



**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

**January 8, 2024
6:00 – 6:30pm**

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Personnel Policy Review**
- 3) Adjourn**

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Personnel Policy Discussion

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Meeting Date: January 8, 2024

Issue:

Council Member Reffkin and Council Member MacGregor have requested to discuss various sections of the Minnetrista Personnel Policy.

Overview:

The highlighted text in Attachment A displays the current Minnetrista Personnel Policy language for reference during this agenda item.

Recommended City Council Action:

Staff is seeking direction on any proposed revisions to the Personnel Policy. If there are proposed revisions, the appropriate action would be to task the Personnel Committee to collaborate with legal counsel, review the policy, and make recommendations to the full City Council at a future meeting.

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances. This means stalking, patting, pinching, brushing up against, hugging, cornering, kissing, fondling or any other similar physical contact considered unacceptable by another individual.
- Verbal or written abuse, kidding, or comments that are sexually-oriented and considered unacceptable by another individual. This includes comments about an individual's body or appearance where such comments go beyond mere courtesy, telling "dirty jokes" or any other tasteless, sexually oriented comments, innuendos or actions that offend others. The harassment policy applies to social media posts, tweets, etc., that are about or may be seen by employees, customers, etc.
- Requests or demands for sexual favors. This includes subtle or obvious expectations, pressures, or requests for any type of sexual favor, along with an implied or specific promise of favorable treatment (or negative consequence) concerning one's current or future job.

5. Names and Pronouns:

Every employee will be addressed by a name and by pronouns that correspond to the employee's gender identity. A court-ordered name or gender change is not required.

D. Employee Response to Disrespectful Workplace Behavior

All employees should feel comfortable calling their supervisor or another manager to request assistance should they not feel comfortable with a situation. If situations involve violent behavior call the police or ask the individual to leave the area.

If employees see or overhear a violation of this policy, employees should advise a supervisor, the City Administrator, or City Attorney promptly.

Employees who believe disrespectful behavior is occurring are encouraged to deal with the situation in one of the ways listed below. If there is a concern about the possibility of violence, the individual should use his/her discretion to call 911, and as soon as feasible, a supervisor.

Step 1(a). If you feel comfortable doing so, professionally, but firmly, tell whoever is engaging in the disrespectful behavior how you feel about their actions. Politely request the person to stop the behavior because you feel intimidated, offended, or uncomfortable. If practical, bring a witness with you for this discussion.

Step 1(b). If you fear adverse consequences could result from telling the offender or if the matter is not resolved by direct contact, go to your supervisor or City Administrator. The person to whom you speak is responsible for documenting the issues and for giving you a status report on the matter.

In some situations with an offender from the public, it is preferable to avoid one on one interactions. Talk to your supervisor about available options to ensure there are others available to help with transactions with the offender.

B. Safety Equipment/Gear

Where safety equipment is required by federal, state, or local rules and regulations, it is a condition of employment that such equipment be worn by the employee.

C. Unsafe Behavior

Supervisors are authorized to send an employee home immediately when the employee's behavior violates the city's personnel policies, department policies, or creates a potential health or safety issue for the employee or others.

D. Access to Gender-Segregated Activities and Areas

With respect to all restrooms, locker rooms or changing facilities, employees will have access to facilities that correspond to their affirmed gender identity, regardless of their sex at birth. The city maintains separate restroom and/or changing facilities for male and female employees and allows employees to access them based on their gender identity.

In any gender-segregated facility, any employee who is uncomfortable using a shared facility, regardless of the reason, will, upon the employee's request, be provided with an appropriate alternative. This may include, for example, addition of a privacy partition or curtain, provision to use a nearby private restroom or office, or a separate changing schedule. However, the city will not require a transgender or gender diverse employee to use a separate, nonintegrated space, unless requested by the transgender or gender diverse employee, because it may publicly identify or marginalize the employee as transgender.

Under no circumstances may employees be required to use sex-segregated facilities that are inconsistent with their gender identity.

E. Possession and Use of Dangerous Weapons

Possession or use of a dangerous weapon (see attached definitions) is prohibited on city property, in city vehicles, or in any personal vehicle, which is being used for city business. This includes employees with valid permits to carry firearms.

The following exceptions to the dangerous weapons prohibition are as follows:

1. Employees legally in possession of a firearm for which the employee holds a valid permit, if required, and said firearm is secured within an attended personal vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended personal vehicle while that person is working on city property.
2. A person who is showing or transferring the weapon or firearm to a police officer as part of an investigation.
3. Police officers and employees who are in possession of a weapon or firearm in the scope of their official duties.