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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 2025 Meeting.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On September 17, 2025 at 11:00 A.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a Meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), Vice Chair Lee (11), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Robinson (4), Harris (8), Quinn (13), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42) and Martin (47).

The following member attended virtually: Mosley (21).

The following members were absent: Yancy (5), Mitchell (7), Beale (9), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Moore (16), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Quezada (35), Knudsen (43), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget & Management (OBM)**: Chloe Belczak, 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 Housing**: Robert Bumpers, Financial Planning Analyst.

External witness present: Asiaha Butler, R.A.G.E. Economic Uplifting Project, LLC

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

➤ **Approval of Monthly Rule 45 Report for July 2025**

- 1. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925. (O2025-0019573)**

2. **Redevelopment Agreement with R.A.G.E. Uplifting Project LLC to provide neighborhood opportunity funds for improvements at 1210 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street in the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward. (O2025-0018767)**
3. **Transfer of funds within 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025. (O2025-0018262)**

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

- Ray Roundtree

The public comment period was concluded, and the Chairman called for Monthly Rule 45 Report for July 2025 be accepted, which was electronically transmitted to all Members, so Moved by Alderman Dowell. 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, recognized the Office of Budget Management (OBM) Team. Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director then provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$2,413,690 in federal grant awards to the following agencies and programs: Department of Housing, awarded \$1,000,000 in Federal Grant funds for “Community Project Funding: La Casa Norte Emergency Shelter (26<sup>th</sup> Ward) and the Unity Parenting and Counseling Inc. Shelter (21<sup>st</sup> Ward); Chicago Department of Public Health, awarded \$1,413,690 in Federal funds for the “Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Program”. Deputy Budget Director Belczak concluded and thanked the body. The Chair asked if there were any questions, seeing there were none, Alderman Villegas 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 25, 2025.

The Chairman proceeded to Item #3 of the agenda, a Transfer of Funds ordinance within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025. He queried for questions, seeing there were none, then asked if there was a motion to approve Item 4. Alderman Villegas so Moved, and Chairman called a voice vote signifying all in favor say Ayes, any opposed. Hearing no Nays, the Chairman recognized the Do Pass recommendation would be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on September 25, 2025.

Chair Ervin next addressed Item#2 a proposed ordinance concerning a Redevelopment Agreement with R.A.G.E. Uplifting Project LLC to provide neighborhood opportunity funds for improvements at 1210 West 59th Street in the 16th Ward. The Chairman stated that the Department of Planning and Development would provide an overview of the project. Robert Bumpers, Financial Planning Analyst, DPD greeted the Chairman then proceeded with a presentation on the RDA. Upon conclusion Mr. Bumpers acknowledged that Asiaha Butler of R.A.G.E. was present along with DPD to answer any questions. The Chair opened the floor for questions, seeing there were none, he then asked why was the soft cost on this deal so high? Mr. Bumpers replied there's a lot of architecture involved as well as design which is necessary for the project. Chairman Ervin stated that he would like to chat offline regarding that matter. He then recognized Alderman Dowell who moved to pass on the item, then stated that Ms. Butler is here if she wants to speak. The Chair asked Ms. Butler if she would like to make a statement. Ms. Butler thanked the Chairman, conveyed having no prepared comments but would answer any questions

raised on the project, in addition, to mentioning her excitement to move forward with activating the 59<sup>th</sup> and Racine location. The Chair then proceeded on a motion made by Alderman Dowell, 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 September 25, 2025.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on Motion made by Alderman La Spata 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 September 17th.)*

Respectfully submitted by:



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Committee on the Budget and Government Operations