

## Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Longfellow, 9-20-18

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Monday, September 24, 9:30-11:00am  
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### **Items:**

- 1) 2019 Budget
- 2) 2019 Budget Process
- 3) 2018 General Election
- 4) Election Judges Needed
- 5) Police Charter Change
- 6) Comprehensive Plan Next Steps
- 7) Transportation Action Plan
- 8) New Housing Advisory Committee
- 9) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) In August, Mayor Frey presented his 2019 proposed budget. He is recommending a City budget of \$1.6 billion, which is \$139.1 million (or 9.8%) more than this year's budget. This includes an increase of 5.63% in the property tax levy for the City and its independent boards, raising the total amount levied by \$18.7 million, from \$331.2 million in 2018 to \$349.9 million in 2019. This levy increase will not mean a tax increase for everyone because the total tax base increased by more than 10%. The recommended budget includes \$40 million to support affordable housing in 2019 as well as expanded funding for some programs I fought hard to get and keep in the budget in years past. This includes funding of \$660,000 for the Group Violence Intervention program; increased funding of \$597,000 for the Business Technical Assistance; over \$1 million towards energy and climate change programs; added funds for the co-responder program; funds to add a staff to the Division of Race and Equity, and more money for the Safe Routes to School Program and protected bikeways. The Mayor is also proposing to fund new initiatives, including \$50,000 to support the opioid task-force; \$200,000 for the development of a municipal ID program; \$350,000 to ensure a fair 2020 Census; over \$1 million in increased funding to the Police Department to 'civilianize' 8 positions which frees up sworn officers and allows for more efficient work by specially trained civilians; and, \$200,000 to the Civil Rights Labor Standards Enforcement Division for expanded outreach and investigators to ensure that workers are paid their fair wage. More information and the complete budget is available online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/>.
- 2) Before a final 2019 budget is approved on December 5th, there will be a series of meetings and presentations, including approval of the maximum levy by the Board of Estimate and Taxation and public hearings before the Council. You can see the full calendar at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-calendar> and make comments online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-comments>. The times for public comment are the Public Hearing on the maximum property tax levy on **September 12** before the Board of Estimate and Taxation at 5:05 pm; public comment before the City Council on **November 1 at 9:00 am** to noon; a Public Hearing before the City Council on **November 28 at 6:05 pm**; and, the final Public Hearing before the Council on **December 5** at 6:05 pm. All the budget meetings and hearings will take place in the City Council Chambers, room 317, in City Hall, 350 So 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 3) The General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 6**, with Early Voting going from **Friday, September 21 to Monday, November 5**, Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm. On Election Days the Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. The Council has approved operating up to five Early Voting Centers, including the downtown site at 217 South 3rd Street, that was operating for the primary. The additional locations will be open from October 30 to November 5. When we know the locations soon and I am one to be located on or near the University of Minnesota campus. Find sample ballots for all 132 Minneapolis precincts here: [www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ballot](http://www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ballot). For more information visit [www.vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.vote.minneapolismn.gov) , [www.facebook.com/votempls](https://www.facebook.com/votempls) and [www.twitter.com/votempls](https://www.twitter.com/votempls).
- 4) The City needs temporary election judges for the 2018 General Election. Second-language fluency in Spanish, Hmong, Oromo, or Somali particularly desired. You can fill out an application at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5kG8utWbCZyKz2BiO43MfvjZBPU9vtyznbVO5K2hoB4QHvW/viewform>
- 5) In August, after the Council approved referring a ballot initiative that (if approved by the voters) could have amended the Minneapolis Charter to give the Council and Mayor a more balanced and shared policymaking authority and oversight of the police department, the Charter Commission voted to study the proposal through the remainder of this year. So, it will not be on the ballot this year. In their decision not to respond to the Council on a short time line they created a work group to review the current oversight in Minneapolis, State laws on police oversight and practices in other jurisdictions. They will also hold at least three public hearings to gather public input/feedback on the proposal. A final report with any recommendations is due to the full Charter Commission no later than January 2, 2019.
- 6) I thank everyone who has provided feedback, or otherwise been involved, in discussing and considering the first draft of the 2040 plan. This summer the various City Council Committees reviewed the draft policies related to the work of each committee and now planning staff are preparing a new draft to submit to the City Council in late September. The first draft is available in a searchable and printable PDF format at <https://minneapolis2040.com/pdf/> as well as in an electronic web site version at <https://minneapolis2040.com/>. I will be convening a Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting on the next draft and pushing for more community engagement when it is released and well before the Council approves a final draft in December.
- 7) The City is updating its 10-year Transportation Action Plan to meet the transportation vision and policies outlined in our draft Comprehensive Plan. The Transportation Action Plan will foster safe and efficient transportation options, and guide the election and design of transportation projects over the next 10 years. It will also improve equity in the system, help address climate change challenges, and support our Complete Streets Policy and commitment to Vision Zero. You can take a survey and learn more at [http://minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/gompls/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=go\\_vdelivery&utm\\_term=](http://minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/gompls/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=go_vdelivery&utm_term=)
- 8) Applications are now being taken to serve on the City's new Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing. The purpose of this committee is to advise the Departments of Community Planning and Economic Development, Regulatory Services, Health, the Sustainability division of the City Coordinator's Office, and the City Council and mayor on matters related to housing policy and development, rental licensing, and other areas which affect the accessibility, maintenance, and development of stable, quality, sustainable, healthy, and affordable housing in Minneapolis. For an application and more information visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards/openings/WCMSP-213737>.
- 9) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.