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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
MAY 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 May 2022.

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

On May 18, 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 May 18, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Vacant (11), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the May 18, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Brookins (21).

The following non-members were virtually present at the May 18, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Burke (14), Lopez (15), and Sigcho-Lopez (25).



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

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

1. An ordinance concerning an amendment of Neighborhood Opportunity Fund redevelopment agreement with Ogden Washtenaw JV LLC, for the property located at 2652 W. Ogden Ave. in the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward (O2022-887)

HELD IN COMMITTEE 4/20/22

PASS COMMITTEE 5/18/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/23/22

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE APRIL 27, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2. An ordinance concerning the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Bubbly Dynamics LLC, including the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant and Build Community Wealth Bonuses, at 1400 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St. in the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward (O2022-1286)

PASS COMMITTEE 5/18/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/23/22

3. A resolution, Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 amendment within Fund No. 925 for Department of Family and Support Services, Office of Public Safety Administration and Department of Water (SO2022-1272)

SUBSTITUTE IN COMMITTEE 5/18/22

SUBSTITTUTE PASS COMMITTEE 5/18/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/23/22

5. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Gilbert Villegas (36<sup>th</sup> Ward), concerning the transfer of funds for Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 (O2022-1227)

PASS COMMITTEE 5/18/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/23/22



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## **DIRECT INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE MAY 18, 2022 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **4. An ordinance amending Title 11 of the Municipal Code regarding Voluntary Water Meter Installation Program (O2022-1319)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 5/18/22**  
**PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/23/22**

## **SUBJECT MATTER HEARING – NO VOTES TAKEN**

### **6. Quarterly Budget update on 2021 Year End estimates and First Quarter 2022 presented by Budget Director Susie Park of the Office of Budget and Management**

On May 18, 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.

Chairman Dowell called for approval of the April 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman O'Shea 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, an ordinance concerning an amendment of Neighborhood Opportunity Fund redevelopment agreement with Ogden Washtenaw JV LLC, for the property located at 2652 W. Ogden Ave. in the 28th Ward (O2022-887). Robert Bumpers from the Department of Planning was recognized to discuss the ordinance. Following Mr. Bumpers presentation, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting to questions from members and non-members. Alderman Ervin described how the project fits into the greater Lawndale development plan. Alderman Mitts 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 Monday, May 23, 2022.



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Chairman Dowell then moved to Item Number 2 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Bubbly Dynamics LLC, including the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant and Build Community Wealth Bonuses, at 1400 W. 46th St. in the 15th Ward (O2022-1286). Chairman Dowell recognized Emmett Morrissey from the Department of Planning to explain the ordinance. Alderman Tunney asked about the history of the property. John Edel, the owner of the property, discussed history of the property and its current uses. Alderman Austin moved do pass Item No. 2 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 Monday, May 23, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to Item Number 3 on the agenda, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 amendment within Fund No. 925 for Department of Family and Support Services, Office of Public Safety Administration and Department of Water (SO2022-1272). Alderman Austin moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the ordinance before the committee, Chairman Dowell recognized Deputy Budget Director LaToya Vaughn to introduce the ordinance. At the conclusion of Ms. Vaughn's remarks, Alderman Hairston asked about visits to the MyChiMyFuture website. Ms. Vaughn responded that the count is number of visitors, and they can't estimate metrics once individuals visit the site. Chairman Dowell announced she will hold the item until the end of the meeting until someone from DFSS joins the meeting to answer questions regarding MyChiMyFuture website metrics.

Chairman Dowell moved to Item Number 4 on the agenda, an ordinance amending Title 11 of the Municipal Code regarding Voluntary Water Meter Installation Program (O2022-1319) and recognized Department of Water Management Commissioner Andrea Cheng to discuss the ordinance. Alderman Reboyras asked about lead service line and water meter installation. Commissioner Cheng explained that lead issues aren't related to the meter, but the disturbed lead particles when cutting into the lines during meter installation. Alderman Austin asked about installing meters in existing homes. Commissioner Cheng stated new construction meters are required, for existing homes residents should get meters installed for the cost savings. Alderman Villegas asked about the waiting list, who is performing the construction work, and what the plan is for the program after 2023. Commissioner Cheng clarified the number of people on the wait list, that it's the same crew as before the pause supplemented by City crews, and that after 2023 they will have to do this work in conjunction with the lead service line replacement program. Alderman Villegas continued asking about the budgetary impact of meter replacement. Commissioner Cheng answered that the number of non-metered accounts is very small and will have a very small impact on the budget. Alderman Curtis stated people will need to be metered in the long run anyway. Alderman Sposato asked how long it will take to get 11,000 meters installed. Commissioner Cheng stated they will be doing the work through December 31<sup>st</sup> regardless of how many



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they can do. Alderman Osterman asked what happens to the accounts that aren't finished by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Cheng stated they will try and prioritize non-metered accounts in conjunction with lead service line replacement. Alderman Villegas asked about a waiver for this program. Commissioner Cheng answered that this is the waiver period. Alderman Sadlowski-Garza asked about the waitlist. Commissioner Cheng responded that they have a list and DWM will do outreach to participants on the list to try and get residents to participate in the program. Alderman Sawyer moved do pass Item No. 4 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 Monday, May 23, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved back to Item Number 3 on the agenda, the item for the Fund No. 925 ordinance. Raymond Barrett from the Department of Family and Support Services joined the meeting to provide clarification on the question about metrics for the MyChiMyFuture website. He reiterated they can't measure what happens when people visit the website, and clarified some of the highlights resulting from participation in the MyChiMyFuture program. Alderman Hairston continued to ask for specific metrics regarding the program or the website. Alderman Tunney moved do pass Item No. 3 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed – with Aldermen Hairston and Austin being recorded as a no votes on the item – and the item was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Chairman Dowell introduced Item 5 on the agenda, an ordinance, introduced by Alderman Gilbert Villegas (36th Ward), concerning the transfer of funds for Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 (O2022-1227). Alderman Villegas was recognized to explain the ordinance. Alderman Austin moved do pass Item No. 5 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 Monday, May 23, 2022.

Chairman Dowell announced that the committee would begin the subject matter hearing portion of the meeting, concerning a Quarterly Budget update on 2021 Year End estimates and First Quarter 2022 presented by Budget Director Susie Park of the Office of Budget and Management. Following Budget Director Park's presentation, Alderman Villegas clarified his request for item 5 on the agenda. Alderman Tunney inquired about the performance of certain taxes. Budget Director Park responded that hotel tax, and other entertainment taxes, are starting to recover and showing some positive year-end results. Alderman Tunney continued by asking for clarification for McCormick Place debt payments. CFO Jennie Bennett explained that there a shortfall in the contribution of the Illinois Sports Facility bond, and that these numbers are representative of actual collection versus budgeted



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amounts, not necessarily from year-over-year and that sales taxes are historic highs. Alderman Ervin asked how the City finished the year, and the City's unrestricted fund balance. Budget Director Park responded the City is about \$240 million over budget, and there is only a small potential remainder for expenditures. Comptroller Reshma Soni answered they are working on establishing full year end numbers for the uncommitted balance right now. CFO Bennett continued that the City always tries to have a healthy uncommitted fund balance, which is important for the City to demonstrate our financial health, and that last year's unrestricted fund balance was \$197 million, total reserves are approximately \$900 million. Comptroller Soni explained the designation of restricted vs. unrestricted funds. Alderman Ervin finished by saying the City needs to increase its reserves to better account for City operations should negative revenue events occur. Alderman Cardenas asked when the City's books are closed fully, and how the City is protecting itself from future negative events. Comptroller Soni responded that it's completed by the beginning of July. Budget Director Park added that the City is not counting on these one-time funds, and there are structural changes they are going through to protect the budget. Alderman Cappleman asked about the delay in payments to delegate agencies. Comptroller Soni responded that they are separate accounts so there is no overlap or delays caused by other programmatic spending, and they are implementing programs to pay faster, but sometimes it's an issue with the delegate agency's application or budget revisions for non-for-profits. Chairman Dowell asked about the structural solutions they are looking to implement. Budget Director Park responded that new property, contractual savings, etc. that the City is counting on to reduce the deficit. Alderman Scott asked about accounts that are not meeting budget. Budget Director Park answered fines and fees, leases and land sales are the primary underperforming accounts.

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 Harris moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Dowell, Chairman  
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations