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Special Meeting -- Thursday, November 2, 2023

at 10:30 A.M.

(Council Chamber -- City Hall -- Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BRANDON JOHNSON
Mayor

ANDREA M. VALENCIA
City Clerk

Attendance At Meeting.

Present -- Alderpersons Hopkins, Dowell, Yancy, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Conway, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner, Silverstein.

Absent -- Alderpersons La Spata, Robinson, Hall, Ramirez, Gutiérrez, Taylor, Rodríguez, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Cruz, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Vasquez, Knudsen, Lawson, Clay, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden.

Call To Order.

On Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 12:18 P.M. (the hour appointed for the meeting was 10:30 A.M.), the Honorable Samantha Nugent, President Pro Tempore, called the City Council to order. The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderpersons Hopkins, Mitchell, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner -- 25.

No quorum present.

Aldersperson Ramirez-Rosa then moved that the City Council adjourn.

President Pro Tempore Nugent asked the clerk to call the roll on the motion to adjourn.

Aldersperson Beale then requested that the Chair delay action on the motion to adjourn momentarily to allow for additional alderpersons to arrive.

President Pro Tempore Nugent reiterated that a motion to adjourn had been called and asked the clerk to call the roll on the motion.

The clerk called the roll and the motion to adjourn failed by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas -- Aldersperson Ramirez-Rosa, Nugent -- 2.

Nays -- Alderspersons Hopkins, Mitchell, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner -- 24.

Recess Taken.

President Pro Tempore Nugent then requested that the City Council stand in recess for 30 minutes. There was no objection.

Session Resumed After Recess.

At the conclusion of the recess, President Pro Tempore Nugent called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Lopez then moved that the City Council recess until Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 9:45 A.M.

President Pro Tempore Nugent ruled the motion out of order until a quorum roll call could be taken.

Aldersperson Lopez moved to appeal the decision of the Chair, citing his motion to recess.

The Chair restated that the presence or absence of a quorum must be established before any further action can be taken and asked the clerk to take a quorum roll call.

Aldersperson Taliaferro requested to include Aldersperson Ervin from the previous quorum roll call for the purpose of establishing quorum in lieu of a new quorum roll call.

President Pro Tempore Nugent determined that a new determination of quorum was needed and asked the clerk to conduct a quorum roll call.

The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderspersons Hopkins, Yancy, Mitchell, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Villegas, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner -- 25.

The Chair then stated that there was no quorum present.

Aldersperson Lopez then requested that President Pro Tempore Nugent instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to inform any Council members in the Chamber annex that a vote is taking place and to escort them to the Chamber floor.

President Pro Tempore Nugent declined that motion.

Aldersperson Beale then moved to recess the meeting until November 7, 2023, at 9:45 A.M.

President Pro Tempore Nugent asked the clerk to call the roll on the motion to recess.

With the arrival of additional alderpersons, President Pro Tempore Nugent then asked the clerk to conduct another quorum roll call.

The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderpersons Hopkins, Yancy, Mitchell, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner -- 26.

Quorum present.

Aldersperson Lopez then moved to allow Alderpersons Dowell, Burnett and Silverstein to participate remotely and be added to the quorum in accordance with Rule 59. The motion *Prevailed*.

Pledge Of Allegiance.

President Pro Tempore Nugent led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Invocation.

Aldersperson Christopher Taliaferro of the 29th Ward opened the meeting with a prayer.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

[F2023-0005691]

The clerk informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 10:06 A.M.:

CITY OF CHICAGO

October 31, 2023.

Honorable Anna Valencia
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 107
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Clerk Valencia:

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be convened on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. The Special Meeting is for the following purposes and no other purpose whatsoever:

1. For the immediate consideration of a resolution authorizing the following referendum question to be submitted to the voters of the entire City of Chicago for the determination if Chicago should continue to keep its designation as a Sanctuary City (R2023-0004224).
2. For the immediate consideration of a resolution authorizing the following referendum question to be submitted to the voters of the entire City of Chicago for the determination if Chicago shall increase the number of public mental health clinics (R2023-0005108)
3. For the immediate consideration of a resolution authorizing the following referendum question to be submitted to the voters of the entire City of Chicago for the determination if Chicago shall create flooding mitigation and response plan (R2023-0005109).

(Signed) Anthony Beale,
Alderman, 9th Ward.

(Signed) Marty Quinn,
Alderman, 13th Ward.

(Signed) Raymond Lopez,
Alderman, 15th Ward.

(Signed) Silvana Tabares,
Alderman, 23rd Ward.

(Signed) Anthony Napolitano,
Alderman, 41st Ward.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following members of the general public addressed the City Council:

Beverly Chan

Jacquelyn Zuniga

Zoe Leigh.

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following members of the general public registered to address the City Council but did not testify:

Linda Johnson

Maurice Junious.

Aldersperson Lopez moved to allow Aldersperson Conway and Aldersperson Harris to participate remotely and be added to the quorum in accordance with Rule 59. The motion *Prevailed*.

SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION BY REFERENDUM TO CHICAGO VOTERS AT THE MARCH 19, 2024 ELECTION ON WHETHER CHICAGO SHOULD CONTINUE ITS DESIGNATION AS SANCTUARY CITY.

[R2023-0004224]

Aldersperson Beale expressed his wish that only resolution R2023-0004224 be considered at this meeting, and moved that the City Council adopt that resolution.

Aldersperson Lopez moved the previous question and called for a roll call vote.

Aldersperson Ervin raised a point of order, stating that the resolution had previously been deferred at the November 1, 2023 City Council meeting and therefore was not eligible for consideration until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. He further noted

that consideration of a matter pending in committee requires a suspension of the rules and therefore the motion before the body was out of order.

Aldersperson Lopez then renewed his motion to move the previous question by a roll call vote.

The Chair then stated that Aldersperson Ervin's point of order was well taken and that a motion to suspend the rules was required.

Aldersperson Hopkins requested clarification from the Chair regarding the requirement to suspend the rules to consider the resolution, given that the matter was being considered in a special meeting that was properly called and noticed.

The Chair stated that pursuant to Rule 41 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, all introductions shall be referred, without debate, to the appropriate committees and only acted upon by the City Council at a subsequent meeting. The Chair thereupon ruled that suspension of the rules was required for consideration of this matter today.

The Chair then stated that the City Council stand at ease momentarily.

Following a brief pause, the Chair called the meeting back into session.

Aldersperson Ramirez-Rosa then requested a quorum roll call and that in the absence of a quorum, to recess and reconvene the meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 9:45 A.M.

Aldersperson Lopez stated that a motion as well as an appeal were still pending before the body and the motion for a quorum roll call was out of order.

The Chair stated that a quorum call had been requested and instructed the clerk to call the roll.

The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderspersons Hopkins, Mitchell, Beale, Chico, Lee, Quinn, Lopez, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Mosley, Tabares, Scott, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cardona, Waguespack, Conway, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner -- 25.

Aldersperson Lopez then requested that members participating remotely and previously added to the quorum roll be counted towards this current quorum roll call.

Aldersperson Ramirez-Rosa then stated that due to a lack of quorum, he moved to renew his motion to recess and reconvene the meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 9:45 A.M..

Alderman Lopez moved to lay the motion on the table.

The Chair stated that pursuant to Rule 59 that an in-person quorum is required before acceptance of remote participants is allowed and that given the absence of a quorum, the only options before the body are to either recess or adjourn.

Aldersperson Beale then requested that the Corporation Counsel issue an opinion on why the remotely participating alderpersons could not be included in the quorum.

Following consultation with the Corporation Counsel, the Chair reiterated that under Rule 59, the quorum of members physically present was not established by the members in the Chamber and therefore remote participation was not allowed.

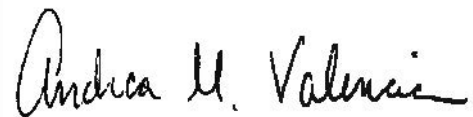
The Chair then posed the question to the members to either recess or adjourn the meeting.

Citing Rule 2 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, Aldersperson Lopez then moved to elect Aldersperson Reilly as temporary presiding officer for the meeting and requested a roll call vote.

The Chair ruled that because she was presiding, the motion to elect a temporary presiding officer was out of order and restated her previous offer to entertain a motion to recess the meeting, or if no decision was rendered then to adjourn.

Aldersperson Lopez moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the election of a new presiding officer was out of order.

Following repeated attempts to obtain a successful motion to recess, the Chair then declared that the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea M. Valencia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

ANDREA M. VALENCIA,
City Clerk.

