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JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE  
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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND  
FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY  
RULE 45 REPORT  
September, 2024**

*Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Joint Committee on Police and Fire & Public Safety submits the following monthly report.*

***On Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at 12:45 p.m., The Joint Committee on Police and Fire & Public Safety called the meeting to order, pursuant to applicable law, the Chairman determined that remote participation was allowed in case of emergency, per the aldermen that requested. Accordingly, attendance at this meeting was in City Council Chambers, with some members participating virtually.***

**The following members were present:** Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Lopez (15), Mosley (21), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Fuentes (26), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Silverstein (50), Vice-Chair Yancy (5), Co-Chairman Hopkins (2), Vice-Chair Robinson (4), and Co-Chairman Taliaferro (29).

**The following members participated by remote means:** Vasquez (40) and Knudsen (43).

**The following members were absent:** Curtis (18), Taylor (20), Tabares (23), Clay (46), and Hadden (49).

**The following non-members were present:** Moore (17), Burnett (27), and Villegas (36).

Chairman Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. Chairman Hopkins instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The following members requested remote participation; Ervin (28), Vasquez (40), and Knudsen (43). The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderman Mosley. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak; Mrs. Lawrence, Jenny Shafer, Tiwon Sims, Jessica Jackson, George Blakemore, and Zoe Leigh. Public speaking was concluded.

***Item 1 Office of Inspector General: Annual Public Safety Report Presentation***

Chairman Brian Hopkins introduced the agenda item before the committee. The Chairman introduced Inspector General, Deborah Whitzberg, to give the Annual Public Safety Report Presentation from the



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Office of the Inspector General. Inspector General Deborah Whitzberg and Deputy Inspector General, Tobar Richardson, began detailing the report for the Joint Committee. Chairman Hopkins thanked the Office of the Inspector General for their thorough report. The Chairman then opened the floor for questions from members and non-members. Chairman Hopkins began the line of questioning for the Committee. The following committee members and non-members provided comments and questions to the witnesses; Alderman Sposato, Alderman Napolitano, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Chico, Alderwoman Fuentes, Alderman Sigcho-Lopez, Alderman Hall, Alderman Moore, Alderman Hall for a second round, Alderman Ervin, and a second round for Alderman Moore. Seeing no further questions, the discussion on Item 1 was concluded and the second item was introduced.

**Item 2      Subject Matter Hearing: ShotSpotter Technology**

Chairman Hopkins then introduced the second agenda item before the committee. Chairman Hopkins introduced the OIG Shotspotter Report to the body. Inspector General Deborah Whitzberg and Deputy Inspector General, Tobar Richardson provided their findings on Shotspotter from 2021. The Inspector General provided the general findings from the OIG from their 2021 report as well as present data. The Chairman opened the floor for questions from members and non-members. Chairman Hopkins began the line of questioning for the Committee. The following committee members and non-members provided comments and questions to the witnesses; Alderman Hall, Alderman Mosley, Alderwoman Lee, Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth, Alderman Vasquez, Alderman Moore, Alderman Lopez, and Alderwoman Fuentes. Seeing no further questions the Chairman thanked the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General for their time and testimony.

The following speaker was introduced to provide testimony regarding ShotSpotter Technology, Noe Flores, Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives Division for the Chicago Police Department. The following committee members and non-members provided comments and questions to the witness, Alderman Hopkins, Alderman Vasquez, Alderwoman Fuentes, Alderman Chico, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Moore, and Alderman Mitchell. The following speaker was introduced to provide testimony regarding ShotSpotter Technology Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago Crime Lab. The following committee members and non-members provided comments and questions to the witness; Alderman Lopez, Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth, and Alderwoman Lee. The Chairman thanked the witness for his testimony. The following speaker was introduced to provide testimony regarding ShotSpotter Technology Robert Vargas, University of Chicago Department of Sociology. The following committee members and non-members provided comments and questions to the witness; Alderman Burnett, Alderwoman Lee, Alderman Moore, Alderman Lopez, and Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth. The Chairman thanked the witness for his testimony.

Chairman Hopkins indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at **4:42 pm**.