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## MONTHLY REPORT — FEBRUARY 2023

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the **Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development** submits the following Monthly Report for February 2023:

### COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON February 7, 2023

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development held an in-person meeting.

Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM CT.

### ROLL CALL

The following members of the Committee were present as determined during roll call, Aldermen: Villegas, Harris, Abarca, Curtis, Tabares, Scott, Reboyras, Mitts, Sposato, Vasquez, and Tunney. With 11 members present, quorum was established.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORTS

- Correction of November and December 2022 Monthly Reports
  - *Chairman Villegas noted that corrections were necessary for the November and December 2022 Monthly Reports as language previously stated that meetings were held in a “REMOTE” fashion. Since the meetings were held at City Hall, official corrections were needed.*
  - *Chairman Villegas also noted that all members of the Committee received copies of the November, December, and January Monthly Reports on February 6, 2023. He asked Committee members if there were any questions or comments regarding the reports.*
  - *As there were no hands raised, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to accept the 2022 November and December corrected Monthly Reports.*

- *Alderman Curtis so moved; it was so ordered.*
  - *Chairman Villegas then requested a motion to approve the 2022 November and December Monthly Reports by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum.*
    - *Alderman Curtis so moved; it was so ordered.*
- Approval of January 2023 Monthly Reports
  - *Chairman Villegas requested a motion to approve the 2023 January Monthly Report by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum.*
    - *Alderman Sawyer so moved; it was so ordered.*

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

There were 7 items on the Agenda for this meeting.

### **ITEMS 1-5**

Items 1-5 on the agenda were appointments and reappointments to various Special Service Areas that were heard and voted on collectively. They were:

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| <b>A2023-1</b> | Reappointment of James Ludwig as member of Special Service Area No. 17, North Halsted Commission     |
| <b>A2023-2</b> | Reappointment of Lori Parett as member of Special Service Area No. 64, Walden Parkway Commission     |
| <b>A2023-3</b> | Appointment of Jeremy Wright as member of Special Service Area No. 59, 59th Street Commission        |
| <b>A2023-5</b> | Reappointment of Kendra Boyd as member of Special Service Area No. 59, 59th Street Commission        |
| <b>A2023-4</b> | Reappointment of Lynette Wasielewski as member of Special Service Area No. 13, Stockyards Commission |

- *Chairman Villegas stated that since their introductions on February 1, 2023, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development received Substitute Letters from the Law Department correcting the original letters that were introduced.*
  - *Specifically, the Substitute Letters for A2023-3 and A2023-5 changed the language to reflect a new entity, SSA #59-2022, established at the start of 2023. SSA #59 expired on December 31, 2022.*
- *Chairman Villegas noted that Mark Roschen, Assistant Commissioner of the SSA Program at the Department of Planning and Development, would be available to answer any questions.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked Committee members if there were any questions.*
  - *Alderwoman Hadden asked to speak and was acknowledged.*

- Alderwoman Hadden asked to be added to the roll.
- Chairman Villegas asked his team to add Alderwoman Hadden to the roll.
- Chairman Villegas noted that the ECTD team had received support from the following City Council members associated with each Special Service Area:
  - Alderwoman Abarca
  - Alderman Tabares
  - Alderman Cappleman
  - Alderman Dowell
  - Alderman O'Shea
  - Alderman Burke
- Chairman Villegas stated that one reappointee could not appear virtually for the meeting, but he connected with them via phone and supported their reappointment.
- Chairman Villegas asked if any committee members or Council members wanted to make a statement or ask any questions.
  - Alderman Tunney asked to speak and was acknowledged.
    - Alderman Tunney asked that James Ludwig speak on his reappointment.
  - Mr. Ludwig asked to speak and was acknowledged.
    - Mr. Ludwig thanked Alderman Tunney for his support.
  - Alderman Tunney applauded Mr. Ludwig's work at the North Halsted SSA and noted the importance of the Halsted streetscape and its impact on the LGBTQ+ community.
    - Mr. Ludwig thanked Alderman Tunney.
- Alderman Tunney motioned to recommend approval of the appointments and reappointments by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum.
  - Chairman Villegas noted that as there were no objections, the motion passed and would be reported at the next City Council meeting.
- Chairman Villegas congratulated the appointees and reappointees and noted that they could leave the meeting or stay and watch their government at work.

## **ITEM 6**

Item 6 on the agenda was a resolution calling for the support of the administration of the Economic Census and partnerships maximizing Economic Census response rates.

**R2023-130**                      Call for support of administration of Economic Census and partnerships maximizing Economic Census response rates

## **RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC CENSUS**

- Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to hear the resolution.
  - Alderwoman Hadden so moved.
- Chairman Villegas noted some ground rules for this resolution and the subject matter hearing that followed. He asked that Committee members wait until the end of presentations for any comments or questions.
- Chairman Villegas introduced two representatives with the Economic Census Program Area at the U.S. Census Bureau.

- Charles Brandy
  - Kari Klinedinst
- *Mr. Brady presented on the matter.*
  - *Mr. Brady noted that the Economic Census is the most comprehensive data tool available. Mailing of the Economic Census started at the end of January and is crucial for insights. He requested the City's favorable support and appreciated the Committee's involvement.*
- *Ms. Klinedinst presented on the matter.*
  - *Ms. Klinedinst requested favorable support for the resolution and thanked the Committee for their time.*
- *Chairman Villegas thanked the presenters and asked the Committee members if there were any questions.*
  - *There being no questions, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to recommend passage of the Resolution by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum.*
  - *Alderman Reboyras so moved.*
  - *Chairman Villegas noted that passage would be reported out at the next City Council meeting.*

#### **TRECC SUBJECT MATTER HEARING (NO VOTE TAKEN)**

Item 7 on the agenda was a subject matter hearing within the Economic, Capital, and Technology Development's jurisdiction concerning matters which directly affect the economic and technological expansion and development of the City

- *Chairman Villegas noted that Item 7 dealt with matters which directly affect the economic and technological expansion and development of the City. Specifically, the hearing will discuss Trecc Human Service Centers and their efforts to "build a strong, resilient, and equitable economic recovery development through investments that support long-term growth and opportunity."*
- *Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to hold the subject matter hearing.*
  - *Alderman Tunney so moved.*
- *Chairman Villegas introduced the following individuals.*
  - *Dejuan Kea - Managing Partner at FBRK Brands*
  - *Leslie Martinez*
  - *Afrika Porter*
  - *Craig Wimberly*
- *Dejuan Kea presented on the matter.*
  - *Mr. Kea noted that a Trecc Human Service Center will be opened in Chicago later this year, specifically in the South Side. He then highlighted the positive impacts these centers could provide the City.*
- *Leslie Martinez presented on the matter.*
  - *Ms. Martinez highlighted Trecc's resources in technology, workforce development, and entrepreneurship.*
- *Afrika Porter presented on the matter.*

- *Ms. Porter noted and spoke on the lack of access to technology and real investment in workforce development in the City of Chicago.*
- *Craig Wimberly presented on the matter.*
  - *Mr. Wimberly spoke on the Coalition of African American Leaders and their support of the Trecc Human Service Center model. He additionally stressed the importance of closing the digital and technological divide.*
- *Mr. Kea thanked the presenters and made closing remarks.*
- *Chairman Villegas thanked the speakers and applauded Mr. Kea and his team for not quitting on this initiative. He added that the services discussed were much needed. Chairman Villegas asked Mr. Kea what the associated cost with a center was.*
  - *Mr. Kea thanked Chairman Villegas for the question and stated that the cost varies. The center on the South Side costs approximately \$36 million, of which 26% of the funding is from the company itself. Another center will be a conversion, and that project will cost around half.*
- *Chairman Villegas followed up and asked if the approach is to have the initiative self-funded or if they are seeking a private-public partnership.*
  - *Mr. Kea stated that they are seeking private-public partnerships. He added that each center will generate approximately \$18 million per year.*
- *Chairman Villegas thanked Mr. Kea and asked committee members if there were any questions.*
- *Since there were no questions, Chairman Villegas thanked Mr. Kea and the other participants for their time.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Abarca so moved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM CT.

The members of the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development in attendance included: Aldermen Villegas (36), Mitchell (7), Sawyer (6), Harris (8), Abarca (12), Curtis (18), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Vaquez (40), Tunney (44) and Hadden (49).

Non-members of the Committee in attendance included:  
Burke (14)

Respectfully submitted by  
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