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**MONTHLY REPORT — MARCH 2024**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the **Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development** (ECTD) submits the following Monthly Report.

On **Thursday, March 14, 2024**, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development held an in-person meeting.

Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Committee were present as determined during roll call, Alderpersons: Villegas (36), Mosley (21), La Spata (1), Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Tabares (23), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48). With sufficient members present, quorum was established.

Under Rule 59, Alderpersons Tabares and Napolitano requested that they be allowed to participate in the committee meeting remotely.

*Alderman Mitchell motioned to allow Ald. Tabares and Ald. Napolitano to participate remotely. The motion passed without objection.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. George Blakemore spoke on general matters.
2. Debbie A. McKnowns spoke regarding crime concerns in her neighborhood.

*Chairman Villegas noted that no written comments were received by the ECTD committee.*

## **APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT**

- Approval of the February 2024 Monthly Report

+There were no corrections or comments.

*Ald. Mitts motioned to approve the report. The motion passed without objection by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum.*

## **ITEMS 1-11**

Items 1-11 on the agenda were appointments and reappointments to various Special Service Areas that were heard and voted on collectively.

The following appointments/reappointments were considered:

- 1. A2024-0007825** Reappointment of Helen R. Bailey as member of Special Service Area No. 27, West Lakeview Commission
- 2. A2024-0007826** Appointment of Jennifer Hesser as member of Special Service Area No. 76, North Michigan Avenue Commission
- 3. A2024-0007827** Reappointment of Ric Porrez as member of Special Service Area No. 25, Little Village Commission
- 4. A2024-0007829** Appointment of Robert L. Taylor as member of Special Service Area No. 43, Devon Avenue Commission
- 5. A2024-0007830** Appointment of Angelica M. Marks as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 6. A2024-0007831** Appointment of James A. Nurss as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 7. A2024-0007832** Appointment of Mary J. Rogel as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 8. A2024-0007833** Appointment of George W. Rumsey as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 9. A2024-0007834** Appointment of Nancy H. Stanek as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 10. A2024-0007835** Appointment of Eric L. Thompson as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission
- 11. A2024-0007837** Appointment of George W. Robnett III as member of Special Service Area No. 61-2023, Hyde Park Commission

Chairman Villegas noted that Tim Jeffries, Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Planning and Development, was available to answer any questions.

- Chairman Villegas noted that the ECTD team had received indications of support or non-objection, for the appointments and reappointments, from the following City Council members associated with each Special Service Area:

Alderspersons Hopkins, Robinson, Yancy, Rodriguez, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Waguespack, Reilly, Lawson, Clay, Martin, Silverstein

- Chairman Villegas noted the appointees were unable to appear for today's meeting, but he supported their appointments/reappointments.
- Chairman Villegas asked Committee members if they would like to make a statement or ask any questions.
- Ald. La Spata spoke positively of the work that SSA's perform citywide.
- Ald. La Spata motioned to recommend approval of the appointments and reappointments.
- The items passed without objection by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum, and Chairman Villegas stated that the do-pass recommendations would be reported out at the following City Council meeting.
- Chairman Villegas congratulated the appointees and re-appointees.

## **ITEM 12**

Item 12 was an ordinance for a Class C tax incentive

### **12. O2024-0007879 Support of Class C Tax incentive for property at 1250 S Kilbourn Ave**

*William Grams, Financial Planning Analyst for the Dept. of Planning & Development, presented the development proposal for the property at 1250 S. Kilbourn Avenue.*

*Mr. Grams requested approval of the Class C ordinance, which would support the construction of a new meat processing facility and butcher shop. He noted that Ald. Scott provided a support letter for the project, which would support 75 full time jobs and create 25 new jobs.*

*Chairman Villegas confirmed that a letter of support was received from Alderwoman Scott.*

*Ald. Mitts stated that she wholeheartedly supported the project and that she was pleased with the investment at the chosen location.*

*Ald. Mitchell inquired about the MBE/WBE participation (Jake Heinz on behalf of Peoria Packing stated the company is very proactive in utilizing minority-owned and woman-owned businesses). Ald. Mitchell asked if the developer could keep Ald. Scott informed of MBE/WBE participation as the project moves along (yes).*

*Ald. Mitchell moved to pass the ordinance, and it passed, without objection, by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum.*

### **ITEM 13**

Item 13 was an ordinance for a Class L tax incentive

#### **13. O2024-0007878 Support of Class L Tax incentive for property at 1565-1589 N Milwaukee Ave**

*Dijana Cuvalo of the Dept. of Planning & Development spoke regarding the development project and recommended passage of the Class L tax incentive ordinance. The rehabilitation project will generate 43 temporary and 27 full-time permanent jobs. The Commission of Chicago Landmarks recommended approval of the Class L tax incentive.*

*Chairman Villegas noted that Ald. La Spata provided a letter of support for the project.*

*Ald. La Spata spoke in favor of the project and asked his colleagues to support passage of the ordinance.*

*Ald. Waguespack inquired about the tenants that would occupy the commercial spaces. He expressed concerns about previous tenants whose businesses (bars) attracted criminal activity in the past.*

*David Mann of the Flat Iron ownership group recognized previous challenges but noted that the previous problem tenants were no longer current tenants of the building. There will be a new mix of local and national tenants in the commercial spaces.*

*Ald. La Spata noted that the new ownership group has been more responsible and proactive in dealing with problem tenants.*

*Ald. Waguespack moved to pass the ordinance, and it passed, without objection, by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum.*

Item 14 was a Direct Introduction

#### **14. R2024-0008207 Resolution in Support of the Affordable Connectivity Program and Support for Continued Congressional Funding**

*Chairman Villegas described the resolution and its aim to support the Biden administration's efforts to convince the US Congress to re-fund the Affordable Connectivity Program. He noted that the number of Chicago families that benefit from the federally funded internet connectivity program was about 250,000.*

*Ald. Mitts moved to pass the resolution, and it passed, without objection, by the same roll call vote applied to determine quorum.*

*There being no further business, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to adjourn.*

*Ald. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gilbert Villegas', written in a cursive style.

Alderman Gilbert Villegas

Chairman

Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development