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**COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND FIRE
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
October, 2024
AMENDED**

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

On Monday, October 7th, 2024, at 1:06 p.m., The Committee on Police and Fire 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: Mitchell (7), Lee (11), Curtis (18), Taylor (20), Mosley (21), Tabares (23), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), Gardiner (45), Clay (46), Silverstein (50), and Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members participated by remote means: None.

The following members were absent: Vice-Chair Robinson (4) and Hall (6).

The following non-members were present: Lopez (15) and Burnett (27).

Chairman Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm. The Chairman Taliaferro instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak; George Blakemore, Patrick Cleary, Jessica Jackson, Tiwon Sims, Zoe Leigh, Michael Young-Bay, Charles Spence, Mona Mcaleese, and Nance Drew. Public speaking was concluded.

Rule 45 Monthly Report for September, 2024

Alderman Mosley moved to approve the Rule 45 Monthly Report for September 2024, there were no objections, and the motion was ordered based on the affirmative vote of all members present for the roll call used to determine a quorum.

Item 1 02023-0006445 – Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-36 by adding new Section 2-36-762 establishing policy and procedures for bereavement leave



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following death of uniformed service member

Chairman Christopher Taliaferro introduced the agenda item before the committee. The Chairman introduced the chief sponsor of this ordinance, Alderman Napolitano, and allowed him to make an opening remark. Alderman Napolitano provided a background for the ordinance and introduced his witnesses. The following witnesses provided their opening remarks; President of Chicago Firefighter Engine Union Local 2, Patrick Cleary, Lieutenant of the Chicago Fire Department, Joseph Pease, Battalion Chief of the Chicago Fire Department, Patrick Gallagher, and Firefighter Dustin Jeffers. Evan Haim, General Counsel for CFD, and Dustin Jeffers, Chief of Staff for CFD, provided their opening remarks regarding the ordinance. The Chicago Fire Department members were present to provide testimony to the Committee.

The following Alders asked questions of the General Counsel for CFD, Chairman Taliaferro and Alderman Ervin. The Chairman then opened the floor for questions and comments from members and non-members. The following members and non-members asked questions and provided comments; Alderwoman Tabares, Alderwoman Lee, Alderman Knudsen, Alderwoman Nugent, Alderwoman Silverstein, Alderman Gardiner, Alderwoman Clay, Alderman Lopez, and Alderman Mosley. Alderwoman Clay made a motion to hold the item in committee.

Pursuant to Rule 59, Aldermen can request remote participation in extenuating circumstances. Alderwoman Lee and Alderman Mitchell requested to participate remotely. The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderman Mosley. Alderman Ervin had a question for clarification. Alderman Napolitano requested a voice vote on Alderwoman Clay's motion to hold the item in committee. The roll call vote of committee members on the motion were as follows:

1 --"**Yeas**"- Clay

13 – "**Nay**"- Mitchell, Lee, Curtis, Mosley, Tabares, Ervin, Cardona, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Gardiner, Silverstein, Taliaferro

A voice vote approved the minor change changing the phrase "shall" with "shall, with the concurrence of the employee." Seeing no further questions, Chairman Taliaferro requested a motion to pass the item in committee. All those in favor of passing the appointment would indicate by saying "ay," all opposed to passing the motion would indicate "nay." There were no "nays," the motion carries. The ordinance passes.

Chairman Taliaferro indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cardona motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at **2:58 pm**.



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On Friday, October 25th, 2024, at 1:33 p.m., The Committee on Police and Fire 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: Mitchell (7), Lee (11), Curtis (18), Mosley (21), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vice Chair Robinson (4), and Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members participated by remote means: Taylor (20), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), and Gardiner (45).

The following members were absent: Hall (6), Tabares (23), Clay (46), Silverstein (50).

The following non-members were present: Moore (17).

Chairman Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. The Chairman Taliaferro instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. Pursuant to Rule 59, the Chairman requested a motion to accept the following members to participate in the meeting; Taylor (20), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), and Gardiner (45). Alderman Mitchell made the motion to approve the request for participation by remote means. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak; George Blakemore, Burke Smith, Tiwon Sims, and Jessica Jackson. Public speaking was concluded.

Item 1 A2024-0013069 – Appointment of Ciera Whitaker as member of District Council 006

Chairman Chris Taliaferro introduced the one item on the agenda, the appointment of Ciera Whitaker as a member of the District Council 006. The Chairman gave the floor to the appointee, Ciera Whitaker, for her opening remarks. Ciera Whitaker provided her background and qualifications. The Chairman opened the floor for questions regarding the appointment. The following committee members and non-committee members asked questions to the nominee; Alderman Mitchell, Alderman Moore, Alderman Mosley, Alderwoman Lee, Alderman Curtis, and Chairman Taliaferro. The Chairman requested a motion to approve the item. The motion was so moved by Alderman Mitchell. 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, there will be no objections. The item will be reported out for the October 30th, 2024, City Council meeting.

The Chairman thanked Ciera Whitaker for providing her testimony. Chairman Taliaferro



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indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Ervin motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at **2:03 pm.**