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Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Longfellow, 10-16-14

**Cam's next Cooper/Seward Office Hours:
Thursday, October 23rd, 9:30-11:00am
Blue Moon Coffee Café, 3822 E Lake St**

Items:

- 1) Fall Street Sweeping.
- 2) Energy Franchises and Clean Energy Partnership
- 3) Staple Food Ordinance
- 4) Organics Drop-Off.
- 5) Neighborhood Funding
- 6) Conservation District Ordinance
- 7) E-Cigarettes
- 8) Farmstand Ordinance
- 9) Licensed Alcohol Establishments Ordinance
- 10) New Sister City in Somalia
- 11) Ebola Preparedness
- 12) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) The schedule has been set for our next comprehensive street sweep and leaf collection effort. Parking is prohibited on streets when they are being cleaned and cars can be towed. City staff will be posting the first streets on Monday October 20, for sweeping (and enforcement) to begin on Tuesday, October 21. It will take the usual 4 weeks to complete. Use "Street Lookup" at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/streetsweep_streetsweeplookup to see the sweeping schedule online and when your street is scheduled for cleaning.
- 2) On Friday, I expect the Council to pass the franchise and Clean Energy Partnership agreements with our energy utilities, Xcel and CenterPoint. This Partnership is a way for the utilities to make good on their commitments to help the City – and the people of Minneapolis – reach our aggressive goals on climate, environmental justice, renewable energy and more. I view this as a major step forward, but this is only an opportunity. In the next year, as the Partnership gets underway, I will be working hard to make sure it fulfills its promise.
- 3) My proposed ordinance requiring a greater amount of healthy food in licensed grocery stores will be coming before the HECE committee on Monday, **October 20**. These new food standards are based on, but more flexible than, the Women, Infants and Children program standards. The requirements will apply to more types of stores (including dollar stores, pharmacies and department stores, which are all currently exempt), as long as they accept food assistance. You can read more here: <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/health/278135071.html>
- 4) The City has added more compost, organics drop off options for residents in the Second Ward area. The one closest to Longfellow is at the South Transfer Station. The Residential Organics Drop-Off is open all hours the South Transfer Station is open. These include: Tuesday–Friday 12:30pm–7:30pm, and Saturday 8:30am–3:30pm. There is no charge for residents to participate. The other drop-off site is at Van Cleve Park and will be open Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings for the next two months
- 5) In the proposed 2015 Budget and associated five year projections the "Consolidated Tax Increment District," previously dedicated to funding Target Center debt, the Neighborhood and Community Relations department and to support neighborhood organizations is expected to bring in more revenue than expected. This has generated a great deal of discussion within the City about what the funds should be used for and the Mayor is proposing to use over \$400,000 next year to fund planning for redevelopment at the Upper Harbor Terminal and two positions in the communication department. I am working with David Rubedor to set a meeting for neighborhood organization representative for November 5 to share more details and expect this

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issue to also be discussed on November 17 at the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee. Public comment will likely be welcomed at that meeting.

- 6) I expect the conservation district ordinance I have been working on with staff for more than a year to pass the Council this Friday.
- 7) On September 19 I began the process of amending Minneapolis' ordinances to strengthen city regulations around so called "e-cigarettes." My intent is to extend the State Clean Indoor Air Act to e-cigarettes. The public hearing for this ordinance has been set for **November 17th**, at 1:30pm in Council Chambers. There is an informative video about this issue here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-LAsTQ4wdc&list=UUket7tl3m0r1ScDTuUSREuw>.
- 8) The ordinance amendment I have authored to allow farmstands to operate more often at market and community gardens, as well as urban farms, passed the full Council last month. This included the change to allow farmstands at community gardens, which passed by a vote of 10-2.
- 9) The Council has approved changes to how we regulate bars and restaurants to do away with the requirements that businesses maintain specific ratios of sales of food to alcohol. In place of these ratios, the Council has developed a new set of tools, including: a clearer definition of what a restaurant must do. The city also now has the authority to reduce hours, entertainment, and/or bar area when establishments are in violation in the code. I supported these changes when they came through the Council, because I feel they will better address livability concerns about establishments that serve alcohol while giving small businesses more flexibility.
- 10) This Friday, the Council will likely approve formal recognition of Bosaso, Somalia as a sister city. This occurred after extensive review, dating back to July 23, when the City received a proposal from Minnesota Friends of Bosaso to establish a sister city relationship between Bosaso and Minneapolis. The proposal includes a letter from Mayor Hassan Abdalle Hassan of Bosaso expressing his support and encouragement for a sister city connection with Minneapolis. The proposal also includes several letters of support from government officials, both in Puntland and Minnesota, local businesses, and community organizations. A review committee met with members of Minnesota Friends of Bosaso on September 23, 2014 for a presentation and discussion of the proposal. The proposal was reviewed based on the process and criteria for sister city relationships adopted July 17, 1998 and revised October 2, 2009.
- 11) Our City Health department has been involved in efforts to be prepared for Ebola on several levels. They have consulted with 911, Police and Fire to modify their call protocol and to make sure that responders have sufficient protective equipment. This was done at the request of an HCMC physician and in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health. They have had a number of planning conversations with our partners in Hennepin County Public Health to assure that our isolation and quarantine procedures are up to date and to discuss how we would arrange for clean-up in settings where a person has been ill with Ebola. They have also participated in several conference calls for local public health agencies with the national Centers for Disease Control. I am not aware of any community meetings as such, but meetings on this topic within city government are certainly place. If people think more public education and city sponsored meetings are appropriate at this time, please let me know.
- 12) Openings on Boards and Commissions. Applications are now being accepted for the Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, Arts Commission, Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC), Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC), Family Housing Fund (McKnight), Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC), Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, Minneapolis Ethical Practices Board, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Board, Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN), Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, Police Conduct Oversight Commission, Police Conduct Review Panel, Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information.