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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2026

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations (CBGO) submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for SEPTEMBER 2026.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On September 9, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Room 201-A, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2nd Floor.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), La Spata (1), Yancy (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Quinn (13), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Conway (34), Quezada (35), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Napolitano (41), Martin (47), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

The following members attended virtually: Robinson (4), Mosley (21) and Scott (24).

The following members were absent: Vice Chair Lee (11), Dowell (3), Beale (9), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Rodriguez (22), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Villegas (36), Reilly (42) and Knudsen (43).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget and Management (OBM)**: Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director; **Department of Water Management (DWM)**: Joel Vieyra, First Deputy Commissioner, Anthony Falada, Deputy Commissioner; **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)**: Irina Tabidze, Director of Program Operations, Fikirte Wagaw, First Deputy Commissioner, Regina Meza Jimenez, Assistant Commissioner; **Chicago Public Library (CPL)**: Erema Jackson, Director of Finance; **Department of Law (DOL)**: Redeatu Kassa, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Rey Phillips Santos, Assistant Corporation Counsel Senior.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations addressed the following items:

- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of June 2026.**
- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of July 2026.**

- 1. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925.
(O2026-0028061)**

- 2. Transfer of funds within 3rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account
for Year 2026.
(O2026-0026475)**

- 3. Transfer of funds within 27th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account
for Year 2026.
(O2026-0027177)**

Chairman Ervin called meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. He then opened the floor for public comments. The following speakers were acknowledged and given three minutes each for commentaries:

- Jessica Jackson
- Patricia Puente
- Peter Lara
- George Blakemore

The Chair concluded the public comment period, then made a Motion to allow Committee Members Aldermen Robinson, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Reilly and Mosley to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman Harris. Chairman queried all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Hearing no objections, the Chairman decreed the Ayes have it, duly recorded the Aldermen added to the roll for quorum and verbally checked to confirm Alders' presence. Aldermen Scott and Mosley confirmed their attendance. Chairman Ervin proceeded to the approval of the Rule 45 Report of June 2026 and July 2026, which reports was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair asked if there were any requests for discussion. Hearing no such requests, Alderman La Spata moved to approve the report. A vote was taken, and the report was approved.

The Chairman then continued to Item #1 on the agenda, a direct introduction of a communication recommending adoption of an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925. Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director, was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the Fund 925 Appropriation, an additional \$18,924,000 total in Federal and State grant awards to the Chicago Department of Public Health for the HRSA Ending the HIV Epidemic and the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention and Control Program; Department of Water Management for the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Program; and the Chicago Public Library for the Construction Grant – Galewood-Mont Clare Program. The Deputy Budget Director concluded, and the Chair opened the floor for questions and comments, seeing there were none, acknowledged a Motion for Move Do Pass on Item #1. Alderman Quinn made said Motion, followed by Chair requesting all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Hearing all Ayes, no Nays, recorded that in the opinion of

the Chair the Ayes have it. The Fund 925 Ordinance was approved and was to be reported at the next City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Chairman Ervin advanced agenda to address Item# 2, a transfer of funds within the 3rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2026. He called for a Motion to Pass. Alderman Martin moved to pass, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the item was approved and was to be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on September 23, 2026.

The Chairman proceeded to Item# 3 of the agenda, a Transfer of Funds ordinance within the 27th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2026. Alderman Silverstein moved to pass, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the item was approved and was to be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on September 23, 2026.

The Chair then recognized Alderman Mosley who made reference to grant allocation to the Department of Public Health for the HIV Program, asking how that is being prioritized in areas being impacted, particularly the far south side African American communities. He expressed interest in knowing if more funding was going to areas that have shown a decrease in numbers compared to areas most impacted are at the same rate or over time remain stagnant with no increase in funding, only a funding reduction. First Deputy Commissioner Fikirte Wagaw responded that these are no new funds, one is re-occurring and one is carryover and will be distributed to eleven community-based organizations that currently receive funding. I will provide a list of those organizations through the Chair. Alderman Mosley continued to express the need for the proper fund allocation when it comes to the HIV program, thanked the First Deputy Commissioner and Chairman then concluded.

Chairman Ervin asked what the trends and numbers are looking like now versus a few years ago as it relates to HIV in the African American communities as well as others. First Deputy Commissioner Wagaw stated that she could not speak to proportional reduction off the top of her head but will provide a recently published CDPH Report through the chair. The Chair concluded and recognized Alderman Robinson who asked what ages we are seeing an increase in HIV cases in the African American communities. First Deputy Commissioner Wagaw stated twenties. Alderman Robinson requested information on what we are doing/plans to focus on that demographic and age group? What are we doing to educate that group? What organizations are we focusing on to combat this within those demographics? First Deputy Commissioner Wagaw stated she will provide the information through the chair. Alderman Mosley further inquired about how this is impacting African American Seniors especially those in senior buildings. And what are we doing to empower older people to get tested? This is a part of our new healthy aging work, but we will take this information back. Alderman Mosley stated that he looks forward to CDPH presence at their upcoming town hall meeting as well as a more robust conversation in this upcoming budget season. The Chair thanked the First Deputy Commissioner for returning to answer members questions, then took a moment to add Aldermen Quezada, Mitts and Sposato for purposes of quorum.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Mitts for adjournment, the Chairman acknowledged all Ayes and no Nays, and the meeting was duly adjourned.

(A video recording of the full meetings with committee members, internal and external experts, as well as any/all public speaking content can be reviewed on the Chicago City Clerk website under Committee Meeting Web Stream Archive dated September 9th.)

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JCE', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman Jason C. Ervin
Chairman, Committee on Budget
& Government Operations