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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
OCTOBER 2025

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 OCTOBER 2025.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: October 15, 2025, at 2:30 P.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2nd Floor.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Robinson (4), Yancy (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Beale (9), Ramirez (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Quezada (35), Mitts (37), Knudsen (43), Martin (47) and Hadden (49).

The following members were present virtually: Vice Chair Lee (11), Scott (24), Cardona (31), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), and Reilly (42).

The following members were absent: Lopez (15), O'Shea (19), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40) and Silverstein (50).

Internal witnesses present were: Chloe Deputy Budget Director, **Office of Budget Management (OBM)**; Ayla Karamustafa, Assistant Commissioner, Colleen Leonard, Epidemiologist IV, Silvia Rozario, Supervisor of Grants Administration; **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)**; Randy Connor, Commissioner; Michael Grillo, Deputy Commissioner, **Department of Water Management (DWM)**; Meagan Remiasz, Lieutenant, **Chicago Police Department (CPD)**; Tomas Maulawin, Director of Grants, **Office of Public Safety Administration (OPSA)**.

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

Monthly Rule 45 Report

- Approval of Monthly Rule 45 Report for September 2025

Office of Budget and Management

1. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925.
(Direct Introduction)

City Council

2. Redevelopment Agreement with Carole Robertson Center for Learning to provide neighborhood opportunity funds for improvements at 2929 West 19th Street in the 24th Ward.
(O2025-0019995)
3. Transfer of funds within 1st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019278)
4. Transfer of funds within 3rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019114)
5. Transfer of funds within 11th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019908)
6. Transfer of funds within 15th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0018959)
7. Transfer of funds within 21st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019903)
8. Transfer of funds within 33rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0018913)
9. Transfer of funds within 48th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019433)
10. Transfer of funds within 49th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0019898)

Chairman Ervin called the meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present citing 22 members. He then acknowledged virtual participation under Rule 59: Vice Chair Lee, [Scott], Cardona, Nugent, Napolitano, and Reilly, motioned and voted with all Ayes and no Nays, members were accepted and joined quorum. Alderman Taliaferro was recognized in Chambers and likewise added to the roll.

Chairman next acknowledge there were no public speakers signed up, confirmed by Sergeant-At-Arms, and thus no public participation observance.

The Agenda was advanced to approve the Monthly Rule 45 Report for September 2025. The Chairman acknowledged they'd been electronically distributed to all Members, called for a motion to approve, so Moved by Alderman Mosley, and a voice vote taken, acknowledging all Ayes and no Nays and the report was duly adopted.

Chairman next moved to address Item #1, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925, which was a direct introduction. He then recognized Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director, OBM to overview the ordinance. She conveyed an appropriation for 2025 for the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Department of Public Health, and the Department of Water Management, which total appropriation was \$7,541,000. The CDPH was a private award of grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the National Football League Foundation for the NFL Social Justice Program, a CDPH additional federal grant funds in the amount of \$360,000 by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Sexually Transmitted Disease and Prevention Program; the next is a CPD state grant fund awarded in the amount of \$500,000 by the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network Program; and the DWM appropriation is a surplus of reallocated COVID-19 funds in the amount of \$6,481,000 for the Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Fund, CDBG CV, for the lead service line replacement program, concluded and thanked the Chair. Chairman then opened the floor for questions and acknowledged Alderman Moore.

Alderman Moore asked if the CDPH apply for the \$200,000 grant themselves, or who applied for it? [Ayla Karamustafa?], Assistant Commissioner and Behavioral Health, CDPH responded yes, we did apply for those funds, to which Alderman Moore further queried, specifically how the \$200,000 from the NFL Foundation, a social justice program, are going to be used? Assistant Commissioner responded that the funds would not be used for any contracts or any personnel. Adding further that funds are essentially for just four bucket categories: resources and supplies, professional development, some conference costs and technology expenses for our care team. Alderman Moore requested further clarification in relationship to NFL as he has reached out to the NFL through his community and NFL responded they give money to the city through our foundation. And further, that as the NFL Social Justice Program, I'm trying to understand how that's reaching areas like Englewood specifically, and other areas in the city. So explain to me how that money is reaching kids. Assistant Commissioner clarified that the funds support their 9-1-1 crisis response team, and doesn't go to a specific community area, but supports general infrastructure and support for that care team in its activities day-to-day citywide. I can give that high level if there more specific information that you want to know. Alderman Moore expressed being hard pressed that the NFL Foundation through their social justice program and said they're giving that to the care team I would appreciate seeing the stipulations of that grant, to which the Assistant Commissioner said we can share that with you. And Alderman Moore asked for the content by Wednesday, wanting to discern how the money is directed to support the Care Teams and not youth. The exchange concluded and the Chair next recognized Alderman LaSpata.

Alderman LaSpata requested Through-the-Chair a breakdown of how many positions are currently filled with the Care Teams, further adding professional development and supplies are essential, but noted that his understanding is that most of those Care Team staff positions are vacant. Alderman LaSpata continued that he'd love to see funding directed in that direction as well, clarifying that the TTC request was specifically for just how many current positions we have in the Cares Teams. The Alderman concluded his questioning and the Chair solicited further queries on the 925 Ordinance, seeing none, solicited a Motion, so Moved by Alderman Rodriguez. Chair acknowledged the Move Do Pass by Alderman Rodriguez and asked all in favor signify by Aye, and if any opposed. Acknowledging all Aye, no Nays,

and in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it and the matter will be reported out at the City Council meeting on Thursday, October 16th.

The Chair advanced Agenda to address Item #2, a Redevelopment Agreement with Carole Robertson Center for Learning to provide neighborhood opportunity funds for improvements at 2929 West 19th Street in the 24th Ward, then paused to acknowledge Alderman Scott toward quorum virtually. Then next acknowledged a technical glitch and moved to address Items #3 through #10, which were a series of Transfer of Fund Ordinances in the interim.

Chairman then noted substitutes for 4 of the Transfer of Fund Ordinances for Wards 11, 21, 48 and 49, acknowledging content was forwarded electronically to all Members, then solicited a Motion to accept the substitute ordinances, so Moved by Alderman Hadden, then placed in vote to accept with Chair asking all in favor to accept signify by saying Aye, queried for any opposed and there were none. Chairman declared the substitute ordinances were before the Body. And called for vote on

1. Transfer of funds within 1st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
2. Transfer of funds within 3rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
3. Transfer of funds within 11th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
4. Transfer of funds within 15th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
5. Transfer of funds within 21st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
6. Transfer of funds within 33rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account,
7. Transfer of funds within 48th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account, and
8. Transfer of funds within 49th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account

Then Chairman solicited a Motion if no objections, seeing none, recognized Alderman La Spata's Motioned Do Pass and called for a voice vote for all in favor to signify by saying Aye, asked if any opposed and there were none. Chairman then declared the Motion passed and all transfer ordinances would be reported out at tomorrow's City Council Meeting, October 16, 2025.

The Agenda returned to Item #3, and despite the technological malfunction and observance that all Members had received the Power Point electronically for review, acknowledging Carole Robertson Center for Learning history of good work on the West Side allow the presentation review. Mike Carey, Financial Planning Analyst, Bureau of Economic Development within the Department of Planning & Development conveyed he was requesting approval of the redevelopment agreement for the Early Childhood Education Center to preserve their services within the community for future generations and acknowledged Alderman Scott's support of the project, and provided the details of the project specifications and funding, provided its legacy of being named after one of the 4 girls bombed in a church in Alabama in 1963, inspired by ownership to extend the history of providing critical services beyond themselves., with permission of Carol Robertson's mother to use the name, serving a population from prenatal to 17 across 3 flagship locations. Alderman Nugent added that the Center does great work and is happy to support the project. Chairman Ervin raised one question regarding the project being done as a New Market Tax Credit Deal, why didn't the NOF come at that time and why was it delayed in funding specifically. Analyst Mike Carey replied that application was through our Community Medium Community Development Grant, so they were awarded in December 2024. And, that they had already lined up the new tax credits at that point and we were coming in to fund the gap in financing for the project. Chairman further queried, even though the project had commenced. Chairman then paused and called on Alderman Rodriguez for comment.

Alderman Rodriguez reiterated Alderman Nugent's point that Carol Robertson Center for Learning project represents a real location of communities coming together in North Lawndale and Little Village. It's one of those places that's a gem of both of our communities. I know of countless families in my ward that send their children to the Center. It is an excellent endeavor and use of the city's resources and I congratulate Alderwoman Scott and absolutely support the endeavor. Chairman then called on Alderman Scott who thanked both of her colleagues for their support and asked for favorable consideration of the project. Chairman then queried for additional comments, seeing none, called for a Motion, recognized a Motion Do Pass by Alderman Rodriguez, then called the vote for all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed, and there were none. Chairman proclaimed the Ayes have it and the Motion passes and the item will be reported out at City Council Meeting on October 16, 2025.

As the Chair closed out, bidding he'd see all in the morning for City Council, noted the start of the upcoming Budget Hearing and recognized Alderman Sigcho-Lopez toward quorum.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on general consensus adjournment motions, meeting was adjourned.

(A video recording of the full meeting 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 October 15th)

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ervin', written over a horizontal line.

Jason C. Ervin, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations