

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
June 2022**

On June 16, 2022, at 10:03 am, the Committee on Finance held a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The following members were present: Hopkins, Dowell, King, Sawyer, Mitchell, Beale, Sadlowski-Garza, Lee, Cardenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Moore, Curtis, O’Shea, Brookins, Tabares, Scott, Ervin, Reboyras, Austin, Villegas, Mitts, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Vice Chairwoman Hairston, and Chairman Waguespack.

The following members were absent: Harris, Burnett, Taliaferro, Sposato, and Silverstein.

Chairman Waguespack opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability of meeting in person. Chairman Waguespack took a roll call to establish a quorum, as reflected above.

Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Chairman Waguespack opened a hearing regarding a plan of finance to issue multi-family housing revenue notes for the Westhaven Park IID project. Chairman Waguespack read the legal notice and introduced it into the record as Exhibit 1. Chairman Waguespack opened the floor for written and oral public comment. There was none.

Chairman Waguespack closed the hearing at 10:12 am.

On June 16, 2022, at 10:13 am, the Committee on Finance held a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The following members were present: Hopkins, Dowell, King, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski-Garza, Lee, Cardenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Moore, Curtis, O’Shea, Brookins, Tabares, Burnett, Ervin, Reboyras, Austin, Villegas, Mitts, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Osterman, Silverstein, Vice Chairwoman Hairston, and Chairman Waguespack.

The following members were absent: Taliaferro and Sposato.

The following other alderpersons were present: LaSpata, Coleman, and Rodriguez.

Chairman Waguespack opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability of meeting in person. Chairman Waguespack took a roll call to establish a quorum, as reflected above.

Chairman Waguespack opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

1. Approval of Rule 45 Report of the previous meeting of the Committee on Finance.

Chairman Waguespack opened the floor for corrections. There were none.

On Item 1, Ald. Lopez moved do pass by the roll call taken to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack went out of order to Item 5.

5. SO2022-1771 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to enter into and execute a Redevelopment Agreement with WHP-IID LLC, WHP-IID Manager LLC, Brinshore PI LLC, and Michaels Chicago Holding Company 2 to provide lending, tax, use covenants and tax increment financing (TIF) funds for development of Westhaven Park IID residential housing located at 145 North Damen Ave and 1951-1959 West Lake Street, in the 27th Ward. Bonds: Up to \$30,000,000 TIF: Up to \$10,000,000

Ald. Reboyras moved to accept the substitute ordinance by the roll call taken to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack invited Joseph Lewis with the Department of Housing to explain the ordinance, which he did.

Ald. Villegas asked if there was any consideration given to settling some units aside for veterans. Lewis said he would provide an answer through the Chair.

Ald. Moore asked clarifying questions about the number of units and their funding structures, and Lewis provided the information. Ald. Moore asked about units throughout the entire development, and Lewis said he would provide the information through the Chair. Ald. Moore spoke favorably about the developer.

On Item 5, Ald. Moore moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack returned to the regular order of business.

2. SO2022-1216 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance amending sections of Municipal Code Titles 2 and 3 regarding death benefits available to first responders in the event of suicide.

Ald. Lopez moved to accept the substitute ordinance by the roll call taken to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack invited Ald. O'Shea, Jennifer McGowan-Tomke with NAMI Chicago, and Michael Howlett with the Legislative Reference Bureau, to explain the item, which they did.

Ald. Moore expressed support for the ordinance and asked if it would cover a murder-suicide situation. Howlett said it would depend on the specific facts.

Ald. Napolitano asked if the ordinance reaches back to cover past suicides, and Committee Chief of Staff Anne Emerson said it reaches back to 2018.

Ald. Ervin asked about the fiscal impact of the ordinance. Emerson said it depends on various factors like family size. Ald. Ervin asked if there was an estimate regarding cases dating back to 2018, and Emerson said it was roughly \$4 million. Ald. Ervin asked if there was an estimated average cost per case, and Chairman Waguespack said it would depend on the size of the family.

Ald. Ervin asked how long the trusts last, and Emerson provided the information. Ald. Ervin spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Hopkins spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Lopez blamed officer suicides on officers not being respected by elected officials. Ald. Lopez said line-of-duty death benefits should also be extended to city employees who died of COVID-19.

On Item 2, Ald. O'Shea moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

After some audio issues, Ald. Burke said line-of-duty death benefits should be expanded to police officers and firefighters who died of COVID-19. Ald. Burke urged that more gender neutral language be used in the ordinance. Ald. Burke asked about some of the definitions in the ordinance. Howlett noted that the non-gender neutral language was used to correlate with state statute.

Ald. Hopkins asked if any drafting errors could be corrected without ordinance. Howlett said a follow-up amendment could be done. Chairman Waguespack noted that the item had already been passed by the Committee.

3. O2022-1611 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance amending Municipal Code Section 3-56-041 concerning reduced-term wheel tax licenses

Chairman Waguespack invited City Clerk Anna Valencia to explain the item, which she did.

On Item 3, Ald. Ervin moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack went out of order to Item 6.

6. O2022-1707 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to issue multi-family housing revenue bonds to C40 Preservation Associates Limited Partnership for construction of affordable housing located at 209 South Kedzie Ave/3137-3157 West 5th Ave, in the 28th Ward. Amount: \$21,000,000

Chairman Waguespack invited Dinah Wayne from the Department of Housing to explain the ordinance, which she did.

Ald. Ervin expressed support for the ordinance.

On Item 6, Ald. King moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Ald. Beale asked when the Committee would move to Item 4. Chairman Waguespack said a few other items needed to be addressed first and moved to Item 7.

7. O2022-1708 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to issue affordable housing bonds to Greater Southwest Development Corporation for the construction of affordable Supportive Living Facility Churchview located at 2626 West 63rd Street, located in the 16th Ward. Amount: \$14,000,000

Chairman Waguespack invited Michelle Penar with the Department of Housing to explain the ordinance, which she did.

Ald. Coleman spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Cardenas spoke in support of the ordinance and asked for a status update on a potential project in his ward.

On Item 7, Ald. Villegas moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. SO2022-1706 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to amend the master intergovernmental agreement with the Public Building Commission of Chicago regarding use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for various projects.

Ald. Cardenas moved to accept the substitute ordinance by the roll call taken to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Waguespack invited Assets and Information Services Acting Commissioner Sandra Blakemore to explain the item, which she did.

On Item 8, Ald. Mitchell moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. O2022-1765 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority to provide tax-increment financing (TIF) funds for infrastructure repairs to the 43rd Street Green Line station located in the 3rd Ward. Amount: \$1,983,938

Chairman Waguespack invited Sam Smith with the Chicago Transit Authority to explain the item, which he did.

Ald. Osterman asked clarifying questions about costs and funding streams, and William Mooney with the Chicago Transit Authority provided the information. Ald. Dowell added information about Transit Oriented Development being constructed adjacent to the station.

On Item 9, Ald. Osterman moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. O2022-1767 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority to provide tax-increment financing (TIF) funds for infrastructure repairs to the Blue

Line (Forest Park Branch) between Damen Ave and Ashland Ave in the 25th, 27th and 28th Wards.
Amount: \$21,560,000

Chairman Waguespack invited Sam Smith with the Chicago Transit Authority to explain the item, which he did.

On Item 10, Ald. Quinn moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

11. O2022-1769 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority to provide tax-increment financing (TIF) funds for infrastructure repairs to the California Blue Line Station located in the 1st Ward. Amount: \$5,670,000

Chairman Waguespack invited Sam Smith with the Chicago Transit Authority to explain the item, which he did.

Ald. LaSpata spoke in support of the ordinance.

On Item 11, Ald. Brookins moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

12. O2022-1770 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning the authority to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority to provide tax-increment financing (TIF) funds for infrastructure repairs to the Western Brown Line Station located in the 47th Ward. Amount: \$8,000,000

Chairman Waguespack invited Sam Smith with the Chicago Transit Authority to explain the item, which he did.

On Item 12, Ald. Tabares moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

13. O2022-1742 A communication recommending the adoption of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Cicero/Stevenson Redevelopment Project Area.

Chairman Waguespack invited Tim Jeffries with the Department of Planning and Development to explain Items 13-15, which he did.

Ald. Rodriguez spoke in support of the ordinance.

On Item 13, Sadlowski-Garza moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

14. O2022-1743 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance designating the Cicero/Stevenson Redevelopment Project Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Act.

On Item 14, Ald. Napolitano moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

15. O2022-1744 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance approving the redevelopment plan for the Cicero/Stevenson Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Act.

On Item 15, Ald. Smith moved do pass by the roll call used to establish quorum. Motion carried on a voice vote.

16. Direct Introduction A communication transmitting reports of cases in which judgments or settlements were entered into for the month of May 2022.

Chairman Waguespack said Item 16 would be placed on file with the Clerk. Ald. Lopez asked for an explanation regarding sidewalk injury claims. Committee Chief of Staff Anne Emerson said she would seek answers from the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Department of Law.

17. Direct Introduction A proposed order authorizing two applications for City of Chicago Charitable Solicitation (Tag Day) Permits to the following organizations:

a. American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.

Citywide

July 1 through December 31, 2022

b. Save the Children

Citywide

July 1 through December 31, 2022

Chairman Waguespack said Item 17 would be placed on the Omnibus Agenda at City Council. There was no objection.

18. Direct Introduction A proposed order authorizing the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago.

19. Direct Introduction A proposed order denying the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago.

Chairman Waguespack said Items 18 and 19 would be placed on the Omnibus Agenda at City Council. There was no objection.

Chairman Waguespack returned to Item 4.

4. O2021-1227 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapters 9-100 and 9-101 to further regulate the automated speed enforcement system.

Chairman Waguespack invited Ald. Beale to open the discussion. Ald. Beale explained the ordinance and the process it has navigated.

Chairman Waguespack invited Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Gia Biagi and Deputy Commissioner Kevin O'Malley to explain potential impacts of the ordinance on traffic safety, which they did.

Chairman Waguespack invited Comptroller Reshma Soni to explain ticket payment options, which she did.

Chairman Waguespack invited Don Bransford and Mark Wallace to speak regarding the ordinance, which they did.

Ald. Sadlowski-Garza spoke in support of the ordinance. Ald. Sadlowski-Garza asked who turns the cameras on or off, and Biagi said the City vendor does that work. Soni noted that only school zone cameras require a child to be in the photo.

Ald. Austin noted that crossing guards are no longer with the Chicago Police Department.

Ald. Sawyer spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Brookins said that administrative hearing officers often assume any person in a school zone photo is a child. Ald. Brookins spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. LaSpata asked questions clarifying the danger of speeding and spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Vice Chairwoman Hairston asked when the camera locations were reviewed, and Biagi said 2021, but the review did not note new potential locations. Vice Chairwoman Hairston spoke in support of the ordinance. Vice Chairwoman Hairston asked how often the cameras are calibrated, and O'Malley said every month. Vice Chairwoman Hairston asked how many refunds on tickets have been issued, and Soni said she would provide the information through the Chair.

Ald. Ervin spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Tunney asked if other large cities use speed cameras, and Biagi said yes. Ald. Tunney asked at what speeds those cities issue tickets, and O'Malley said he would provide it through the Chair. Ald. Tunney asked if cameras are generally on arterial streets, and O'Malley said yes. Ald. Tunney spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Villegas asked about the fiscal impact of the ordinance, and Soni said she could provide that through the Chair. Soni noted that revenue has increased about \$30 million in 2021 from the camera tickets, although that revenue is decreasing in 2022 due to drivers slowing down. Ald. Villegas asked if crash rates have increased in places where cameras have been removed. O'Malley said no speed cameras have been removed.

Ald. Hopkins spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Dowell spoke in support of the ordinance. Ald. Dowell asked that camera locations be reviewed. Biagi said the 2021 study indicated some cameras should be moved due to lack of speeding, but it did not review cameras for location-specific issues.

Ald. O'Shea spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Reilly spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Smith asked if speed cameras could be installed in DuSable Lake Shore Drive, and O'Malley said state law prohibits it. Ald. Smith spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Osterman asked if there was a moratorium on installing new cameras, and Biagi said no.

Chairman Waguespack asked about speed feedback signs, and Biagi answered. Chairman Waguespack spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Chairman Waguespack asked if CDOT has studied drivers speeding as soon as they leave the speed zone, and Biagi said that, at least regarding red light cameras, there is a halo effect of safer driving around cameras. Chairman Waguespack asked if tickets are broken down between residents and nonresidents. Soni said they are working to provide that information through the Chair. O'Malley said that pre-pandemic, about half the tickets were issued to nonresidents. Chairman Waguespack noted the outstanding questions pending before the Committee on the ordinance.

Ald. Beale asked clarifying questions regarding traffic fatalities, and Biagi said she would provide it through the Chair. Ald. Beale asked a clarifying question regarding the number of \$35 tickets, and Biagi said she could provide that through the Chair. Ald. Beale asked if the ordinance would impact the ticket payment plans, and Soni said no.

Chairman Waguespack recessed the meeting until 2:05 pm.

Chairman Waguespack reconvened the meeting and recessed to 10 am Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

On June 21, 2022, at 10:00 am, the Committee on Finance reconvened a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

Chairman Waguespack recessed the meeting until 3:00 pm due to another meeting taking place at the same time.

On June 21, 2022, at 3:07 pm, the Committee on Finance reconvened a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The following members were present: Hopkins, Dowell, King, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski-Garza, Lee, Cardenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Tabares, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Austin, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Osterman, Silverstein, Vice Chairwoman Hairston, and Chairman Waguespack.

The following member was absent: Brookins.

The following other alderpersons were present: LaSpata, Sigcho-Lopez, Cardona, Nugent, and Hadden.

Chairman Waguespack opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability of meeting in person. Chairman Waguespack took a roll call to establish a quorum, as reflected above.

Chairman Waguespack opened the floor for public comment. Fredia Dunn, Gerardo Medrano, Tara Davis, Tarrah Avery, and Ms. McBride spoke in opposition to Item 4.

Chairman Waguespack returned to Item 4.

4. O2021-1227 A communication recommending a proposed ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapters 9-100 and 9-101 to further regulate the automated speed enforcement system.

Chairman Waguespack invited Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Gia Biagi, Department of Administrative Hearings Director Pat Jackowiak, Comptroller Reshma Soni, Office of Management and Budget Director Susie Park, and Chief Financial Officer Jennie Bennett, to address questions raised concerning the item at the previous meeting, which they did.

Ald. Curtis spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Beale said he would request a roll call vote.

Ald. Lopez asked clarifying questions regarding crash data, and Biagi explained the data. Ald. Lopez questioned the impact of the lower threshold on crash data. Ald. Sawyer, on a point of information, asked when the threshold was lowered. Park said it was in the 2021 budget. Ald. Lopez asked how crash data has changed since the beginning of 2021. Kevin O'Malley with the Chicago Department of Transportation noted that 2021 was a complicated year due to school closings and the grace period after lowering the threshold. Ald. Lopez asked where the revenue from tickets appears in the budget, and Park provided the explanation. Ald. Lopez spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Moore said speed feedback signs need to be located near the cameras. Ald. Moore asked about the fine structure should the ordinance be approved, and Soni provided an explanation.

Ald. Sposato spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Osterman spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Smith spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Ald. Smith asked about signage and street markings for speed enforcement zones, and Biagi provided the information. Ald. Smith asked when the threshold was actually lowered, considering school openings and the grace period. O'Malley provided a timeline.

Ald. Mitts encouraged signage inspections around schools and spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. LaSpata asked questions about crash data, and Biagi provided the information. Ald. LaSpata asked if any revenue offsets had been proposed related to the ordinance, and Park said no. Ald. LaSpata spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Ervin spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Sadowski-Garza spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. King asked if the ordinance changes the speed limit, and Biagi said no. Ald. King asked about high-crash corridors, and Biagi provided the information. Ald. King asked if cameras are in some of those corridors, and Biagi said yes, if they are in park or school zones. Ald. King said she would welcome cameras on DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Ald. King asked how much additional revenue was generated with the lower threshold, and Soni said about \$40 million.

Ald. King asked about the demographics of those who were ticketed. Soni said they have zip code data, and 44 percent were from outside the city. Biagi said that residents of color were both the majority of those ticketed as well as the majority of those killed by traffic crashes. Ald. King asked if there are high crash zones near parks and schools that do not have cameras. O'Malley said, for a large park zone, two to four locations were selected. Ald. King asked if there were cameras in any of the locations where pedestrians were killed in June. Biagi said she did not know. Ald. King spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Cardenas spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ald. Tunney asked about data from comparable cities, and O'Malley provided the information. Ald. Tunney spoke in support of the ordinance.

Vice Chairwoman Hairston spoke in support of the ordinance. Vice Chairwoman Hairston asked about refunds issued for school zone tickets. Jackowiak said it would not be a refund but a finding of not liable, and she provided that information.

Ald. Moore asked how many speed cameras are in the city, and Biagi said 162. Ald. Moore asked how many of those have the speed feedback signs, and O'Malley said he was not sure but more were being installed. Ald. Moore asked when, and Biagi said before the end of the year.

Ald. Lopez asked how many tickets were nonsuited, and Jackowiak said that would happen before the ticket was even issued. Ald. Lopez asked about that review process, and Soni explained it. Ald. Lopez asked for the number of tickets not issued since 2021. Ald. Lopez asked for clarification of when a child would need to be present for a ticket to be issued, and Jackowiak explained it. Ald. Lopez spoke in support of the ordinance.

Ald. Lee spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Ald. Lee asked how camera locations were selected, and O'Malley provided the information. Ald. Lee asked if the cameras are evaluated, and Biagi said yes. Ald. Lee suggested that information on appealing a ticket should be included with the ticket. Soni explained what information is included.

Ald. Austin said the tickets should arrive more quickly. Soni said work is being done in that area.

Ald. King asked if there are cameras in Lincoln Park. Chairman Waguespack said there are two or three in his area of the neighborhood. Ald. Smith said she would welcome speed cameras.

Ald. Hopkins also said he would welcome speed cameras and spoke in support of the ordinance.

Chairman Waguespack thanked the Committee for a robust discussion.

Ald. Beale spoke in support of the ordinance.

On Item 4, Ald. Beale moved do pass by roll call. Motion carried 16-15. As reflected below:

Yes: Hopkins, Dowell, King, Sawyer, Beale, Sadlowski-Garza, Quinn, Lopez, Moore, O'Shea, Tabares, Napolitano, Reilly, Tunney, Silverstein, Vice Chairwoman Hairston.

No: Mitchell, Harris, Lee, Cardenas, Curtis, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Austin, Mitts, Sposato, Smith, Osterman, Chairman Waguespack.

After some discussion of the vote, Ald. Sposato moved for a verification roll call. The roll call above was verified as accurate.

The Committee having no further business, on a motion by Ald. Sposato, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Waguespack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Waguespack
Chairman, Committee on Finance