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# COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

November, 2019  
(Amended)

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

On Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 10:06 a.m., the Committee on Public Safety called a meeting to order in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 121 North LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

The following members were present: Mitchell (7), Thompson (11), Lopez (15), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Silverstein (50), Vice Chairman Osterman (48), Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members were absent: Sawyer (6), Curtis (18), Scott (24), Napolitano (41).

The following additional Alderman were present: Alderman Hopkins (2), Alderman Burnett (27), Alderman Vasquez (40).

Chairman Taliaferro called meeting to order and opened the floor for questions or comments regarding the September 2019 Rule 45 monthly report. There were no questions. Alderman Martin moved for approval of the September 2019 Rule 45 report which was passed by voice vote.

**Passed Committee on 11/14/2019**

The Committee addressed the following items:

Item 1 of the agenda (R2019-740) – Call for hearing(s) to address unruly motorcycle and bike stunt-riding groups.

*Chairman Taliaferro stated that this item would be held in committee at the request of the chief sponsor (Alderman Dowell).*

**Held in Committee**

Item 3 of the agenda (O2019-4122) **(Substitute Ordinance presented)** Amendment of Municipal Code Section 10-8-010 by further regulating zones of quiet streets abutting government hospitals and designating various public ways as zones of quiet streets.

*Alderman Reboyras moved to accept introduction of a substitute ordinance for O2019-4122. Motion was accepted by a voice vote. Chairman Taliaferro recognized Alderman Hopkins, who gave an opening statement about the substitute ordinance and had a witness (Elizabeth Alpern MD, MSLE Head of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Division of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital) provide testimony to how noise effects*

patients. Chairman Taliaferro opens the floor for questions or comments. Alderman Ervin questions how the substitute ordinance effects Constitutional Protected Activities and the approval required from the city departments listed in the substitute. Alderman Ervin asks for input from the Law Department. Mr. Scott Spears, Assistant Corporation Counsel from City of Chicago Law Department responds. Alderman Reboyras asked what the enforcement of violating the substitute ordinance would be. Scott Spears from the Law Department responds. Alderman Thompson questions the way the language is written and would like it modified. Alderman Smith as a point of information asked the Law Department if what is in the substitute ordinance is standard practice. Scott Spears responds. Alderman Thompson indicated concern over the existing language. Alderman Tunney questions the effect on neighboring park areas of a quiet zone. Alderman Burnett questioned if the substitute ordinance effected sirens. Alderman Hopkins responded. Alderman Smith supported the existing language based on response from the law department. Alderman Lopez did not support existing language and suggested to get language modified and asked Alderman Hopkins if he would consider changing the language. Alderman Hopkins requested input from the law department. Alderman Ervin made a point of information and suggested that a sentence be removed from the substitute ordinance and asked the law department to consider ideas from Alderman Lopez and Alderman Ervin. Alderman Lopez suggested adding additional language to the substitute ordinance. Scott Spears from the law department indicated the suggestions made significantly alter the existing substitute ordinance and the matter should be discussed outside a public forum and time would be needed to come to a consensus. Alderman Lopez moved to amend the substitute ordinance by modifying language in order to pass item. Chairman Taliaferro suggested that the item be deferred to remedy the language matter. Alderman Lopez asked Alderman Hopkins if there was a deadline and Alderman Hopkins expressed that it needed to be passed. Alderman Smith again referred to the law department. Mr. Spears again stated that the matter needed to be handled in a closed forum and he needed to confer with his colleagues in the law department. Alderman Ervin suggested to have the law department review and return the following week before City Council meeting with their recommendations. Chairman Taliaferro recessed to a closed forum with the members and the law department. Chairman called meeting back to order and indicates that this item will be held.

#### **Held until reconvene**

Item 2 of the agenda (R2019-750) Adoption of FEMA-approved 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and 2019 City of Chicago Jurisdictional annex document.

Chairman Taliaferro called Thomas C. Sivak Deputy Director of Office of Emergency Management and Communication to give an opening statement. Mr. Matt Doughty, Senior Emergency Manager Coordinator gives opening statement. Committee members asked questions and made comments. Alderman Reboyras made motion to approve item. Motion was passed by voice vote.

**Passed Committee 11/14/2019**

**Adopted City Council 11/20/2019**

Item 4 of the agenda (O2019-8019) Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-84 by adding new Section 2-84-197 concerning quarterly reports on murders and murder clearance rates in the City of Chicago.

*Chairman made an opening statement as chief sponsor of the ordinance. Chairman opened floor for questions. Vice Chairman Osterman made a comment. Alderman Thompson and Alderman Martin wants to make clear which murder rate formula will be used for reporting to reduce confusion and a clear reporting system is needed. Alderman Sposato made a point of information regarding emergency sirens. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor for public comment.*

*Attorney Eliza Solowiet representing First Defense Legal Aid & Partners Across South and West Sides made comments regarding proposed ordinance 3873. Alderman Thompson made motion for approval of passage, voice vote carried the motion to pass.*

**Passed Committee 11/14/2019**

**Passed City Council 11/20/2019**

Chairman Taliaferro called for recess until Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in City Hall Room 201A.

**On Monday, November 18, 2019, at 9:38 a.m., the Committee on Public Safety reconvened in City Hall, Room 201A, 121 North LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.**

The following members were present: Mitchell (7), Lopez (15), Scott (24), Ervin (28), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Martin (47), Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members were absent: Sawyer (6), Thompson (11), Curtis (18), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41), Gardiner (45), Silverstein (50)

The following additional Alderman were present: Alderman Hopkins (2)

Chairman reconvened committee meeting from November 14, 2019. Chairman Taliaferro continued item 3 O2019-4122.

Item 3 of the agenda (O2019-4122) (**Substitute Ordinance (as Amended) presented**) Amendment of Municipal Code Section 10-8-010 by further regulating zones of quiet streets abutting government hospitals and designating various public ways as zones of quiet streets.

*Motion to accept substitute ordinance as amended **SO2019-4122** made by Alderman Tunney. Motion carried by voice vote and substitute ordinance as amended, is admitted. Chairman Taliaferro opened floor to Alderman Hopkins. Alderman Hopkins made comments. Chairman opens floor to members for questions. Alderman Sposato asked for law department's opinion of the amendments. Mr. Scott Spears from the Law Department of the City of Chicago responds in agreement to the changes. Alderman Lopez asked law department to explain the differences in the changes from current ordinance versus previous ordinance. Mr. Scott from the Law Department responds. Alderman Lopez made more comments. Chairman Taliaferro opened floor for public comment. No public comments. Alderman Scott made motion for passage of the substitute ordinance as amended. Motion was carried by voice vote.*

**SO2019-4122 Passed Committee on 11/18/2019**

**SO2019-4122 Passed City Council on 11/20/2019**

Motion made to adjourn, motion carried by voice vote. Chairman adjourned meeting.

**On Monday, November 25, 2019, at 1:04 p.m., the Committee on Public Safety called a meeting to order in City Hall, Room 201A, 121 North LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.**

The following members were present: The following members were present: Thompson (11), Lopez (15), Curtis (18), Scott (24), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Tunney (44), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Silverstein (50), Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members were absent: Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Smith (43), Vice Chairman Osterman (48).

The following additional Alderman were present: Burnett (27)

Chairman Taliaferro called meeting to order and instructed any public speakers to fill out witness forms. Chairman opened the floor for questions or comments regarding the November 14 and 18, 2019 Rule 45 monthly report. There were no questions or remarks. Alderman Scott moved to accept the November 14 and 18, 2019 Rule 45 report, which passed by a voice vote.

Item 1 of the agenda (O2019-8518) (**Substitute Ordinance presented**) Amendment of Municipal Code Chapters 4, 7, 8 and 9 regarding cannabis-related penalties.

*Alderman Reboyras moved to accept the substitute ordinance **SO2019-8518**. Motion was carried by voice vote. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor to Vicki Kraft, Assistant Corporation Counsel Senior for the City of Chicago Law Department and Brandon Nemec from Office of Legal Affairs for the Chicago Police Department, who explained the changes and how the amendments were consistent with the changes made in Illinois State law. Chairman Taliaferro questioned the confusion of the language pertaining to cannabis inside a vehicle and the different penalties for different scenarios. Vicki responded. Committee members asked questions and made comments and Vicki Kraft and Brandon Nemec responded accordingly. Alderman Lopez made a motion to recess to give the Law Department a chance to make changes to section 7-24-225 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Alderman Mitts second the motion. Chairman Taliaferro recessed meeting for ten minutes. Chairman Taliaferro called meeting back to order and opened the floor to Alderman Lopez to finish his questions. Other members asked questions and made comments. Chairman Taliaferro suspends questioning for 30 minutes to give the Law Department time to amend section 13. Section 7-24-225 of SO2019-8518. Chairman Taliaferro reconvenes meeting. Alderman Reboyras motioned to accept the **Substitute Ordinance as amended** into committee. Motion was accepted by voice vote. Vicki Kraft from the Law Department explained to committee members the new changes made in the substitute Ordinance. Chairman Taliaferro opened floor to resume questions and comments from committee members. Alderman Ervin questions the Law Department regarding "Attempt to purchase" and the language amended did not fix his concern. Chairman Taliaferro recognized Mr. Jeffery Levine, Deputy Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago Department of Law. Mr. Levine asked Alderman Ervin to clarify his concern. Mr. Levine makes recommendations for the change in language of the Substitute Ordinance. Alderman Lopez requested final changes be submitted to committee in writing. Chairman Taliaferro called for a ten minute recess to allow the Law Department to submit new amendments in writing to the committee. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor for public comments. Mr. George*

Blakemore, Mr. John Catanzara and Mr. Wallace Gator Bradley made comments. Alderman Lopez commented. Chairman Taliaferro called for a five minute recess. Chairman Taliaferro called meeting to order. Alderman Reboyras motioned to accept the Substitute Ordinance as a replacement of the Substitute Ordinance as Amended previously into committee, which was accepted by a voice vote. Vicki Kraft from the Law Department explained the change to the language to committee. More questions and comments were made by the committee members. Chairman opened floor for questions from non-members, no questions were presented. Alderman Reboyras moved to accept replacement substitute ordinance as amended. Motion carried by a voice vote. Alderman Lopez voted NO. Alderman Ervin moved to adjourn, motion was carried by voice vote. Chairman Taliaferro adjourned meeting.

**SO2019-8518 Passed Committee on 11/25/2019**

**SO2019-8518 Passed City Council on 11/26/2019**