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MONTHLY REPORT — February 2026

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, February 10, 2026**, 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), La Spata (1), Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lee (11), Lopez (15), Mosley (21), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Reilly (42), With sufficient members present, quorum was established

Ald. Lopez motioned to allow Aids. Tabares, Napolitano, Mitts, and Manaa-Hoppenworth to participate remotely, via Rule 59. The motion passed without objection by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. George Blakemore spoke on miscellaneous issues.

APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT

- Approval of the January 2026 Monthly Report

+There were no corrections or comments.

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

ITEM 1

Item 1 on the agenda was an appointment to the Community Development Commission

A2025-0021664 Appointment of Jason Estremera as member of Community Development Commission

- *Jason Estremera spoke about his years of work dedicated to community development efforts. He noted his experience utilizing public resources like TIF to improve his community.*
- *Ald Waguespack questioned Mr. Estremera about his experience with using TIF funds and how he believes that Tiff funds should be used for community development.*
- *Jason Estremera responded that his focus was not to stop or delay developments that will positively impact the community.*
- *Ald. Cardona expressed his approval of Jason Estremera's appointment, because they had worked together for years. He believes that Mr. Estremera will do a great job.*
- *Ald. Cruz also shared her approval and praise for Mr. Estremera for all the great work that he and his team have done in her ward.*
- *Ald. Lopez shared his desire for Mr. Estremera to continue to serve the communities to the best of his ability, by taking input from both the constituents and Alders to understand the full scope of the problem that needs to be solved.*
- *Ald Lee had only one question and asked Mr. Estremera what his biggest challenge would be in his new role.*
- *Mr. Estremera stated that the biggest challenge would be connecting the concerns of the constituents with the concerns of the Alders and making sure that no one's concerns are ignored or missed.*
- *Chairman Villegas stated that economic development is something that is heavily needed in the city and urged Mr. Estremera to work closely with his fellow Alders to better serve our communities.*
- *Ald Cardona motioned to approve this appointment. The motion passed by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum.*

ITEMS 2-7

Items 2-7 on the agenda were appointments to various Special Service Areas that were heard and voted on collectively.

The following appointments/reappointments were considered:

2. **A2026-0022507** Appointment of Malki C. Brown as member of Special Service Area No. 42, 71st/Stony Island.
3. **A2026-0022508** Reappointment of Anastasia Makridakis as member of Special Service Area No. 16 Greektown/Halsted.
4. **A2025-0021668** Appointment of Constantinos Vitogiannis as member of Special Service Area No. 16 Greektown.

5. **A2025-0021669** Reappointment of A. Thomas Paspalas as member of Special Service Area No. 16 Greektown.

6. **A2025-0021670** Reappointment of Timothy S. Klump as member of Special Service Area No. 18 North Halsted.

7. **A2025-0021671** Reappointment of Jamyron Whitaker as member of Special Service Area No. 56 Bronzeville

- *Chairman Villegas stated that Mark Roschen the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development was present and able to answer 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: Alds. Clay, Conway, Dowell, Harris, Lawson, Mitchell, Yancy*
- *Chairman Villegas opened the floor for any comments by the appointees.*
- *Malki Brown spoke regarding his background and his desire to assist the community in every way he can and that he would bring his expertise to help his community.*
- *Vice Chairman Mosley motioned for the approval of the appointments and reappointments by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum.*
- *The items passed without objection by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum.*
- *Chairman Villegas stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the following City Council meeting.*
- *Chairman Villegas congratulated the appointees.*

Since there was no further business, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ald. La Spata motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.