the Committee on the proposed joint neighborhood parks and street infrastructure funding plans:

The following persons spoke in support:

1. Meg Forney, 3201 Zenith Ave S
2. Sheldon Mains, 2718 E 24th St
3. Carol Becker, 3201 48th St S
4. Brad Pass, 2536 18th St [*Mr. Pass submitted materials which were distributed by the clerk, a copy of which was included in the file of this hearing*]

5. Casey Krolczyk, 2701 S 8th St
6. Mike Tate, 4326 Logan Ave N
7. Margit Berg, 2112 Newton Ave S
8. Alexis Pennie, 2430 Logan Ave N
9. D.J. Forbes, 3929 10th Ave S
10. Chelle Stoner, 222 2nd St SE, No. 906
11. Tom Evers, 3736 21st Ave S
12. Steffanie Musich, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board of Commissioners
13. Anthony Kelly, 730 W 4th St, No. 807
14. Liz Wielinski, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board of Commissioners
15. Tony Sterle, 3129 Colfax Ave S
16. Abdirahman Mukhtar, 723 26th Ave S
17. Susie Brown, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, 2314 University Ave, St. Paul
18. George Puzak, 1780 Girard Ave S
19. Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board of Commissioners
20. Craig Wilson, 1768 Fremont Ave S
21. Mark Andrew, chair of the Save Our Minneapolis Parks Citizens' Committee
22. John Herman, 110 Bark St SE, No. 1503

The following persons spoke in opposition:

1. Carlos Rodrigo
2. Tiffini Flynn Forslund, 910 25th St No. 201
3. Jorge L. Vargas, 211 E Lake St
4. Dennis Wilson
5. Nekima Levy-Pounds, University of St. Thomas and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Minneapolis Chapter)
6. Cynthia Renee Wilson, 3416 4th Ave S
7. Adriana Cerrillo, 1367 Willow St
8. Liz Pitts Cartwright, University of St. Thomas Criminal Justice Project
9. Maria Pitner, University of St. Thomas Criminal Justice Project
10. Pastor Virginia Jones, 2822 Fremont Ave
11. Jake Virden, 1816 Stevens Ave

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

At 12:04 p.m., the Chair recessed the meeting.

The Committee reconvened at 12:13 p.m., all members present.

B. Johnson moved to approve an amended substitute ordinance which consolidated prior versions of an ordinance prescribing a neighborhood parks funding plan and a street infrastructure funding plan, both previously introduced; further, she reviewed a series of technical amendments contained in the draft which clarified the policy intent of the consolidated plans set forth in the substitute ordinance.

Cano moved to amend Section 16.1200 of the amended substitute ordinance, as follows:

Section 16.1200. Purpose. The City of Minneapolis and its Park and Recreation Board have developed a 20-year financial plan to achieve a shared goal of closing a neighborhood parks funding gap utilizing racial and economic equity criteria in a manner that is consistent with existing annual levy and capital budget processes and that avoids the uncertainty and inflexibility of various potential ballot measures. The City of Minneapolis has concurrently developed a 20-year financial plan to close a street

infrastructure funding gap utilizing racial and economic equity criteria in a manner that manages the impact of the two initiatives on City taxpayers.

On voice vote, the Cano amendment was approved.

Frey moved to amend Section 16.1210 (Definitions) of the amended substitute ordinance, as follows:

“Neighborhood Park System” means those parks that (1) are owned, operated and maintained, ~~or owned, or leased and operated~~ and maintained, by the MPRB, (2) are generally less than two blocks in size, but may be larger, and (3) are neither designated as part of the Metropolitan Council System or Regional Parks and Trails nor part of any of the MPRB’s golf courses.

On voice vote, the Frey amendment was approved.

President Johnson assumed the chair.

On roll call, the result of the pending motion to approve the substitute ordinance, as amended, was:

Ayes: Gordon, Cano, Reich, Bender, A. Johnson, Quincy, Warsame, Goodman, Frey, Palmisano, B. Johnson (11)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Yang, Glidden (2)

The President indicated that, without objection, the substitute ordinance, as amended, and the companion resolution detailing the associated proposed financing plan were approved and would be forwarded with a recommendation for approval to the full City Council at its regular meeting on Friday, April 29, 2016.

3. Designation of Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin as the City of Minneapolis Community Action Agency ([16-00554](#))

Passage of Resolution designating Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin as the City of Minneapolis Community Action Agency.

On motion by B. Johnson, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

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:

- Community Development & Regulatory Services ([16-00573](#))
- Health, Environment & Community Engagement ([16-00513](#))
- Intergovernmental Relations ([16-00577](#))
- Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management ([16-00568](#))
- Transportation & Public Works ([16-00550](#))
- Ways & Means ([16-00583](#))
- Zoning & Planning ([16-00578](#))

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Reported by Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk