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Inaugural Meeting -- Monday, May 15, 2023

at 10:30 A.M.

(Credit Union 1 Arena -- Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BRANDON JOHNSON
Mayor

ANDREA M. VALENCIA
City Clerk

MUSICAL PRELUDE.

Destiny Worship and Praise Chorale, accompanied by Rize Orchestra and Karen Clark Sheard, performed a series of gospel selections.

DANCE PERFORMANCE.

An ensemble of dancers and drummers from Muntu Dance Theatre performed an excerpt of Djeliya.

INTRODUCTION OF 2023 -- 2027 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT.

Each of the members-elect of the 2023 -- 2027 City Council of Chicago was introduced as they entered the arena, accompanied by a special guest.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS.

The following special guests were in attendance:

The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, accompanied by First Lady MK Pritzker;

The Honorable Juliana Stratton, Illinois Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by Second Gentleman Bryan Echols;

The Honorable Kwame Raoul, Illinois Attorney General, accompanied by Che Raoul;

The Honorable Alexi Giannoulias, Illinois Secretary of State, accompanied by Josephine Giannoulias;

The Honorable Susana Mendoza, Illinois Comptroller, accompanied by David Szostak;

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth, United States Senator from Illinois;

The Honorable Dick Durbin, United States Senator from Illinois;

The Honorable Danny K. Davis, United States Congressman, representing Illinois's 7th Congressional District, accompanied by Vera Davis;

The Honorable Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, United States Congressman, representing Illinois's 4th Congressional District;

The Honorable Jonathan Jackson, United States Congressman, representing Illinois's 1st Congressional District, accompanied by Darryl Harper;

The Honorable Robin L. Kelly, United States Congresswoman, representing Illinois's 2nd Congressional District, accompanied by Deborah Graham;

The Honorable Delia C. Ramirez, United States Congresswoman, representing Illinois's 3rd Congressional District, accompanied by Boris Hernandez;

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, United States Congresswoman, representing Illinois's 9th Congressional District, accompanied by Andrew Gotchkowski;

The Honorable Don Harmon, Illinois Senate President, accompanied by Teresa Wilton Harmon;

The Honorable Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Illinois Speaker of the House, accompanied by Willie Mae Welch;

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President, accompanied by Lanetta Haynes Turner.

The Honorable Kimberly M. Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney;

Reverend Bishop J. Drew Sheard, accompanied by Karen Clark Sheard;

Randi Weingarten, accompanied by Sharon Kleinbaum;

Dan Montgomery;

Stacy Davis Gates, accompanied by Kevin Gates;

Jackson Potter;

Greg Kelley, accompanied by Bertha Roberson;

Roberta Lynch, accompanied by Mike Newman;

Bob Reiter, accompanied by Father Clete Killey;

Kathi Griffin, accompanied by Sean Denney;

Tony Johnston, accompanied by Rachel Johnston;

Dian Palmer, accompanied by Stacia Scott;

Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., accompanied by Reverend Bishop Tavis Grant;

Emma Tai, accompanied by Josh Lerner;

Kennedy Bartley, accompanied by Theresa Bartley;

Dr. Barbara Ransby, accompanied by Jason Ransby Sporn;

Jitu Brown, accompanied by Jay Travis;

Tanya Watkins;

Olga Bautista;

Abbie Illenberger;

Frank C. Chapman;

Jesus Martinez;

Caitlin Brady;

Will Tanzman;

Ling Young;

Jessica Trotter;

Enrique Mendoza;

Andy Chen;

Amisha Patel;

Claudia Guzman.

INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES.

The following judges officiating at the ceremony were introduced:

The Honorable Diana E. Lopez, Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County;

The Honorable Judith C. Rice, Acting Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County;

The Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, accompanied by Daisy Denizard.

INTRODUCTION OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Reyahd Kazmi;

The Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin, Treasurer of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Jeneva Ervin;

The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor of the City of Chicago, accompanied by First Lady Amy Eshleman;

The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor-elect of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Stacie Johnson, wife, and their children: Owen Johnson, Ethan Johnson and Braedyn Johnson.

POSTING OF THE COLORS.

Members of the Hyde Park Academy High School's JROTC posted the colors.

Pledge Of Allegiance.

Elle Mendiola led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America in American Sign Language.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Cassandra Figueroa performed the National Anthem.

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago performed the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CHICAGO AND AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY.

Melodi Sern, Executive Director of the American Indian Center of Chicago, delivered a Land Acknowledgment in recognition of the Indigenous Peoples of Chicago and the American Indian community.

Call To Order.

On Monday, May 15, 2023, at 10:30 A.M., the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, called the City Council to order.

Invocation.

Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III, Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, opened the meeting with prayer.

POETRY READING.

Inaugural Chicago Poet Laureate avery r. young read an original poem, "& whereas a dream can blas(t) off".

BLESSING.

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, Senior Rabbi at Temple Shalom of Chicago, bestowed a blessing.

Placed On File -- OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF RESULTS CONCERNING ELECTION OF MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER AND ALDERPERSONS OF CITY OF CHICAGO.

[F2023-84]

The Honorable Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk, thereupon presented for the record the following communication confirming the election of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderpersons:

May 9, 2023.

Honorable Anna M. Valencia
City Clerk of the City of Chicago
Room 107 -- City Hall
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Clerk Valencia:

My office has received a signed proclamation from Chair Marisel A. Hernandez, Commissioner June A. Brown and Commissioner Jonathan T. Swain of the Board of Election Commissioners, City of Chicago dated March 15, 2023 and April 25, 2023, proclaiming the results of the February 28, 2023 Municipal General Election and the April 4, 2023 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Alderperson Elections for the City of Chicago, respectively. Listed below are those candidates who were elected to their respective offices at these elections:

Brandon Johnson*	Mayor, City of Chicago
Melissa Conyears-Ervin	City Treasurer, City of Chicago
Anna M. Valencia	City Clerk, City of Chicago
Daniel La Spata	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 1 st Ward
Brian Hopkins	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 2 nd Ward
Pat Dowell	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 3 rd Ward
Lamont Robinson*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 4 th Ward
Desmon C. Yancy*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 5 th Ward
William E. Hall*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 6 th Ward
Gregory I. Mitchell	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 7 th Ward
Michelle A. Harris	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 8 th Ward
Anthony A. Beale	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 9 th Ward
Peter Chico*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 10 th Ward

Nicole Lee*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 11 th Ward
Julia M. Ramirez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 12 th Ward
Marty Quinn	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 13 th Ward
Jeylú B. Gutiérrez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 14 th Ward
Raymond A. Lopez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 15 th Ward
Stephanie D. Coleman	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 16 th Ward
David H. Moore	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 17 th Ward
Derrick G. Curtis	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 18 th Ward
Matthew J. O'Shea	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 19 th Ward
Jeanette B. Taylor	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 20 th Ward
Ronnie L. Mosley*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 21 st Ward
Michael D. Rodriguez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 22 nd Ward
Silvana Tabares	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 23 rd Ward
Monique L. Scott*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 24 th Ward
Byron Sigcho Lopez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 25 th Ward
Jessica "Jessie" Fuentes	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 26 th Ward
Walter Burnett, Jr.	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 27 th Ward
Jason C. Ervin	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 28 th Ward
Chris Taliaferro*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 29 th Ward
Ruth Cruz*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 30 th Ward
Felix Cardona, Jr.	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 31 st Ward
Scott Waguespack	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 32 nd Ward
Rossana Rodríguez Sánchez*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 33 rd Ward

Bill Conway	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 34 th Ward
Carlos Ramirez-Rosa	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 35 th Ward
Gilbert "Gil" Villegas*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 36 th Ward
Emma M. Mitts	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 37 th Ward
Nicholas Sposato	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 38 th Ward
Samantha "Sam" Nugent	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 39 th Ward
Andre Vasquez	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 40 th Ward
Anthony V. Napolitano	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 41 st Ward
Brendan Reilly	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 42 nd Ward
Timmy Knudsen*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 43 rd Ward
Bennett R. Lawson	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 44 th Ward
James "Jim" Gardiner*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 45 th Ward
Angela Clay*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 46 th Ward
Matt Martin	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 47 th Ward
Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth*	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 48 th Ward
Maria Hadden	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 49 th Ward
Debra Silverstein	Aldersperson, City of Chicago, 50 th Ward

Note: Those candidates elected at the Municipal Runoff Election Supplementary Aldersperson Elections are designated by an asterisk (*) next to their names.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE ANDREA MARIE VALENCIA
AS CITY CLERK OF CHICAGO.**

[F2023-82]

The Honorable Diana E. Lopez, Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, administered the Oath of Office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Andrea Marie Valencia as City Clerk of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by City Clerk Valencia and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO ALDERPERSONS-ELECT.

[F2023-31 through F2023-80]

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the alderpersons-elect, which oaths of office were subscribed to by the alderpersons and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Determination Of Quorum.

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderpersons La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, Robinson, Yancy, Hall, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Chico, Lee, Ramirez, Quinn, Gutiérrez, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Taylor, Mosley, Rodriguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cruz, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Conway, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Knudsen, Lawson, Gardiner, Clay, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden, Silverstein -- 50.

Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

[F2023-107, F2023-108, F2023-109]

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, thereupon presented the official bond of the Honorable Brandon Johnson as Mayor of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$1,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety, her official bond as City Clerk of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$1,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety, and the official bond of the Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin as Treasurer of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$2,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety.

On motion of Alderperson Ervin, each of the bonds was *Approved* by a viva voce vote.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN AS CITY TREASURER OF CHICAGO.

[F2023-83]

The Honorable Judith G. Rice, Acting Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, administered the Oath of Office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin as City Treasurer of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by City Clerk Valencia and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND PEACE.

Imam Hassan Aly of the Mecca Center in Willowbrook, Illinois, offered a prayer for guidance and peace.

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION.

Karen Clark Sheard, accompanied by Destiny Worship and Praise Chorale and Rize Orchestra, performed the gospel song "Total Praise".

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON AS
MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

[F2023-81]

The Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Brandon Johnson as Mayor of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by Mayor Johnson and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR.
(As Prepared)

The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor, thereupon addressed the City Council and assembled guests:

Thank you! Thank you all so much for being here today.

I am truly humbled and honored to stand before you as the 57th Mayor of the Greatest City in the World. I truly believe that.

It's not just the incredible natural beauty of our city, as you look out over Lake Michigan. It's not just the outstanding food, from pizza to Italian beef to the vegetarian tacos. It's not just our art and music that pushes the boundaries and redefines genres.

I believe what truly makes us great is our people. Not just the names that show up in our history books, but the ones that just show up -- in our schools, on the beat, at the worksite, at the concert hall, in the boardroom, and at the respite center looking out for strangers in need. Chicagoans show up, and we have leaders who show up too.

Governor JB Pritzker, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Senate President Harmon, House Speaker Welch, our entire Illinois congressional delegation, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, the members of General Assembly, and my former colleagues on the County Board and to every other elected official here today. Thank you for your service, and thank you for being here.

To the City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin and the City Clerk Anna Valencia, congratulations on your inaugurations. I look forward to serving with both of you and building a stronger city together. To the members of the City Council and especially the 13 newly-elected Alderpersons, congratulations. This is your day too and you deserve recognition. Applaud them, you all.

[Applause]

I want to make this clear. The people of Chicago are counting on us to work together, to collaborate, to make their lives better everyday. We won't always agree, but I won't ever question your motives or your commitment and I'll always do my part to find common ground.

I'd like to thank Mayor Lori Lightfoot for her leadership of our city through turbulent times. Let us not forget that Mayor Lightfoot made history twice as the first Black woman and first openly LGBTQ Mayor. In doing so, she broadened the imagination of so many young people across this city, including my daughter. Lori, I am grateful to you for your service and your sacrifice.

To my extended family here today, my three children Owen, Ethan, and Braedyn and my wife Stacie, none of this would be possible or mean nearly as much without you. Of course I do have to brag about my wife a little bit. I may be getting inaugurated but Stacie is the one making history today as the first Black first lady in the history of Chicago. Wow. Yes please clap.

Stacie, your love and care for Chicago is only dwarfed by your love for our family. Thank you for everything you do, every single day and everything you will do for Chicago.

I'll be honest with you all: this is truly humbling. Because I have to tell you, growing up I never imagined I could be on a stage like this.

Growing up one of ten in a working class family right here in Chicago like I did teaches you a lot of things, but I never could have foreseen this. That doesn't mean I wasn't prepared. In fact I think often about my upbringing and the lessons my parents and my siblings instilled. My mother isn't here today. She passed away when I was nineteen. But my mother had the biggest heart of anyone I know. She always made room for one more at the table. A cousin, a neighbor, someone in need of a warm meal and a warm embrace. She taught me to love people. And that's ultimately the reason I stand before you today. She's here with us, you all.

My father, who is here, taught me what it means to work hard and to be accountable. This is a man who worked three jobs. He was a carpenter and a pastor. Think about the pressure, to grow up the son of someone who's just like Jesus.

I learned from them core values -- hard work, accountability and love -- that form the foundation for my approach to public service.

And now, I stand before you today as the new Mayor of the nation's third largest city, a place where hope and opportunity has for decades met the promise and possibility of Chicago.

There is something special about this city, and I call it the soul of Chicago. It is alive in each of us here today, and it's always been strong in the heart of everyone who has ever called this land home.

The soul of Chicago was alive in the hearts of the Miami, Sauk and Potawatomi who lived on this land for centuries.

The soul of Chicago sent a Black Haitian man named Jean Baptiste Point du Sable to establish a new city at the mouth of the Chicago River.

It was alive in the hearts of tens of thousands who arrived here in the Great Migration, including my grandparents who came to Chicago in search of a home. They injected the soul with rhythm -- combining Southern traditions like the blues with a new cadence; making Chicago the center of both Black Enterprise and Black freedom Struggles.

It is the soul of Chicago that brought immigrants from all over the world to work, to organize, to build the first skyscraper, to flee persecution in one country and create entire industries in this one, including one of the largest hospitality companies in the world.

That same soul spurred two immigrants from Guatemala to Humboldt Park, where they raised a daughter, Delia Ramirez, who would grow up to make our city proud as a member of the United States Congress. Congresswoman Ramirez was born in the same public hospital where I, a child of the Great Migration, received life-saving asthma treatment.

That, my friends, is the rich soul of Chicago.

That soul is what strikes me today. I'm marveling not just at the peaceful transfer of power, or the miracle of American democracy, or the grand tradition of Chicago elections.

It is how much we all share. I am struck by how much work it took to bring us to this moment. How many decades of slow, grinding progress.

Think about the labor movement, which produced luminaries like my mentor Karen Lewis, who modeled true social justice unionism and helped lead the multi-racial, multicultural working class movement that organized its way to this moment. The same labor movement that raised wages, established the 40 hour work week, and built the middle class in this city.

From the civil rights movement embodied by our own Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. which abolished racial segregation in our laws and gave us the Voting Rights Act.

From the women's rights movement, led by Chicago's Jane Addams and Ida B. Wells, which ensured women would participate fully in every part of civic life.

In fact, we all are here because of the work of giants who came before us, and without whom this day would not even be possible.

I bring that up, because so often in politics we think, and talk, and argue about the things that divide us.

And I want to be clear: those divisions are real. Many people who love our city deeply have radically different ideas about how to confront the shared challenges we face.

It's true. We need new revenues to address the city's structural deficit and invest in people without breaking the backs of working people with fines, fees, and property taxes.

Too many Chicagoans fear for their safety when they walk down the street to get groceries or drive to the gas station, because our city's homicide and violent crime rates have consistently outpaced our peer cities.

Our public transit is unreliable and unsafe, so much so, that many parents refuse to let their children ride, even when the CTA could be the pathway to opportunity and enrichment.

Rents in Chicago keep going up year after year while the development of both affordable and market-rate housing stagnates. As a result too many in our city go to sleep unhoused and too few families know the security of owning their own home.

Our downtown commercial corridors still bear the scars of the pandemic via higher vacancy rates and lower foot traffic and our neighborhoods, particularly those South and West, have still not tasted the fruits of investment that they demand and deserve.

Our schools call out for more resources to fulfill their mandate of providing every single child in our city with a world-class education that meets their specific needs.

And despite the trauma these challenges produce, too few can rely on the consistent access to mental healthcare that they desperately need.

But as we debate and discuss the solutions to these crises, I want to remind us as we have these conversations that the soul of Chicago is alive and well in each of us.

We have so much in common, you all.

And we know that we all suffer when these ills are allowed to fester and grow. These problems don't just affect one community, or neighborhood or ethnic group. The tears of Adam Toledo's parents are made of the same sorrow as Officer Areanah Preston's parents.

Officer Preston's tragic death at the age of 24 just last week reminds us of what is at stake when we talk about the future of Chicago. She joined the CPD for the same reason I ran for Mayor: she believed that through public service, she could be a conduit for justice.

To the family of Officer Preston, my heart is with you, and know we will be with you every step of the way. Thank you for sharing your extraordinary daughter with us.

Honoring public servants like Areanah Preston means truly addressing the challenges we face in this city. But the only way we can address those challenges is by coming together.

Not in a phony, artificial way that pretends differences don't exist. But in a deeper way, that acknowledges the strength of what binds us in the face of our unique perspectives.

We all, in this room today, are the product of the actions and choices of courageous men and women who came before us.....

That means we, right now, are writing the story of our children's and our grandchildren's futures together.

What will that story say?

That Chicago, with its sturdy shoulders, diversified economy, and legacy of generosity, was unable to house the unhoused, provide safe harbor for those seeking asylum, or invest in all the people and all the communities that make our city great?

That Chicago became so traumatized by violence and despair that our residents felt no choice but to leave, shrinking our economy, our neighborhoods and our city's promise?

No. It won't be. Not on my watch. Because we, right now, together, are committing ourselves to writing a different future.

As a pastor's son, I am reminded of scripture. Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Let's show the world where our heart is.

Let's build a Chicago that is the economic marvel of our state, the Midwest, and this nation.

That means not only growing our economy, but re-routing the rivers of prosperity to the banks of disinvestment so that no one goes thirsty. Too much of our land is dry right now. We have to change that, and we can.

I live in one of those drier communities. The beautiful Austin neighborhood on the mighty West Side of Chicago. The very fact that the Mayor of Chicago lives in one of the most disinvested and violent communities in the City shows us what's possible. Let's not be so discouraged by what is -- that we stop imagining what could be.

So we'll create a Chicago where big development projects get done, the poor have pathways out of poverty, and large events like the Democratic National Convention generate opportunity and vitality in every neighborhood. Where our cultural institutions, sporting events, hotels and world class restaurants are supported, promoted, and accessible not just to those from every corner of the world but also for those from every corner of the city.

By doing those things we'll create a prosperous city in which no one is too poor to live with dignity. That means a Chicago where 65,000 people don't wake up on the streets or in a shelter. Where public housing, affordable housing, and pathways to homeownership exist for everyone.

Where it will no longer be the case that for every dollar of net worth belonging to a white family, a Latino family has 8 cents and Black family has 1 cent. We can do it. We can bring Chicago home. My family is living proof of the kind of transformation that can happen with thoughtful investment.

We'll create a Chicago where pathways to college and the high-tech industries of the future exist alongside pathways to the trades, apprenticeships, and the arts.

Where every young person has a chance to pursue their passion and a W-2. Where business, community, labor, and philanthropy work together to connect every young person to an opportunity to fulfill their potential. Where we introduce these opportunities to young people at 6, 7 and 8 years old to open their young minds to the world that could be.

Gary, Bob, Jim, Don -- we need your leadership. Richard, Marty, Linda, we need your business expertise. Jitu, Tanya, Andrea and Oscar, we need your organizing and relationships.

This is not a call out. This is what we organizers refer to as a "call in." Calling in wisdom. Calling in compassion. Calling in expertise. Because I can't do it alone.

Let's get to work doubling youth employment. Some say we have to wait 20 years for these efforts to pay dividends. I don't believe that. We can change lives now.

Let's show that our heart is in our young people's education. Let's create a public education system that resources children based on need and not just numbers. Where every child and every neighborhood, whether they fill out an application or not, whether they are bilingual or not, special needs or not, has access to a world class education.

Let's have a system that respects its parents, educators and school employees and where the Presidents of the Chicago Teachers Union and SEIU Local 73, and the CEO of Chicago Public Schools work together to advocate for more resources for all of our children.

Stacy, Dian, Pedro, I need you. We can do this together. Tony and Juan, let's do the same thing for City Colleges which should be the gateway to opportunity from our neighborhoods.

While we're at it, let's work toward childcare for all in the City of Chicago. Greg, Erica, Maggie and Mr. Governor, I want to work with you to make sure that we are providing support to working parents, and giving children the nourishment they need from day one.

How about we also create a Chicago where the hundreds of thousands suffering from episodic mental health crises receive treatment not trauma? People like my brother Leon, who died addicted and unhoused because he never received the care he so desperately needed. Let's bring together the private sector, the public sector, the county, the state, and the federal government to find the best solutions for delivering these services including reopening clinics in communities that need them.

Cheryl, Rossana, President Preckwinkle and Roberta, we need your leadership. Let's get this right for future generations.

We can even, if we're bold, fix our broken public transportation system. We can secure safety and convenience for cyclists while making significant investments in the reliability, safety, and connectivity of our buses and trains in every neighborhood. These investments won't just benefit our economy, they'll result in a safer, more livable city for all as well.

And once and for all, let's create a safe Chicago. A safe Chicago means safe for all: no matter what you look like, who you love, or where you live. We'll do it together by investing in people, in housing, in mental health, in youth jobs, in higher wages, and real economic development in every community. We'll do it by supporting law enforcement, especially those serving on the front lines.

That means providing them with direct lines of supervision, clear expectations for their work, equal opportunities for advancement, strong accountability and support from every stakeholder in this city: our faith leaders, our philanthropic institutions, our business community, violence interrupters, researchers, educators, coaches and counselors. It's going to take ALL of us. None of us can do it alone.

And we have no time to spare. As I speak, a group of philanthropic and business leaders are partnering to increase the resources for community youth programming between when school lets out and Chicago Park District programs begin, and to provide more safe opportunities for young people during Memorial Day weekend and the 4th of July. It's not just up to Fred Waller and his officers.

Charles, Abby and Andrea, thank you. Let's keep pushing to build a safer Chicago.

And speaking of the right thing to do, the soul of Chicago tells us we will never close our doors on those who come here in search of a better life.

For as Scripture says: "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

That has always been the soul of Chicago, and it always will be.

For where the worst political leaders in America see political opportunism, we see a moral opportunity to prove that sanctuary is more than a slogan and that welcoming is more than a word. Chicago must be a city where we take seriously Dr. King's reminder that injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere.

And let's be clear: injustice is a family forced to walk thousands of miles in pursuit of safety and economic security, and then bussed with no concern for their well-being.

We know the strength of a city is determined by how we treat the most vulnerable, and so, we choose to be a strong city. We must reject a zero-sum formulation between investing in those who have been here for decades, and supporting those sent here on a bus this morning.

We can do both, and we can all thrive together.

I stand before you today deeply optimistic about the future not because I am ignorant of our challenges, but because I am deeply aware of our history.

From the Great Chicago Fire to the Red Summer of 1919 to the 1968 riots to now the aftermath of pandemic and unrest, our city has faced enormous challenges before. Every challenge has also hidden within it, tremendous opportunity.

And history shows us that when we come together, when we show up with the belief that what unites us is far more powerful than our differences, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

We can, and will, deliver for all our people.

I say this today with a deep belief and conviction that our best and brightest days are ahead of us.

We can lead Chicago to a new era. Together, we will build a better, stronger, safer Chicago. We just have to look deep into the soul of Chicago.

Thank you. God bless you all, and God bless our great city.

BENEDICTION.

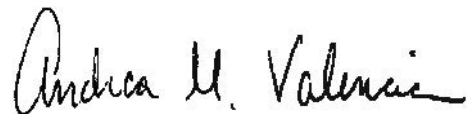
The Reverend Jonathan E.L. Brooks, co-Pastor of Lawndale Christian Community Church of Chicago, delivered the benediction.

MOTION TO RECESS.

Aldersperson Ramirez moved that the City Council *Recess* until Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood in Recess* to be reconvened in regular session on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber in City Hall.

POSTLUDE.

Destiny Worship and Praise Chorale and Rize Orchestra performed a closing musical selection.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrea M. Valencia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ANDREA M. VALENCIA,
City Clerk.

APPENDIX A
LEGISLATIVE INDEX

JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS
of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Inaugural Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2023

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Conyears-Ervin, Melissa (Hon.)

Approval of Official Bond - City Treasurer

Dept./Agency F2023-109

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Johnson, Brandon (Hon.)

Approval of Official Bond - Mayor

Dept./Agency F2023-107

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Valencia, Andrea Marie (Hon.)

Approval of Official Bond - City Clerk

Dept./Agency F2023-108

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COOK COUNTY

Proclamation of results of February 28, 2023
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Executive Order No. 2023-15 (Youth Employment
and Enrichment Programs)

Johnson (Mayor) F2023-99

Filed

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Executive Order No. 2023-16 (Deputy Mayor for
Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights)

Johnson (Mayor) F2023-100

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Executive Order No. 2023-17 (Deputy Mayor for
Community Safety)

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Executive Order No. 2023-18 (Deputy Mayor for
Labor Relations)

Johnson (Mayor) F2023-102

Filed

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OATHS OF OFFICE

Beale, Anthony (Hon.)

Alderperson, 9th Ward

F2023-39

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Burnett, Jr., Walter (Hon.)

Alderperson, 27th Ward

F2023-57

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Cardona, Jr., Felix (Hon.)

Alderperson, 31st Ward

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Chico, Peter (Hon.)

Alderperson, 10th Ward

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Clay, Angela (Hon.)

Alderperson, 46th Ward

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Coleman, Stephanie D. (Hon.)

Alderperson, 16th Ward

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Conway III, William Elias (Hon.)

Alderperson, 34th Ward

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Conyears-Ervin, Melissa (Hon.)

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Cruz, Ruth (Hon.)

Alderperson, 30th Ward

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OATHS OF OFFICE

Curtis, Derrick G. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 18th Ward

F2023-48

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Daniel, La Spata (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 1st Ward

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Dowell, Patricia R. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 3rd Ward

F2023-33

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Ervin, Jason C. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 28th Ward

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Fuentes, Jessica (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 26th Ward

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Gardiner, James M. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 45th Ward

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Gutiérrez, Jeylú B. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 14th Ward

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Hadden, Maria (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 49th Ward

F2023-79

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Hall, William E. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 6th Ward

F2023-36

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Harris, Michelle A. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 8th Ward

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Hopkins, Brian (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 2nd Ward

F2023-32

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Johnson, Brandon (Hon.)
Mayor

F2023-81

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Knudsen, Timothy R. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 43rd Ward

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Lawson, Bennett R. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 44th Ward

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Lee, Nicole (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 11th Ward

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Lopez, Raymond A. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 15th Ward

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Manaa-Hoppenworth, Leni (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 48th Ward

F2023-78

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Martin, Matthew J. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 47th Ward

F2023-77

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Mitchell, Gregory I. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 7th Ward

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Mitts, Emma M. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 37th Ward

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Moore, David H. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 17th Ward

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Mosley, Ronnie L. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 21st Ward

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Napolitano, Anthony V. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 41st Ward

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Nugent, Samantha (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 39th Ward

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O'Shea, Matthew J. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 19th Ward

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Quinn, Marty (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 13th Ward

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Ramirez, Julia M. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 12th Ward

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Ramirez-Rosa, Carlos D. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 35th Ward

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Reilly, Brendan M. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 42nd Ward

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Robinson, Lamont (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 4th Ward

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Rodriguez, Michael D. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 22nd Ward

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Rodriguez-Sanchez, Rossana (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 33rd Ward

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Scott, Monique L. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 24th Ward

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Sigcho-Lopez, Byron (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 25th Ward

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Silverstein, Debra L. (Hon.)
50th Ward

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Sposato, Nicholas (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 38th Ward

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Tabares, Silvana (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 23rd Ward

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Taliaferro, Christopher (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 29th Ward

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Taylor, Jeanette B. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 20th Ward

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Valencia, Andrea Marie (Hon.)
City Clerk

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Vasquez, Jr., Andre (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 40th Ward

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Villegas, Gilbert (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 36th Ward

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Waguespack, Scott E. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 32nd Ward

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Yancy, Desmon C. (Hon.)
Aldersperson, 5th Ward

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