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COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT & EQUITY MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT MARCH, 2022

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Contracting Oversight & Equity (CCOE) submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for **MARCH 14, 2022**.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On March 14, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., the Committee on Contracting Oversight & Equity held a virtual subject matter hearing (meeting) via videoconferencing.

Attendance: The following members that were present: Chairman Ervin (28), Vice-Chairman Moore (17), Dowell (3), King (4), Sawyer (6), Lopez (15), Taylor (20), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Cardona (31), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36) and Vasquez (40).

The following members were absent: LaSpata (1), Cardenas (12) and Reboyras (30).

The following non-members were present: Mitts (37) and Reilly (42).

The following external witness present: Judge William J. Haddad, Retired.

The Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity addressed the following items:

1. **Approval of the February 2022 Rule 45 Report for the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity.**
2. **A substitute ordinance amending the Municipal Code Sections 1-23-010 and 1-23-020 regarding ineligibility to do business with City of Chicago due to removal from public office, treason, sedition or related offenses.
(SO2021-364)**
3. **A substitute resolution calling for a study to be conducted regarding the inclusion of Middle Eastern or North African Americans as a minority group for purposes of the City's MBE/WBE Construction Program.
(SR2021-996)**

Chairman Ervin called the virtual meeting to order pursuant to applicable law and determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted by video conference. Chairman Ervin took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established.

Chairman Ervin opened the floor for public comment. There are no public speakers at this time.

Chairman Ervin concluded the public comment period and moved to Item # 1, an approval for the Rule 45 Report of Committee's hearing held on February 10, 2022@ 10am and stated that the report had been transmitted electronically to the Membership. Alderman Lopez moved to approve the Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The report was thus adopted.

Chairman Ervin then addressed Item #2, a motion was made by Alderman Villegas to adopt the substitute ordinance (SO2021-364). Hearing no objection, the item was adopted. Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments. Chair recognized Alderman King, who requested the sponsor to give a brief overview and changes. Villegas responded, the changes that were recommended by the Mayor's office and presented to this body for approval, was the addition of hate crimes and restrictions upon persons and businesses who want to do business with the city and have been convicted of hate crimes, treason, sedition or other related offenses. King, can you speak to the section regarding ineligibility due to removal from office, admission of guilt, due to charges, those underlined. Villegas, this is all new language in this section, the rationale is that this behavior obstructs the operation and functioning of the whole government and hate crimes was added to that. King, is everything underlined new? Chairman, is it new to the ordinance or new to the substitute? Villegas, everything underlined was part of the original ordinance the only thing added was hate crimes.

Alderman Lopez and Vasquez thanked Ald. Villegas, Reilly and Mayor, and asked to be added as co-sponsors. Ald. Villegas and Reilly gave closing remarks and asked the body to support the substitute ordinance. Ald. King requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Ald. Taylor asked if someone is checking current contracts to see if any of those persons are currently working with the city. Chair, good question, we would have to get back, not sure if anyone that has such a conviction, if anyone actually has a contract now, I don't know if it would apply retroactively or not. Villegas responded, current contracts would not be applicable but once they ended they would be prohibited from participating further. Alderman Villegas and Reilly moved do pass Item No. 2 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed.

Chairman Ervin then addressed Item #3, a motion was made by Alderman Villegas to adopt the substitute resolution (SR2021-996). Hearing no objection, the item was adopted. Chairman Ervin then opened the floor to guest speaker, Judge William J. Haddad. Judge Haddad gave testimony and provided a joint written statement by the American Middle East Voters Alliance, The Arab American Business and Professional Association, the Arab American Bar Association and the MENA/Arab American Governmental Advisory Council on the resolution. Ald. Villegas, gave an overview of the substitute resolution and was open to any questions from the body. Chairman Ervin opened the floor to Council Members for comments/queries.

Ald. Cardona, voiced his support of the resolution. Chairman Ervin acknowledged a moved do by Ald. Villegas, Item No. 3 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed.

That concluded all such Committee questioning.

(A video recording of the full meeting with committee members, internal and external experts, as well as any/all public speaking content can be reviewed on the Chicago City Clerk website under Committee Meeting Web Stream Archive dated March 14th.)

The Committee on Contracting Oversight & Equity having no further business, on Motion made by Alderman Reilly, seconded by Burnett, and on the same Roll Call that established the Quorum, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Ervin', written over a horizontal line.

Jason Ervin, Chairman
Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity