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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
DECEMBER 2019**

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 2019.

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

On December 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**Attendance:**

The following members were present at the December 3, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Thompson (11), Quinn (13), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Reboyras (30), Villegas (36), and Napolitano (41).

The following members were absent at the December 3, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Vice-Chairman Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Cardenas (12), Curtis (18), Brookins (21), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following non-members were present at the December 3, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Lopez (15).

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

The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **November 20, 2019:**

2. **An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Carrie Austin – 34th Ward, approving the transfer of funds within the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity for Year 2019. (O2019-9097)**

Chairman Dowell explained the ordinance is for the transfer of \$25,000 from personnel services to contractual services. Chairman Dowell recognized there were no witnesses who signed up to speak on the item. Motion made Alderman Villegas on item number 1, which passed by a voice vote.

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3. **A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Matt O'Shea – 19th Ward, amending Municipal Code Section 2-8-050 to allow use of aldermanic expense allowance funds for hosting of paper shredding or recycling event. (SO2019-9121)**

Motion to accept the substitute ordinance was made by Alderman Reboyras. The substitute ordinance was accepted in Committee. Chairman Dowell introduced Scott Spears from the Law Department, who explained the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Alderman O'Shea first spoke and explained the ordinance is to allow use of aldermanic funds for paper shredding and recycling events and to be able to utilize funds to continue to offer these programs to his community. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Tabares and Alderman Tabares asked when the ordinance would take effect. Scott Spears explained that with the substitute, it would be effective September 1, 2019. Alderman Tabares asked if there was a limit on events and is it just available to what is in their expense account. Scott Spears answered it is available to the funds that you have on hand. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Quinn explained these events are popular in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward as well. Alderman Quinn asked a question about the additional money that is going to be in the aldermanic expense account and how it would impact Shakman. He further asked for guidance from Law and from the Committee as to what Aldermen can do with that additional money. Chairman Dowell announced that there will be briefings held by the Budget Director and the Comptroller on how the money can be used. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Reboyras who questioned the difference between the ordinance and the substitute ordinance. Scott Spears clarified the only difference is the effective date, from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Thompson who asked what was the cost for electronics recycling events and Alderman O'Shea responded it can vary from \$1,500 to a couple thousand dollars per event. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Napolitano who thanked Chairman Dowell for hearing this item and complimented Alderman O'Shea because he explained these events are an amenity to a ward. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Scott who asked if the ordinance previously introduced by Alderman Quinn allowing motorized vehicles, like lawnmowers and snow blowers, was ever approved.

Alderman Quinn confirmed that the ordinance previously passed. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Lopez who asked if a different section in the ordinance already covered shredd-a-thons. Scott Spears explained the section identified by Alderman Lopez (23-2) is geared more toward not so much a service like shredding or computer recycling but addressing dangerous conditions in the ward that need to be handled on an emergency basis. Alderman Lopez further asked if the city is already providing electronic recycling, as they do at the 6 of the sanitation districts on an every other month basis, and does this have to be put in writing to get permission to do that. Scott Spears explained in this case the clarification is important just to avoid a situation where this could be considered a prohibited gift or donation and that this ordinance clarifies these shredding events are not that sort of prohibited gift or donation. Chairman Dowell suggested Alderman Lopez meet with Law Department after the meeting for further clarification on the question and explained that she was not aware the City having shredding events, but knew only of places where constituents may drop off paper, batteries and those kinds of things. Chairman Dowell acknowledged there were no witnesses signed up to speak. Motion made by Alderman Rodriguez on item number 2, which passed by a voice vote.

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The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on a motion made by Alderman Rodriguez, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**



**Pat Dowell**

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