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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
December 2022

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 December 2022.

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

On December 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held an in-person meeting in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were present at the December 1, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), Hairston (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Lee (11), Moore (17), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Tunney (44), and Cappleman (46).

The following member(s) were not present at the December 1, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: King (4), Sawyer (6), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Mitts (37), and Osterman (48).

The following non-members were present at the December 1, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Cardona (31).

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

On December 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held an in-person meeting in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance: The following members were present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Hairston (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Lee (11), Moore (17), O’Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Tunney (44), and Cappleman (46).

The following member(s) were not present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Sawyer (6), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Curtis (18), Brookins (21), Ervin (28), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), and Osterman (48).

The following non-members were present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: La Spata (1), and Cardona (31).

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

On December 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan held an in-person meeting in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance: The following members were present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice Chair Martin (47), La Spata (1), Hairston (5), Rodriguez (22), Burnett (27), Cardona (31), Nugent (39), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were not present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Sadlowski-Garza (10), Ervin (28), Waguespack (32), and Knudsen (43).

The following non-members were present at the December 7, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Lee (11), Quinn (13), Curtis (18), Scott (24), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Cappleman (46), and Hadden (49).

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE NOVEMBER 16, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations for Year 2022. (O2022-3774)**

PASS COMMITTEE 12/7/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 12/14/22

- 2. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Michelle A. Harris (8th Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within the Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2022. (O2022-3773)**

PASS COMMITTEE 12/7/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 12/14/22

- 3. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for Department of Family and Support Services. (SO2022-3795)**

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 12/7/22

SUBSTITUTE PASS COMMITTEE 12/7/22

SUBSTITUTE PASS CITY COUNCIL 12/14/22

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ONLY, NO VOTES TAKEN

- 4. FY 2022 annual appropriation quarterly update (Third Quarter 2022) and the Foreign Fire Insurance Board's expenditures from the foreign fire insurance tax revenue**
- 5. Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan topic areas including: Environmental Justice Initiatives, and Community Climate Initiatives**

On December 1, 2022 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. Chairman Dowell recognized George Blakemore as the only speaker signed up to speak. Following Mr. Blakemore's remarks, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with the subject matter hearing for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board's expenditures from the foreign fire insurance tax revenue. Chairman Dowell recognized AIS Commissioner Sandra Blakemore, and Board Chairman Pat Cleary who provided an overview of the board's expenditures. Following their remarks, Alderman Ervin asked about having small contractors do the small renovations called for as part of the fire board's scheduled projects. AIS Commissioner Blakemore responded that it's a mixture of small contractors and in-house construction who will perform the work. Chairman Dowell then asked Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Redeatu Kassa to explain the change to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board's laws at the state level. Mr. Kassa explained the change to state law. Chairman Dowell then clarified the same information about the Foreign Fire Insurance Board will be available from AIS moving forward. Mr. Kassa confirmed that will be the case. Alderman Ervin asked how the funding for the board is collected. Mr. Kassa answered that the funding is collected by the City, but moving forward that could change if the board chooses to or they can collect it themselves. Alderman Ervin continued by asking about the makeup of the board. Mr. Kassa answered that there isn't any change to that part of the law. Mr. Haim agreed with Mr. Kassa's interpretation of the new law.

Chairman Dowell then moved to the subject matter hearing on the FY 2022 annual appropriation quarterly update (Third Quarter 2022). Budget Director Susie Park delivered her prepared remarks. After the conclusion of her remarks, Alderman Burnett asked about property tax bill impact. Director Park answered that the city has been advancing funds to the pensions so these bills will allow the pension funds to catch up to expected funding. CFO Jennie Bennett added that the collections will be the same regardless of when the bills were sent out, and that the amount we receive is the same because the City

institute's a fixed rate. Alderman Burnett then asked about taxing bodies that tax based on EAV. CFO Bennett answered that CPS is the only taxing body she knows that taxes on EAV. Alderman Rodriguez asked about total spending by department. Director Park answered that it's a timing issue of when the departments get paid which drives the increase in percentage of spending. Alderman Rodriguez asked about the extra income for the City, and the areas driving the revenues. Director Park answered the PPRT, transaction tax, sales tax, and other sources are increasing City revenues. Alderman Rodriguez concluded by asking about debt service and if the delay in issuing tax bills affected our payments. CFO Bennett responded that it has not so far. Alderman Cappleman asked for more information on the real estate transfer tax, and the vacancy rate for downtown office buildings. CFO Bennett answered that they are focused on how Chicago is making it through the recovery and protecting fragile areas of our economy/tax base.

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 Reboyras moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

On December 7, 2022 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 September, October and November 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Reboyras moved to accept the Rule 45 Reports. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with item number 1 on the agenda, an ordinance, introduced by Alderman Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations for Year 2022. (O2022-3774). Alderman Harris moved do pass on item No. 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, item 1 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 2 on the agenda, An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Michelle A. Harris (8th Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within the Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2022. (O2022-3773). Alderman Lee moved do pass on item No. 2 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, item 2 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 3 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for Department of Family and Support Services (O2022-3795). Alderman Rodriguez moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute under consideration, Chairman Dowell recognized Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn who provided an overview of the substitute ordinance. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's remarks, Alderman Harris asked for information electronically. Alderman Harris moved do pass on item No. 3 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, item 3 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

On December 7, 2022 Chairman Dowell called the subcommittee 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. Chairman Dowell mentioned written public comment that was submitted.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting by introducing the topics for discussion during the subcommittee meeting and recognized Daniella Pereira, Vice President of Community Conservation from Openlands as the first panelist to discuss Environmental Justice Initiatives as part of the Chicago Recovery Plan. Following Ms. Pereira, Gina Ramirez, Board President of the Southeast Environmental Task Force delivered her prepared statement. Naomi Davis, Founder/President of Blacks in Green spoke about her organization's environmental justice initiatives, followed by Jon Sack, National Resources Defense Council's Midwest Government Affairs Director who spoke about community climate initiatives and Chelsey Grassfield, Policy Manager from Friend of the Chicago River who gave her remarks close out the panelist opening statements. Budget Director Susie Park was then recognized by Chairman Dowell to give her update on Chicago Recovery Plan spending. CDPH Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady was next to deliver her prepared remarks on environmental remediation, air quality and other environmental initiatives. AIS Commissioner Sandra Blakemore introduced the City's automobile electrification effort. DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox talked grants and infrastructure projects that transition the City to a green economy. DoH Commissioner Marissa Novara discussed reducing carbon emissions from buildings. CPD Commissioner Cox continued by discussing the Neighborhood Power project. Chief Sustainability Officer Angela Tovar talked about the equitable tree canopy initiative. DWM First Deputy Commissioner Joel Vieyra introduced the Space to Grow program. CDPH Commissioner Arwady then discussed data collection and environmental hazard reduction. At the conclusion of the presentations, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from subcommittee members and non-members. Vice Chairman Martin asked about how many libraries are left to be selected for solar panel installation. AIS Commissioner Blakemore that all the libraries have been selected and focused on the Invest S/W corridor for selected. Vice Chairman Martin then asked about the Space to Grow program selection. First Deputy Commissioner Vieyra discussed the process for selection, and that the 2023 schools have not been selected. Vice Chairman also inquired about the City's electrification effort. CDOT Commissioner Biagi responded how they are prioritizing projects and how they are integrating the previous analysis performed. AIS Commissioner Blakemore continued answering they are focusing on Invest S/W communities especially for light duty vehicles. Finally, Vice Chairman Martin asked about building decarbonization efforts. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar responded that they have released a decarbonization footprint, are looking at other cities to learn best practices, and implementing them in various pilots to move decarbonization forward. Chairman Dowell asked about the tier structure for the Space to Grow program. First Deputy Commissioner Vieyra described the tiered system in relation to flooding, and how they equitably roll the program out in the community. Alderman Rodriguez stated he is interested in the process to select schools as part of the Space to Grow program, and the equitable planting of trees by community area. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar answered how they distributed the new trees. Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation Cole Stallard added how his department is getting through the backlog of tree plantings. Alderman Rodriguez then asked where the City was with the study on reestablishing the Department of the Environment. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar answered that they were meeting with consultants and establishing benchmarks for the study. Alderman Hairston

asked about the consultants for the DoE study, how the City determines the priority area for trees, flooding, and building decarbonization. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar responded they partnered with CDPH through the Tree Site Selection Pool to show where trees are needed. DSS Commissioner Stallard followed up by adding information about coordination with the park district. DoH Commissioner Novara responded how their building modernization effort meets working class homeowners through different programs offered by the City and its delegate agencies. Chairman Dowell followed about minority contractors for the retrofit program. DoH Commissioner Novara answered they are putting out information early in 2023 in order to get better responses for contractors especially BIPOC. Alderman La Spata thanked the City for new trees in his ward, then asked about the allocations for initiatives outside of the tree planting work. Director Park answered about \$8 million. Alderman La Spata continued by asking about water infrastructure conflicts with trees, and what decarbonization looks like in single family homes. DSS Commissioner Stallard responded that they coordinate with other departments to eliminate any conflicts with existing infrastructure. First Deputy Commissioner Vieyra continued by responding they don't take tree removals lightly, but there are some instances where they have no choice but to remove the tree. DoH Commissioner Novara answered that they are looking to do insulation, heat pumps and other improvements as part of the decarbonization efforts for single family homes. Alderman Villegas inquired about who is going to run the multifamily decarbonization efforts, and the City's commitment to minority/union contractors. DoH Commissioner Novara responded they will roll some of those funds into existing development team deals, for single family they will do an RFP for teams of contractors. Alderman Curtis asked about types of trees that can be planted, and how Invest S/W corridors were determined and if they can be revised. DPD Commissioner Cox answered they were determined by data collected in 2019, and that the City has funding available citywide for areas not included in Invest S/W. Alderman Curtis continued by asking about if the retrofits were income based, and where the city vehicle electrification program charging stations will be located. DoH Commissioner Novara responded yes they are income based but they don't know how much each house will cost. AIS Commissioner Blakemore confirmed the stations will be placed citywide. Alderman Moore asked about the application process for the retrofit program. DoH Senior Recovery Team Program Manager Matt Stern answered the program guidelines are not set, but they expect there will be income and equity guidelines. Alderman Hairston added there should be ethics guidelines for the retrofit application program.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the subcommittee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Hairston moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



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