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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
JULY 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 JULY 2025 Meeting.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On July 14, 2025 at 2:00 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), Vice Chair Lee (11), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Beale (9), Quinn (13), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Conway (34), Quezada (35), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Reilly (42) and Martin (47).

The following members attended virtually: Harris (8), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Knudsen (43) and Silverstein (50).

The following members were absent: Yancy (5), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Scott (24), Cardona (31), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41) and Hadden (49).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget & Management (OBM):** Matthew Schmitz, Managing Deputy Budget Director; **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH):** Regina Meza Jimenez, Assistant Commissioner, Madeline Shea, Assistant Commissioner, Patrick Stonehouse, Director of Program Operations; **Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS):** Raymond Barrett, Managing Deputy Commissioner, Nikki Garbis-Proutsos, Assistant Commissioner, Kimberly Howard, Director of Homeless Prevention-Policy & Planning; **Chicago Department of Transportation:** Grant Davis, Director of Grants Management.

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

- **Approval of Monthly Rule 45 Report for June 2025**
 1. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925. (O2025-0018150)**

**2. Transfer of funds within 47th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0017876)**

Chairman Ervin called meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. He then made a Motion to allow Committee Members Aldermen Harris, Mosley, Rodriguez, Mitts, Silverstein and Knudsen to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman Vasquez. 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. Alderman Harris, Silverstein and Knudsen confirmed their attendance. The Chair then opened the floor for public comments. The following speakers were acknowledged and given three minutes each for commentaries:

- Tiwon Sims
- George Blakemore
- Anthony Pruitt
- Zoe Leigh

The public comment period was concluded, and the Chairman took a moment to acknowledge in Chambers, Aldermen Taliferro, Quezada and Nugent as well as Aldermen Rodriguez and Mosley virtually for purposes of quorum. He also made a motion to allow Alderman Rosanna Rodriguez-Sanchez to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman La Spata. 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 Alderman added to the roll for quorum. The Chair next called for the Monthly Rule 45 Report for June 2025 be accepted, which had been electronically transmitted to all Members, so Moved by Alderman Reilly. Chairman queried all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? He then declared, in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, the Motion passes and affirmed the Rule 45 Report was approved.

Chairman Ervin continued to Item #1, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925. The Chair made a motion to accept a substitute ordinance on Item #1, Alderman Martin so moved, hearing no objection, the substitute was adopted. The Chair then recognized Matthew Schmitz Managing Deputy Budget Director, who provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$57,567,707 in federal and state grant awards to the following agencies and programs: Chicago Department of Public Health, awarded \$249,707 in State Grant funds for the "Comprehensive Health Protection Grant", \$75,000 in State Grant funds for the "Family Connects Program", \$1,705,000 in Federal funds for the "HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program" and \$250,000 in Federal funds for the "Social Services Block Grant"; Department of Family and Support Services, awarded \$1,726,000 in State funds for the "Area Plan and Aging Program" and \$52,072,000 from the State of Illinois for Emergency and Transitional Housing; Chicago Department of Transportation, awarded \$1,490,000 in Federals funding for the "Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Program". Managing Deputy Budget Director Schmitz concluded, thanked the body then acknowledged that he and representatives from the respective departments welcome any questions. The Chair thanked Managing Deputy Budget Director Schmitz, opened the floor for questions and comments, then recognized Alderman La Spata.

Alderman La Spata inquired about the SMART Program and asked what it does with CDOT. Grant Davis, Director of Grants Management, replied this funding is used to develop an app for your phone that

will allow blind and low vision pedestrians to safely navigate across intersections, so it basically gives them audible and viral tactile responses on their phone to tell them when the walk signal is there.

Alderman La Spata continued, asking how this works because it feels like it's related to the settlement of the suit related to crosswalk accessibility. Director Davis responded that it's related but it's not necessarily something that will solve that issue. This is an app that goes on the phone to help with APS issues but now will not address the issues of the settlement that we have. Alderman La Spata proceeded to ask how does the app tell you if the crosswalk is accessible? Director Davis explained that it will be developed, and it will talk with smart signals, there are approximately 450 smart signals in the city, it will communicate with the signal and use geolocation data on your phone to tell you when the signal says walk. Alderman La Spata requested more information through the chair, thanked Chairman Ervin then concluded. The Chair acknowledge Alderman Reilly who asked if the app developer had been identified or will that be something we are requesting proposals for. Director Davis informed the Alderman that the app developer has not been identified and that they are currently working through the procurement process. Alderman Reilly continued asking if this is a Federal or State Grant? Director Davis informed the Alderman that it is a federal grant. Alderman Reilly replied, ok, thanked the Chairman then concluded. Chairman Ervin queried for other questions, there were none, acknowledged Alderman Beale's Motion for Move Do Pass, requesting all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Recorded in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, the matter was approved and would be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

The Chairman proceeded to Item#2 of the agenda, a Transfer of Funds ordinance within the 47th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025. He acknowledged there was a substitute ordinance on Item #2, which has been distributed to all committee members, he then called a motion to accept the substitute ordinance, Alderman Martin made a motion to accept, the Chair called a vote, recognizing all Ayes and no Nays, and the substitute was adopted. He next acknowledged the substitute and original on Item #2 was before the Body, asked if there were any questions, seeing there were none, 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 July 16, 2025.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on Motion made by Vice Chair Lee for adjournment, Chair acknowledged all Ayes and no Nays, and the meeting was 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 July 14th.)

Respectfully submitted by:



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