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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
APRIL 2023**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for April 2023.

**Date, Time &
Location of
Meeting:**

On April 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a committee meeting in City Hall Council Chamber, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were present at the April 17, 2023 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), King (4), Mitchell (7), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Lee (11), Quinn (13), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), Tunney (44), and Cappleman (46).

The following member(s) were not present at the April 17, 2023 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Harris (8), Abarca (12), Moore (17), Curtis (18), Rodriguez (22), Taliaferro (29), Vacant (34), and Reilly (42) and Osterman (48).

The following non-members were present at the April 17, 2023 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Beale (9), and Lopez (15).

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations addressed the following items:

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE MARCH 15, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023 within Fund No. 925 for Department of Housing, Department of Public Health, the Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Police Department, and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (SO2023-1387)**

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 4/17/23

PASS COMMITTEE 4/17/23

PASS CITY COUNCIL 4/19/23

On April 17, 2023 Chairman Dowell called the meeting to order. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. With no speakers signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell called for approval of the March 2023 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman O’Shea moved to accept the Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with item number 1 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023 within Fund No. 925 for Department of Housing, Department of Public Health, the Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Police Department, and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (SO2023-1387). Alderman Ervin moved to accept the substitute. With the substitute ordinance accepted, Deputy Budget Director LaToya Vaughn explained the ordinance. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn’s remarks, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting to questions and comments from committee members and non-members. Alderman Cappleman clarified that this funding was already assigned to the City and the City Council was voting to accept the funds. Chairman Dowell asked for clarification on the number of shelters. DFSS Director of Homeless Services Kimberly Howard explained that this funding will support 10 of 13 shelters. Chairman Dowell also asked about difference in staffing for the area on aging grant. DFSS Deputy Director of Finance Raymond Barrett, explained that this was a scrivener’s error. Alderman Mitts asked about how areas are identified for CDPH and housing grant spending. Assistant Commissioner of Public Health Regina Meza Jimenez explained that the program was already in existence, so they are assigning funds to the existing wards. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn explained the housing grants were for projects already earmarked based on program rules. Alderman Villegas inquired if these grants support employee fringe. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn responded yes. Alderman Ervin asked if there are affordability guidelines for the housing grants. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn stated that since its federal funding, they must follow the federal affordability guidelines.

Chairman Dowell further explained about the Prairie project in her ward and its affordability aspect. Alderman Lee asked about CDPH carry over grants and how they will be using the funds. CDPH Director of Program Operations Patrick Stonehouse said they don't have the number of people serviced, but will get it through the chair. Alderman Lee continued by asking the number of people serviced for the lead pipe grant. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn answered they need to get that information through the chair. Alderman Lee concluded by asking about the augmented reality grant. CPD Lieutenant Mark Degnan answered that they will be able to train two officers at a time, and they will be getting a number of virtual reality sets to train upwards of 50 officers a day. Alderman Tunney inquired about the MPOC grant, what we have already spent, and if this funding can be used to cover future expenses. CDPH Director Patrick Stonehouse responded the grants can be used to reimburse previous expenses incurred. He continued by stating that this funding will be used for communications, infectious disease screening, outreach, and a push for increased vaccinations. Alderman Mitchell inquired about the South Shore homeownership program, if it was a pilot, and how many properties will receive funds. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn responded they will need to get that information through the chair. Alderman Lopez inquired about the augmented reality grant, if it will replace existing training, how much they cost and about how many officers can be trained on these sets. CPD Lieutenant Mark Degnan said this will not replace existing training, they will train an upwards of 100 to 150 offers per day when they have additional sets, each headset costs over \$49,000, and the contract comes with all the software and hardware for these specialized programs. Alderman Lopez continued by asking about the positions funded by the OEMC grant and what type of emergencies they are specializing in. OEMC Grants Specialist Tomas Maulawin clarified that they don't specialize in any one event, and the positions have been filled. Alderman Lopez then cited the issues that occurred over the weekend as something the OEMC officials were trained in. Alderman Lee moved do pass on item No. 1 on the agenda. Hearing no objections, item 1 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Ervin moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



**Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations**