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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND
FIRE & IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE
RIGHTS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
January, 2026**

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

On Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, at 1:22 p.m., The Joint Committee on Police and Fire & Immigrant and Refugee Rights 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: Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Curtis (18), Rodriguez (22), Fuentes (26), Ervin (28), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Knudsen (43), Clay (46) Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Hadden (49), and Chairman Taliaferro (29) and Chairman Vasquez (40).

The following members participated by remote means: Vice-Chair Robinson (4), Vice-Chair Taylor (20), Hall (6), Mosley (21), Tabares (23), Quezada (35), Napolitano (41), Gardiner (45), and Silverstein (50).

The following members were absent: Dowell (3) and Mitchell (7).

The following non-members were present: Sigcho-Lopez (25) and Lawson (44).

The following non-members were present by remote means: Mitts (37).

Chairman Vasquez called the meeting to order at 1:22 pm. The Chairman instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

Pursuant to Rule 59, Aldermen can request remote participation in extenuating circumstances; Alderman Hall, Alderwoman Taylor, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Mosley, Alderwoman Tabares, Alderman Quezada, Alderman Napolitano, Alderman Gardiner, and Alderwoman Silverstein requested to participate remotely. The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each given 3



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minutes to speak; George Blakemore, Lee Bielecki, Patricia Puente, Jessica Linares, Emma Miele, Angel Rubi Navarijo, Elias Cepeda, Antonio Ramos, Rose Stratman, Rev. Sandra Castillo, Sylvia Merie Meraz, Jhonathan Gomez, Dennis White, Abirerre Minor, Esther Martinez, Yessica Martinez, Yeri Lee, Victoria Delulius, Brenda Solorzano, and Claudia Marchan. Public speaking was concluded.

Item 1 O2025-0020004 – Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-78-120 to modify powers and duties of Civilian Office of Police Accountability to include conducting investigations into complaints made against members of Police Department (alleging violation of Chapter 2-173 [Welcoming City Ordinance])

Chairman Vasquez introduced the agenda item before the committee. Chairman Vasquez asked Chairman Taliaferro to make an introductory remark regarding the ordinance, and he provided such comments. Chairman Vasquez entered into the record a letter of support of the ordinance from CPD Superintendent Larry Snelling. Chairman Vasquez introduced the ordinance with a presentation for the body. During the presentation the following members asked for points of clarification; Alderman Sigcho-Lopez and Alderman Sposato. Chairman Vasquez opened the floor for alders to ask questions regarding the presentation and ordinance; Chairman Taliaferro, Alderman Sposato, Alderwoman Hadden, and Vice-Chair Taylor.

Chairman Vasquez introduced LaKenya White, Interim Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, Shannon Hayes, Acting Deputy Chief of Investigations of COPA, and Angela Snell, Acting General Counsel of COPA to provide testimony. Interim Chief Administrator of the COPA, LaKenya White, provided a presentation to the body. Deputy Mayor Beatriz Ponce De Leon of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights also provided her opening statement to the body.

The Chairman opened the floor for members to ask questions regarding the ordinance. Chairman Taliaferro thanked the lead sponsor of the ordinance and asked a question to Interim Chief LaKenya White and the Inspector General. The following members and non-members provided questions and comments to the witnesses; Alderman Sposato, Alderwoman Hadden, the chief sponsor of the ordinance, Alderperson Fuentes, Alderman Curtis, Alderwoman Lee, and again, Alderwoman Fuentes.

Alderwoman Fuentes made a motion to make a roll call vote. Alderman Sposato renewed the motion for a roll call vote. During the roll call vote, Alderman Sposato called for a quorum call to re-establish quorum prior to a vote being taken. Quorum was as follows:

The following members were present: Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Curtis (18), Fuentes (26), Ervin (28), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Sposato (38), Knudsen (43), Clay (46) Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Hadden (49), and Chairman Taliaferro (29) and Chairman Vasquez (40).

The following members participated by remote means: Hall (6), Vice-Chair Taylor (20), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Quezada (35), Napolitano (41), Gardiner (45).



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The following members were absent: Vice-Chair Robinson (4), Dowell (3), Mitchell (7), Mosley (21), Nugent (39), and Silverstein (50).

The Chairman requested a motion for the approval of ***O2025-0020004 – Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-78-120 to modify powers and duties of Civilian Office of Police Accountability to include conducting investigations into complaints made against members of Police Department (alleging violation of Chapter 2-173 [Welcoming City Ordinance])***. Upon the re-establishment of quorum, Alderman Ervin called for passage of the ordinance by a voice vote, with the except of Aldermen Napolitano, Curtis, and Gardiner. The motion was so moved. The motion was passed based on the affirmative vote of all members present for the roll call used to determine a quorum. The motion carries. The item will be reported out for the **January 18th, 2026**, City Council meeting.

Chairman Vasquez indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Fuentes motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.