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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  
JANUARY 2021**

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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 January 2021.**

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

On January 19, 2021, 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 **January 19, 2021** Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Mitchell (7), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Thompson (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), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the **January 19, 2021** Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Sawyer (6), Harris (8), Brookins (21), and Cappleman (46).

The following non-members were virtually present at the **January 19, 2021** Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Beale (9), Burke (14), Lopez (15), Coleman (16), Cardona (31), Nugent (39), and Vasquez (40).



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

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE DECEMBER 16, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1. Substitute Annual Appropriations Ordinance Year 2021 amendment within Fund No. 925 for the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Public Library, Department of Public Health and Mayor's Office (SO2020-6190).**

**SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 1/19/21**

**SUBSTITUTE PASS COMMITTEE 1/19/21**

**SUBSTITUTE PASS CITY COUNCIL 1/27/21**

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 is 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 one signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell called for approval of the November 2020 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Ervin moved to accept the November 2020 monthly report. Seeing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 1 on the agenda, the Annual Appropriations Ordinance Year 2021 amendment within Fund No. 925 for the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Public Library, Department of Public Health and Mayor's Office (O2020-6190). Chairman Dowell called for a motion to accept the substitute ordinance. Alderman Reilly moved to accept the substitute, which was passed by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum. With the substitute ordinance under consideration Chairman Dowell recognized LaToya Vaughn, Deputy Budget Director for the Office of Management and Budget to speak on the ordinance. Ms. Vaughn explained the ordinance. At the conclusion of Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's opening remarks, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen.

Alderman Ervin inquired about how grants and awards are allocated in the ordinance. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn explained how contracts are awarded, typically through an official RFP or hiring process.



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Alderman Ervin continued to question exactly how Domestic Violence grants would be allocated. Natalie Gutierrez, Deputy Director of the Office of Public Safety and Administration explained how agreements are made using this funding. Alderman Mitts asked for COVID-19 vaccine information. Christina Anderson from the Chicago Department of Public Health explained how the grant funding in the ordinance will support both the City's vaccine administration efforts and the Protect Chicago campaign, which is an education outreach program. Chairman Dowell asked Ms. Anderson to clarify how the City will be rolling out COVID-19 vaccines. Ms. Anderson explained the timeline for moving out of the healthcare worker phase and to look out for future announcements for the next phase of COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts. Alderman Austin asked when library workers will get vaccinated. Ms. Anderson will provide the information through the Chair and prioritization is set by the federal government. Chairman Dowell inquired how cases of unsolved sexual assault and murder of Black women were selected or included in the study funded by the grant in the ordinance. CPD Detective Daniel McNally answered yes the Map 51 cases are part of the program and explained how they are being investigated. Chairman Dowell then asked CDPH about their contract tracing efforts. Christina Anderson from CDPH answered that since October the contract tracing system has been overwhelmed, so they prioritized the highest risk cases for tracing, about 20% overall. CDPH has been able to contact 54% of the highest risk cases, with 39% contacted within 24 hours, and explained issues with asymptomatic transmission. Alderman Mitts asked for an explanation of Operation Legend. CPD Detective Daniel McNally and Deputy Chief Thomas Mills provided an outline of the program. Alderman Thompson inquired about CDPH's vaccine distribution plan and how vaccine prioritization is being determined. Christina Anderson from CDPH explained the grant funding in this ordinance will not expedite vaccine distribution, it will only support existing operations. In addition, Ms. Anderson clarified it's the federal government that sets vaccine prioritization and what the City is doing to vaccinate the City's workforce. Alderman Thompson asked for multiple through the chair requests regarding contact tracing and then asked about the RFP process for grants. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn further explained how the grants and RFP's are rolled out.

Alderman Austin moved do pass on 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, January 27, 2021.



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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 Sposato moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Pat Dowell**

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