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**COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND FIRE  
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
February, 2024**

*Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Police and Fire submits the following monthly report.*

***On Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:13 a.m., The Committee on Police and Fire called the meeting to order, pursuant to applicable law, the Chairman determined that remote participation was allowed in case of emergency, per the aldermen that requested. Accordingly, attendance at this meeting was in City Council Chambers, with some members participating virtually.***

**The following members were present:** Vice-Chairman Robinson (4), Hall (6), Lee (11), Curtis (18), Taylor (20), Mosley (21), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Knudsen (43), Silverstein (50), and Chairman Taliaferro (29).

**The following members were absent:** Clay (46).

**The following members participated by remote means:** Mitchell (7), Tabares (23), Napolitano (41), and Gardiner (45).

**The following additional Aldermen were present:** Martin (47).

Chairman Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 11:13 am. The Chairman Taliaferro instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The following members requested remote participation; Mitchell (7), Tabares (23), Napolitano (41), and Gardiner (45). The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderman Sposato. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak: Jessica Jackson, Mitchell Siegel, Maurilio Garcia, Loren Jones, and George Blakemore. Public speaking was concluded.

**Rule 45 Monthly Report for December, 2023**

Vice-Chairman Robinson moved to approve the Rule 45 Monthly Report for December 2023, there were no objections and the motion was ordered based on the affirmative vote of all members present for the roll call used to determine a quorum.



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**Item 1      O2023-0006424 - Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-84 by adding new Section 2-84-050 establishing comprehensive staffing analysis for Department of Police**

Chairman Chris Taliaferro indicated this item will be called second, after Item 2.

**Item 2      Subject Matter Hearing regarding the Independent Monitoring Report for 1/1/23-6/30/23: Eight Semi-Annual Independent Monitoring Report and Comprehensive Assessment Part 1 (Subject Matter Hearing Only- No Vote to be Taken on this Item)**

Chairman Chris Taliaferro introduced the item on the agenda and introduced the expert witnesses that will be providing testimony on the matter. The following witnesses were present; Jennifer K. Bagby, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Public Safety Reform Division of the City of Chicago Department of Law, Chief Angel Novalez, Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform of the Chicago Police Department, Andrea Kersten, Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, and Max Caproni, Executive Director of the Chicago Police Board. The Chairman opened the floor to the aldermen for questions and comments. The following alderpersons asked questions: Chairman Taliaferro, Alderwoman Taylor, Alderwoman Nugent, Alderman Ervin, Alderman Curtis, and Alderman Napolitano. Chairman Taliaferro thanked the witnesses for providing their testimony.

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Chairman Taliaferro re-introduced the item on the agenda. The Chairman introduced the chief sponsor of the ordinance, Alderman Martin. Alderman Martin indicated a substitute was submitted the day before with a minor change. Chairman Taliaferro asked for a motion to accept the substitute into the record. Alderwoman Nugent provided a motion to accept the substitute. There were no objections. The substitute was accepted into the record. The chief sponsor, Alderman Martin, gave a summary of the ordinance. The following members and non-members provided questions to the chief sponsor: Chairman Taliaferro and Alderman Ervin. Alderman Mosley requested approval of the item. Chairman Taliaferro called for a voice vote on the item. All in favor indicated 'ay.' All against would indicate 'nay.' Alderwoman Tabares and Alderman Sposato wished to be recorded as a 'nay' vote. The item passes. The item will be reported out for the February 14th, 2024, City Council meeting.



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***Item 3*      O2023-0005726 - Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-152-410 by modifying mandatory retirement age for police officers and firefighters**

Chairman Taliaferro introduced the item before the committee. The Chairman indicated that this item was a subject matter hearing only, indicating no vote would be taken. As the chief sponsor of the ordinance, the Chairman gave a summary of the item. The following witnesses provided testimony on the matter; Evan Haim, General Counsel of the Chicago Fire Department, Jamar L. Sullivan, Chief of Special Operations of the Chicago Police Department, Chief Angel Novalez, Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, and John Catanzara, President of the Fraternal Order of Police Union. The following members asked questions to the witnesses, Chairman Taliaferro. A five-minute recess was called to resolve a technical issue. The meeting was resumed. The following members continued questions and comments: Alderwoman Taylor, Alderman Sposato, Alderwoman Lee, Alderman Napolitano, Alderwoman Tabares, Alderman Curtis, a second round was granted to Alderman Sposato and Alderman Curtis. The Chairman thanked the witnesses for providing their testimony. Chairman Taliaferro indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cardona motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.