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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
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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 2024 Meeting.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On October 7, 2024 at 9:30 A.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-Chairman Lee (11), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Yancy (5), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Conway (34), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Reilly (42) and Knudsen (43).

The following members attended virtually: Harris (8), Moore (17), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Vasquez (40) and Napolitano (41).

The following members were absent: Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Ramirez (12), O'Shea (19), Scott (24), Martin (47), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget Management (OBM):** Deputy Budget Director Chloe Belczak; **Office of City Clerk (OCC):** Deputy Director Kendra Thomas; **Department of Planning and Development (DPD):** Managing Deputy Commissioner Dawveed Scully, Supervising Planner Nolan Zaroff, Deputy Commissioner Cindy Roubik.

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

- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of September 2024**
- 1. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925. (O2024-0012448)**
- 2. **Transfer of funds within Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety for year 2024. (O2024-0012284)**

3. **Transfer of funds within 21st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012414)**
4. **Transfer of funds within 26th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012407)**
5. **Transfer of funds within 31st Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0010977)**
6. **Transfer of funds within 47th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0011411)**
7. **Transfer of funds within the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight for year 2024.
(O2024-0012382)**
8. **Transfer of funds within 48th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012258)**
9. **Amendment of transfer of funds within 49th and 15th Wards Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012434)**

Chairman Ervin called the meeting to order then proceeded to read the Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings, then opened the floor for public comment. The following speakers were present and given three minutes each for public comment:

- Zoe Leigh
- Jessica Jackson
- George Blakemore

The Chair concluded the public comment period, then stated that the notice requires us to start the meeting at 9:30a, we can continue the business of the Body and have discussion, the only thing that requires us under the Open Meetings Act is when we begin to take votes, we must have a quorum. He then proceeded to discuss the September Monthly Rule 45 Report, noting a correction to page 1 of 13, third paragraph, the name Ramirez is to be stricken from the record and add Rodriguez for Ward 22. The Chairman then asked if there were any other corrections, seeing there were none he continued to Item# 1, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925. Deputy Budget Director Chloe Belczak was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$324,000 in federal and state grant funds for the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development. The Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments then recognized Chair Dowell.

Chairman Dowell requested the limits for the Archer Corridor Plan. Supervising Planner Nolan Zaroff, DPD, responded, the limits will be from Halsted Avenue on the east to Cicero Avenue on the west. The Chairman then asked for an explanation of the Clerk's Office project and the overall impact for this archival effort. Managing Editor, Peter Polacek, OCC replied, the project would allow us to digitize the City of Chicago City Council audio recordings from 1970 to 2010, it will preserve the history of the City of Chicago through digitization of historical audio recordings spanning the terms of Richard J. Daley, Michael Bilandic, Jane Byrne, Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley. It is projected to be completed in 2025 by our Archivist Matt Besburger. Chairman Ervin asked if these are all audio recordings and no video recordings? Managing Editor Polacek replied they are all audio recordings; this was prior to our implementation of the video cameras in council chambers. Our goal is to have these digitized then put on the Clerk's website for anyone to listen to. The Chair inquired if there were any other items that you are going through the process of digitizing. Managing Editor Polacek stated there are other projects we are working on but this is the current project we are requesting before the Body. The Chairman then recognized Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez requested a quorum call. The Chair clarified that we are not in a quorum state and that we are waiting on one member to make quorum. In addition, he made clear that the purpose of the Open Meetings Act was to provide publicly reasonable notice that we will be deliberating, discussing and going through items that are up for consideration amongst the public body which is the Committee on Budget and Government Operations, the only thing the members cannot do is pass on items. The Chair then recessed for 10 minutes.

Chairman Ervin reconvened from recess, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. The Chair then made a motion to allow Committee Members, Aldermen Robinson, Mitchell, Harris, Moore, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Ramirez-Rosa, Vasquez and Napolitano to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Chairman Dowell, hearing no objections, the Aldermen were added to the roll.

The Chairman continued to address Item #1 asking if there were any other questions or comments as it relates to the 925 Amendment, seeing there were none, Chairman Dowell moved to pass on Item #1, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the item was approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on October 9, 2024.

Chairman Ervin then proceeded to the approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of September 2024, which report was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair noted a correction to the third paragraph on page one, changing Ramirez (22) to Rodriguez (22) and then asked if there were any other corrections. Alderman Conway was recognized and stated that he was recorded as absent but was present virtually. The Chairman stated that we will make the correction then asked if there was a motion to accept the Rule 45, so moved by Alderman Mosley, hearing no objections, the report was approved.

The Chairman returned to Item #1 of the agenda stating there was a substitute 925 ordinance, he then made a motion to accept the substitute, hearing no objection, the substitute was accepted. With the substitute now before the Body, the Chairman asks if there was a motion on the substitute, Chairman Dowell moves to pass, asking all in favor signify by saying aye, any opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the ayes have it, recognized the ordinance passes and will be reported out at our next City Council meeting on October 9, 2024.

Chairman Ervin continue to Items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, a Transfer of Funds within the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, the 21st, 26th, 31st, 47th, the Committee on Ethics and Government

Oversight, 48th and 49th/15th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2024. The Chair then made a motion to accept the substitute ordinances on Items #2-9, Alderman La Spata so moved, hearing no objection, the items were adopted. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderman Lopez was recognized and asked what were the parts of the ordinances that were deficient, I only change I see is the 10-day period in section three. The Chair referred the question to Rey Santos, Department of Law replied, yes on most of these the effective date needed to be 10 days after passage and publication because this is an appropriation. On some of the others the reason for the transfer needed to be stated. Alderman Lopez inquired if the template ordinance received was incorrect. Chairman Ervin responded, he was not sure where the original ordinance came from however once the Law Department reviewed them and recommended the corrections and provided what looked like a template in which the committee sent out to all members. Rey Santos was acknowledged and gave clarity on the template that was sent out then concluded. The Chair asked if there were any other questions or comments seeing there were none, on a motion made by Alderman Quinn to accept Items # 2-9 as 1, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the items were approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on October 9, 2024.

In closing, the Chairman went over the Budget Hearings Schedule/Lunch Schedule set to begin on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 12:00N and the following dates with a start time of 10:00A. He noted that there were two preferred Saturday dates, November 9th and 16th in order to conclude hearings prior to the week of Thanksgiving. The Chairman concluded questions/comments.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Mosley for adjournment, acknowledging all ayes and no nays, 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 October 7th , respectively.)

Respectfully submitted by:



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Committee on the Budget and Government Operations