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MONTHLY REPORT — JANUARY 2024

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the **Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development** submits the following Monthly Report.

On **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development held an in-person meeting.

Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Committee were present as determined during roll call, Alderpersons: Villegas (36), Mosley (21), La Spata (1), Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Tabares (23), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Mitts (37), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48). With sufficient members present, quorum was established.

Chairman Villegas noted the presence of Aids. Beale, Taylor, Burnett, Scott, Fuentes & Yancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. George Blakemore spoke on miscellaneous matters
2. Greg Mooney spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709, regarding the appointment of Ciere Boatright
3. AJ Patton spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709
4. Graham Grady spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709
5. Tom McMahon spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709
6. Christopher Hill spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709
7. David Doig spoke on Doc. Nos. A2023-0005707 and A2023-0005709

APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT

- Approval of the December 2023 Monthly Report

+There were no corrections or comments.

Ald. Mosley motioned to approve the report. The motion passed without objection by the same roll call that was applied to determine quorum.

ITEMS 1-2

Items 1-2 on the agenda pertained to the appointment of Ciere Boatright as Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Development and as a member of the Community Development Commission.

1. A2023-0005707 Appointment of Ciere Boatright as Commissioner of Planning and Development

2. A2023-0005709 Appointment of Ciere Boatright as member of Community Development Commission

- *Ms. Boatright spoke regarding her professional experiences and qualifications for the appointed positions.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked Ms. Boatright to define her self-description of being pro-development [She stated that it means getting things (projects) done and removing barriers, utilizing every tool available to get deals done].*
- *Chairman Villegas asked appointee Boatright how she would work with alderpersons. (It will be a partnership, and she will work in collaboration with alders).*
- *Ald. Mitts inquired if wards would have their own DPD representatives to partner with alders. She also stated that she was looking forward to her tour with appointee Boatright. (DPD regional planners will work with the alders. DPD will be thoughtful and strategic in working with the alders.) Ald. Mitts suggested a pamphlet, that details the demographics and economic conditions of each ward, which could be used as a marketing tool for each ward. (Appointee Boatright stated that it could be done and it would be kept updated).*
- *Ald. Beale stated he wholeheartedly supported the appointment of Ciere Boatright.*
- *Ald. Mitchell stated the appointee was the right selection at this time and that he was excited about the appointments.*
- *Ald. La Spata stated that he was excited about working together with appointee Boatright.*
- *Ald. Taylor asked why she wanted to work as commissioner of the Planning Dept. (Appointee Boatright stated that she loved her City, and she recognized the value of the City and all its neighborhoods. She wanted to address challenges in the communities and create opportunities in previously neglected communities. She also wanted to see a balance in development between downtown and the neighborhoods. She is passionate about the City; she wants to utilize planning and development to leverage opportunities throughout the City).*
- *Ald. Taylor asked what the biggest challenge was for the Dept. of Planning & Development (City has much vacant land that should be put to productive use and placed back on the tax rolls. The Department also needs to remove barriers to development by moving faster. Rather than seeing challenges, she is excited about the opportunities that exist. She stated that DPD should partner*

with alders. and that staff needed to get into the communities/neighborhoods to collaborate on projects. She is open to ideas on how to put vacant buildings back into productive use.)

- *Ald. Burnett commended the mayor on this appointment and stated that he supported it 100%.*
- *Ald. Manna-Hoppenworth stated that she was excited to support the appointment(s).*
- *Appointee Boatright stated that she supported co-location projects with the Chicago Public Library, Dept. of Housing and DPD. She also looks forwarding to partnering with the Chicago Transit Authority to create transit-oriented developments, a development concept which she fully supports).*
- *Ald. Manna-Hoppenworth commended the mayor on this appointment.*
- *Ald. Hall stated that he looked forward to working with appointee Boatright.*
- *Ald. Cardona stated that he was pleased that appointee Boatright was a lifelong resident of Chicago and that he looked forward to working with her.*
- *Ald. Cruz congratulated appointee Boatright and that her appointment brings a lot of hope for the future.*
- *Ald Lee stated that she was excited to work with appointee Boatright.*
- *Chairman Villegas stated that he was also excited about the appointment(s) and that he looked forward to working with appointee Boatright to get economic development done in the City*
- *Ald. La Spata motioned to recommend approval of the appointments, Items Number 1 & 2.*
- *The items passed without objection by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum, and Chairman Villegas stated that the do-pass recommendations would be reported out at the following City Council meeting.*
- *Ald. La Spata spoke to acknowledge and thank Patrick Murphey for his work as interim Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development.*

ITEMS 3-10

Items 3-10 on the agenda were appointments and reappointments to various Special Service Areas that were heard and voted on collectively.

The following appointments/reappointments were considered:

- 3. A2023-0006367** Appointment of David W. Odefey as member of Special Service Area No. 31, Greater Ravenswood Commission
- 4. A2023-0006368** Reappointment of David J. Ginople as member of Special Service Area No. 33, Wicker Park and Bucktown Commission
- 5. A2023-0006369** Appointment of Laura K. Botwinick as member of Special Service Area No. 33, Wicker Park and Bucktown Commission
- 6. A2023-0006370** Appointment of M. Virginia Maugeri as member of Special Service Area No. 33, Wicker Park and Bucktown Commission
- 7. A2023-0006371** Appointment of Dominika M. Hertsberg as member of Special Service Area No. 33, Wicker Park and Bucktown Commission
- 8. A2023-0006372** Appointment of Keila M. Colbert as member of Special Service Area No. 50, Calumet Heights/Avalon Commission

9. A2023-0006373 Appointment of Shonzette Cheeks as member of Special Service Area No. 50, Calumet Heights/Avalon Commission

10. A2023-0006374 Appointment of Jamyron D. Whitaker as member of Special Service Area No. 56, Bronzeville Commission

- *Chairman Villegas noted that Mark Roschen, Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Planning and Development, was available to answer any questions.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked Committee members if they would like to make a statement or ask any questions.*
- *Chairman Villegas noted that the ECTD team had received indications of support or non-objection, for the appointments and reappointments, from the following City Council members associated with each Special Service Area:*

Alderspersons Clay, Martin, La Spata, Waguespack, Harris, Dowell.

- *Chairman Villegas noted the appointees were unable to appear for today's meeting, but he supported their appointments/reappointments and thanked them for their service to the City.*
- *Ald. Lee motioned to recommend approval of the appointments and reappointments.*
- *The items passed without objection by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum, and Chairman Villegas stated that the do-pass recommendations would be reported out at the following City Council meeting.*
- *Chairman Villegas congratulated the appointees and re-appointees.*

ITEMS 11-12

Items 11-12 are ordinances for scope of services, budget and service provider agreements to various Special Service Areas

11. O2023-0006375 Scope of services, budget and service provider agreement for Special Service Area No. 2, Belmont/Central

12. O2023-0006376 Scope of services, budget and service provider agreement for Special Service Area No. 5, Commercial Avenue

- *Chairman Villegas noted that Mark Roschen, Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Planning and Development, was available to answer any questions.*
- *Chairman Villegas noted that the ECTD team had received indications of support, or non-objection, from the following City Council members associated with each Special Service Area:*

Alderspersons Cruz, Cardona, Mitchell & Chico

Ald. Gutierrez moved to pass the ordinances, and they passed, without objection, by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum.

There being no further business, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ald. Cardona motioned to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call that was applied to determine quorum. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Villegas". The signature is stylized with a prominent vertical stroke on the left and a series of loops and curves that extend to the right.

Alderman Gilbert Villegas

Chairman
Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development