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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
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**Date:** July 17, 2022

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

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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 June 2022.

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

On June 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Attendance:**

The following members were virtually present at the June 15, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Lee (11), Quinn (13), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Tabares (23), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the June 15, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), Cardenas (12), Moore (17), Brookins (21), Rodriguez (22), Taliaferro (29), and Cappleman (46).

The following non-members were virtually present at the June 15, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Beale (9), Sigcho-Lopez (25) and Cardona (31).



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

On June 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Attendance:**

The following members were virtually present at the June 16, 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), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Rodriguez (22), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Nugent (39), Smith (43), Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the June 16, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: None.

The following non-members were virtually present at the June 16, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: King (4), Sawyer (6), Lee (11), Quinn (13), Burke (14), Curtis (18), Brookins (21), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Reboyras (30), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Austin (34), Villegas (36), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), and Tunney (44).

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

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE MAY 23, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for the Office of Budget and Management, Department of Housing, Department of Public Health, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. (SO2022-1639)**

**SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 6/15/22  
SUBSTITUTE PASS COMMITTEE 6/15/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 6/22/22**



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## **SUBJECT MATTER HEARINGS ONLY, NO VOTES TAKEN**

### **2. Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Subject Matter Hearing - Small Business and Workforce Support, and Assistance to Families.**

On June 15, 2022 Chairman Dowell 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 declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video conference. 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 individuals signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell called for approval of the May 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Austin moved to approve the Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with Item Number 1 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for the Office of Budget and Management, Department of Housing, Department of Public Health, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. (SO2022-1639). Alderman Mitts moved to accept the substitute for Item Number 1. With no objections, the substitute ordinance was accepted in committee. Chairman Dowell then recognized Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn to explain the ordinance. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's remarks, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from committee members and non-members. Seeing no questions, Alderman Austin moved do pass Item No. 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Waguespack moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am



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On June 15, 2022 Chairman Dowell called the virtual subcommittee 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 declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video conference. 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 individuals signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell then turned the meeting over to Alderman Martin to introduce the meeting. Alderman Martin recognized Yvette Trevino from the Little Village Chamber of Commerce to deliver her introductory remarks. Rhonda McFarland from the Quad Communities Development Corporation was next to deliver her remarks. Following Ms. McFarland, Vanessa Stokes from SSA 72 and the West Side Health Authority delivered her remarks. Harish Patel, the Director of Economic Security for Illinois followed Ms. Stokes. After Mr. Patel, was Arturo Carrillo from the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. Last, the subcommittee heard from Kyrsten Emanuel from Start Early. Budget Director Park was then recognized to deliver her presentation on Chicago Recovery Plan spending. Next, Department of Planning and Development Commissioner Maurice Cox gave his presentation. Then, Department of Family and Support Services Director Brandie Knazze delivered her prepared remarks. Last, Department of Water Managing Deputy Commissioner Matt Quinn delivered his presentation. After the conclusion of all of the presentations, Alderman Martin opened up the meeting for questions from members and non members.

Chairman Dowell asked Managing Deputy Commissioner Quinn about DWM outreach efforts, and DFSS Commissioner Knazze about support services for families that receive cash support. Mr. Quinn listed the methods of outreach including social media. DFSS Commissioner Knazze stated that support assistance isn't mandated, but they have put together a page listing resources, and how to have recipients engage with the 6 community service senders. Chairman Dowell continued by asking where the Bronzeville Pop site is, and how the lottery was conducted for cash assistance. DPD Commissioner Cox responded that it's at Overton School. DFSS Commissioner Knazze explained how the applicants were ranked by hardship and then a random lottery was performed. Alderman Hairston asked who is running the rent relief program, and how to engage individuals who either don't have internet access or have low internet speeds. DFSS Commissioner Knazze responded they run the rental assistance program, but that's not the rent relief program, that program is run by All Chicago. DFSS Commissioner Knazze continued by explaining how they are engaging hard to reach individuals. Alderman LaSpata asked about the storefront reactivation program. DPD Commissioner Cox stated the program targets vacant commercial property along the corridors with marketing, clean up and pop ups. DPD Director Nina Idemudia



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continued stated they have not created the application at this time and how they begin to score projects. Alderman LaSpata then asked about other pots of funds for other commercial properties. DPD Commissioner Cox responded that there other resources to make tactical business decisions. Alderman LaSpata concluded asking about the demographics around the cash pilot program. DFSS Commissioner answered they don't have demographics for the control group. Chairman Dowell asked about long term programs for commercial corridors. DPD Commissioner Cox answered they are looking to pilots to see what is effective, and what is in the budget that they can use to program for commercial corridors. Alderman Austin asked about weatherization services, and how the City is addressing vacant schools for housing. DFSS Commissioner Knazze stated weatherization is run by CEDA. DPD Commissioner Cox responded they have looked at activating portions of vacant schools because getting funding to utilize the entire school is difficult. Alderman Austin asked if the commercial corridor program participants need to be vacant, and if they have an overlay for their new projects with the Department of Transportation. DPD Director Idemudia stated that there is still negotiations and determinations to be done with the Treasury on what will qualify, but they are leaning towards properties being vacant. DWM Managing Deputy Commissioner Quinn stated they are constantly in communication with CDOT, but they can't control where breaks and leaks occur. Alderman Curtis complimented the private drain program and asked who the contact person is for the program, and who is the point of contact for the Chicago Recovery Plan grants for restaurants. DWM Managing Deputy Commissioner Quinn responded he is not the contact person but can provide the contact information. DPD Commissioner Cox answered that they can discuss applicants that may not have been successful to see what the department can do to assist them in improving their application. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez inquired about water meters and water debt updates. DWM Managing Deputy Commissioner Quinn responded that meter save is back up and running, and on billing they are working with Finance to verify that equipment is working properly and if there are leaks, and then Finance can help residents with the Utility Billing Relief program. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez continued asking about the rapid rehousing program, and shelters/SROs. DFSS Commissioner Knazze responded they got \$35 million in ARP, used to house 1,700 households for 1-2 years, and \$20 million in Chicago Recovery Plan for accelerated rehousing, but they are having staffing challenges and challenges engaging landlords, and need more permanent housing. On shelters, DFSS will be coming back to the subcommittee on shelters and SROs, using the \$20 million in funding newly allocated for this purpose. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez then asked about food insecurity, and infrastructure projects for youth. DFSS Commissioner Knazze answered they partner with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, then they also do delivered meals for seniors, 49 congregate dining facilities for older adults, and food boxes for older adults. DPD Commissioner Cox responded since the RFPs come from the community, they are seeing the full range of responses, for things like fitness, garden space, day markets, container stores, etc. Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez asked about the City's partnership with All Chicago, and has the City worked with CHA on the homeless funding. DFSS Commissioner Knazze responded that



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All Chicago is their delegate agency, and All Chicago is the administrator of the program. The City has monthly calls with All Chicago to review their operations, ensure funding is there, and review All Chicago's plan for the entire summer. DFSS Commissioner Knazze said they will get prepared for the CHA during the next subcommittee hearing. Alderman Martin asked about the total number of pop locations planned, and how state and federal supports are available for the 211 responders to tell residents about. DPD Commissioner Cox stated they have funding for 10 and Deputy Commissioner Mary O'Connor is the point person for that program. DFSS Commissioner Knazze said it will be part of the 211 call taker training, and that they monitor the existence of programs run by other governments. Alderman Hairston asked about All Chicago. DFSS Commissioner Knazze said yes for rapid rehousing, and the continuum of care. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez inquired about digital literacy. DFSS Commissioner Knazze stated they offer digital literacy classes for seniors, youth and MOPD. For well being checks they post on social media and signs out/press for senior heat safety, the drivers do well being checks when they do checks, HOP team do checks, and the community service centers are open. Lauren Berdette, Deputy to the Chief Equity Officer added they are launching the Chicago Digital Equity initiative to expand access to digital connectivity and literacy.

Alderman Martin stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Chairman Dowell moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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