

Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Seward, September 26, 2018

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- 1) 2019 Budget
- 2) Hiawatha Encampment Response
- 3) 10 Days Violence Free
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- 1) On The Council is now deliberating on the Mayor's proposed 2019 budget. The budget is available online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/>. 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 before the City Council will be on **November 1** at 9:00 am, **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 5th Street.
- 2) The City has been working to assist families at the encampment near Hiawatha and Franklin. I have very involved as chair of our Housing Committee and held a community meeting on this topic last night at Matthews Park that was attended by over sixty Seward residents. This month, in response to the challenges people are facing finding housing and the approaching winter, the Council approved establishing a Navigation Center where people experiencing homelessness who are currently living at the encampment could go to get help. The Center would provide low-barrier access to shelter, beds, basic health services, and other resources likely provided by the County. Because of the impending cold weather this urgent emergency response is needed to give individuals, community stakeholders and government agencies more time to find more stable housing options for the residents of the camp. Today, the City Council unanimously approved my motion to move forward with placing the Navigation Center on 2109 Cedar Ave S, the former site of Amble's, which is now owned by the Red Lake Nation. I supported this action, and will continue to push for getting this much-needed emergency support in place as soon as possible and see in operate in a way that is as effective as it can be. You can learn more here: <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/MarkedAgenda/HPD/597> and here <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/special/index.htm> and here <https://www.franklinhiawathacamp.org/>
- 3) I authored a resolution in support of the Twin Cities Nonviolent collaborative's 10 Days Free From Violence that will go from September 21, the International Day of Peace, to September 30th. For more information about how to get involved visit <https://twincitiesnonviolent.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Twin-CitiesNonviolent-135270583857949/>.

- 4) The Housing Policy and Development committee received a very informative report from Community Planning and Economic Development staff and the Grounded Solutions Network on implementing Inclusionary Zoning in Minneapolis. Inclusionary Zoning is a concept that requires a certain number or percentage of units in new developments to be affordable at a certain established level of affordability for a certain period of time. After receiving the report that determined such a requirement would be feasible in Minneapolis, the Council approved a staff direction to continue the work on this important topic. It directs staff to return in November with a recommended set of amendments to the City's Unified Housing Policy to support an inclusionary zoning ordinance; to prepare an interim Inclusionary Zoning ordinance, and a framework for a permanent Inclusionary Zoning ordinance. You can see the report here:
<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/1446/HPD%20committee%20presentation%2008.21.18.pdf>
- 5) 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. For more information visit www.vote.minneapolismn.gov, www.facebook.com/votempls and www.twitter.com/votempls. 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>.
- 6) I support the decision by the Police Chief to hire a full-time victim advocate to work with sex crime investigators. The advocate from the Sexual Violence Center will be embedded in the Sex Crimes Unit, which investigates accusations of abuse and assault. The advocate will accompany sex assault victims as they bring their cases to police, as the department already does with victims of domestic abuse.
- 7) 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>.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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=govdelivery&utm_term=
- 10) 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.