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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
NOVEMBER 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 November 2022.

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

On November 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall Council Chambers, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Attendance:**

The following members were virtually present at the November 2, 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), Thompson (11), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), , Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the November 2, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Austin (34), Mitts (37), and Napolitano (41).

The following non-members were virtually present at the November 2, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: La Spata (1), Hopkins (2), Burke (14), Lopez (15), Coleman (16), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cardona (31), and Martin (47).

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

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. A communication concerning the appointment of Sandra Blakemore as Commissioner of the Department of Assets, Information and Services (A2022-146)

PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22

2. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Michelle A. Harris (8<sup>th</sup> Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2022 (O2022-2917)

PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22

3. A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Gilbert Villegas (36<sup>th</sup> Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 (SO2022-2914)

SUBSTITUTE IN COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22

4. A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Gilbert Villegas (36<sup>th</sup> Ward), concerning the transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 for contingencies (SO2022-2915)

SUBSTITUTE IN COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22

6. An ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities regarding violence against disabled women, Department of Family and Support Services, Office of Budget and Management, Department of Housing, Department of Public Health (SO2022-2992)

SUBSTITUTE IN COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE OCTOBER 3, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

7. A. A series of proposed corrections and revisions to the 2023 Budget Recommendations (and text portion). (O2022-3632)

**DIRECT INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING**

- B. The adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023 (SO2022-3025)

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22  
SUBSTITUTE IN CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22**

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE OCTOBER 26, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

5. **A resolution, introduced by Alderman Pat Dowell (3<sup>rd</sup> Ward), calling for Illinois General Assembly to include provisions in future election-related legislation to make central vote centers permanent (R2022-1121)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22**

8. **An ordinance concerning expenditure of portion of Motor Fuel Tax funds allocated to City of Chicago for Year 2023 (O2022-3466)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
DEFERRED AND PUBLISH CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22**

9. **An ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County for allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds to Chicago Transit Authority as Year 2023 matching grant pursuant to Regional Transportation Authority Act (O2022-3465)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
DEFERRED AND PUBLISH CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22**

10. **An ordinance amending various provisions of the Municipal Code regarding organization and functions of City government (2023 Management Ordinance) (SO2022-3580)**

**SUBSTITUE IN COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
DEFERRED AND PUBLISH CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22**

11. **An ordinance amending various provisions of the Municipal Code regarding technical and scriveners' corrections (2023 Municipal Code Corrections Ordinance) (O2022-3468)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/2/22  
DEFERRED AND PUBLISH CITY COUNCIL 11/4/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/7/22**

On November 2, 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. Kennedy Bartley was recognized as the first public speaker. Mark Clements was next. Joey Mogul followed Mr. Clements. Jeremy Frisch was the next speaker. Detoina Jefferson Dunbar was the first in-person speaker recognized. Cheryl Lane was the next in-person speaker. Ms. Lane was followed by Claire Falke, who was followed by Abba Garief. Nehal Dansluri was next, then was Courtney Cobbs. Ella Lubianski then spoke, with Britney King, then George Blakemore concluding the public comment period. With no other speakers signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with item number 1 on the agenda, the appointment of Sandra Blakemore as Commissioner of the Department of Assets, Information and Services (A2022-146). Ms. Blakemore provided written testimony. Following Acting Commissioner Blakemore's remarks, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting for comment from members and non-members. Alderman Osterman congratulated Ms. Blakemore on the appointment, and asked her to coordinate departments to find real estate to house homeless and migrants. Acting Commissioner Blakemore reaffirmed her department's commitment to this effort. Alderman Villegas encouraged technological innovation for AIS. Alderman Sadkowski-Garza asked about consolidating ward office technology purchasing. Acting Commissioner Blakemore committed to looking at this effort. Alderman Cappleman supports using available vacant buildings, like those former church buildings, to use for homelessness assistance. Alderman Sposato and Chairman Dowell congratulated Acting Commissioner Blakemore on her appointment. Alderman Hairston asked about City issued phones policy about texting with the Mayor's office. Acting Commissioner Blakemore responded that would not be AIS policy. Alderman Lopez asked about ward creating ward specific tax ID numbers, and specifics regarding fund for renovations for housing migrants. Alderman Brookins expounded on ward specific tax ID numbers. Alderman Brookins 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell continued the meeting with item number 2 on the agenda, a transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2022 (O2022-2917). Chairman Harris discussed the ordinance. Alderman Mitchell 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 3 on the agenda, a transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 for contractual services (SO2022-2914). Alderman Rodriguez moved to accept the substitute. With the substitute accepted, Alderman Villegas explained the ordinance. Alderman Reilly 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 and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 4 on the agenda, a transfer of funds within City Council Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for Year 2022 for contingencies (SO2022-2915). Alderman Waguespack moved to accept the substitute. With the substitute accepted, alderman

Villegas explained the ordinance. Alderman Reilly 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 5 on the agenda, a call for Illinois General Assembly to include provisions in future election related legislation to make central vote centers permanent (R2022-1121). Max Bever from the Chicago Board of Elections explained the ordinance and gave the board's support of the ordinance. Alderman Osterman asked about two early voting locations per ward. Mr. Bever said the board provided an answer to that question through the chair. Alderman Rodriguez congratulated Chairman Dowell on introducing this ordinance. Alderman Sadlowski-Garza asked for clarification on early voting sites being open for the upcoming election. Mr. Bever clarified that yes for the upcoming election the sites are open. Alderman Tunney asked about staffing at the board to help answer questions on Election Day. Mr. Bever talked about their spending, advertising and staffing efforts to deal with any issues on Election Day. Alderman King asked about how this resolution will be transmitted to the Illinois General Assembly. Chairman Dowell stated the committee will send it to the Illinois General Assembly. Alderman Burnett asked for the phone number for Election Day issues, and clarification on use of vote centers. Mr. Bever provided that information. Alderman Rodriguez 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 6 on the agenda, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 amendment within Fund No. 925 for Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities regarding violence against disabled women, Department of Family and Support Services, Office of Budget and Management, Department of Housing, Department of Public Health (SO2022-2992). Alderman Reboyras moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute in front of the committee, Budget Deputy Director LaToya Vaughn described the ordinance. After Deputy Director Vaughn's remarks, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions and comments from members and non-members. Alderman Tunney asked if this is additional funding for the CTA outreach program, and if there are federal dollars for MPV outreach. DFSS Director Christine Riley answered that this is new dollars, and CDPH Commissioner Allison Arwady answered that there is no federal dollars allocated for MPV. Alderman Osterman asked about the funding for lead prevention. CDPH Commissioner Arwady stated they can remediate at least 335 homes by 2026. Alderman Reilly moved do pass Item No. 6 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then informed the committee that they will be considering 7a and 7b on the agenda together. Before considering the items, Alderman Harris moved to apply the text portion to the FY23 Budget Recommendations. Item 7a and 7b, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023, as amended (SO2022-3025) was then considered by the committee and was described by Budget Director Susie Park. Following Director Park's remarks, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions and comments from members and non-members. Alderman Reilly asked about the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity. Budget Director Park answered how the administration got to this point. Alderman Ervin asked about the additional hours for Streets and Sanitation, and will the new Office of Climate have enforcement authority. Budget Director Park answered it would give the City 75 additional laborers over the busy summer months. The idea is to get the City towards a labor pool. And that the new Office of Climate is policy, not enforcement at this point. Alderman Erin then asked about the cost of going back

to the ward based sanitation system. Budget Director Park stated that they have started looking at the cost and that it's high. Alderman Sadlowski Garza stated the City needs a full department. Chief Sustainability Officer Angela Tovar described her vision for the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity and answered that most cities have both a coordinating policy office and a Department of the Environment, so they need this office, and they do work with aldermen. Budget Director Park stated they have committed to coming to the City Council before funding and creating a new department, which is included in the management ordinance. Alderman Sadlowski Garza asked if Ms. Tovar is getting an increase in salary. Budget Director Park stated that's the salary is equal. Alderman Ramirez-Rosa that they have had four years to get a Department of Environment created, and that it's disrespectful that there is not one. Alderman Ramirez-Rosa asked if there is funding for the torture justice memorial, ShotSpotter, and reopening mental health clinics. Budget Director Park responded the torture justice memorial it is funded in the budget, not ShotSpotter or reopening mental health clinics. Alderman Rodriguez stated there should be a Department of Environment, and asked what the proposed study will do and who will implement it. Budget Director Park stated that they will analyze our government and other governments for best practices for setting up a Department of the Environment. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar stated they are setting up the study now. Alderman Rodriguez then asked about funding for asylum seekers. Budget Director Park stated they are appropriating grant funds that the City is receiving from the Federal government and going through the reimbursement process with partners and the Federal government. Alderman Hairston asked about adding the Director of Community Affairs to the Mayor's office. Budget Director Park stated this position is for the Director of Veterans Affairs position. Alderman Villegas thanked everyone for reinstating the Office of Veterans Affairs and that the office is fully staffed and funded. Alderman Osterman praised the additional units for rapid rehousing, four more positions for homeless outreach, and the public safety community liaison position. He then stated his disappointment with the lack of the Department of the Environment and compared it to how they quickly created a Department of Housing. Budget Director Park stated no one is blocking the creation of the Department of the Environment. Alderman King talked about the Department of the Environment, and asked about funding for an Office of Gun Violence Prevention and asked for total funding for that issue across the City. Budget Director Park stated there is no funding for that office. Alderman King continued by asking about the CARE program funding. Budget Director Park stated they allocated \$15 million for CARE, and they are working through the initial budget, but hasn't spent the expansion dollars. CDPH Commissioner Arwady clarified that they will deepen the investments in the communities they already work in, add substance abuse focus, and then expand geographically. Alderman King concluded by asking about the lead service line funding and CPS funding, which needs to be provided through the chair. Alderman Quinn asked about police retention funding, and what we are doing is insufficient. Budget Director Park stated that's part of existing budget funding. Alderman Cardenas asked about what is left in terms of ARPA funds, why funding isn't getting out the door, and his support for the Department of Environment. Budget Director Park stated they will get that information through the chair, and how the Department is going to be approved and structured. Alderman Sigcho Lopez asked about the pro-bono study for the Department of the Environment, and funding for the torture justice memorial. Budget Director Park stated there is funding for the torture justice memorial. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar stated the study will help address gaps and grow the department correctly. Alderman Sigcho Lopez continued by asking about vacancies for the Chicago Police Department, and using funds for repurposing buildings. Alderman Cappleman asked how the study will help make the planet better. Chief Sustainability Officer Tovar described what they are currently doing to help the environment, and what the study will do to advance the City's efforts. Alderman La Spata appreciates the CARE team funding, and advocated for a Department of the Environment. Alderman

Reilly asked for a roll call vote on items 7a and 7b on the agenda. By an 18 yea 12 nay vote, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 8 on the agenda, an expenditure of portion of Motor Fuel Tax funds allocated to City of Chicago for Year 2023 (O2022-3466). Budget Director Park briefly discussed the ordinance. Alderman Harris moved do pass Item No. 8 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 9 on the agenda, an Intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County for allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds to Chicago Transit Authority as Year 2023 matching grant pursuant to Regional Transportation Authority Act (O2022-3465). Budget Director Park briefly discussed the ordinance. Alderman Tunney clarified that passing this funding is a requirement of law, not a choice. Alderman Hairston stated that the letter from the CTA is insufficient and the CTA chief needs to appear before the Council. Alderman Villegas asked if they report back how they use the funds. Budget Director Park stated there is no reporting requirement. Alderman Cardenas stated he is offended that the CTA chief has not come before Council. A motion for a roll call vote was made by Alderman Reilly. By an 18 yea 12 nay vote, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 10 on the agenda, an amendment of Municipal Code Titles 2, 4, 6 and 11 regarding various department functions and duties (2023 Management Ordinance, as amended) and adoption of resolution calling for City to apply seven principles outlined by U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (SO2022-3580). Alderman Cardenas moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute in front of the committee Budget Director Park introduced the ordinance. Alderman Hairston asked how long it took OBM to put together the management ordinance and how it's unfair the short turnaround time. Budget Director Park responded there was a lot of discussion on the substitute coming from feedback on the original ordinance which was introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Hairston asked about what authority the City is using to compel lobbyists to work with the OIG. Ray Phillips Santos from the Law Department stated that this simply clarifies existing statute and the City can do this because the City requires lobbyists to register with the City. Alderman Hairston continued asking about language struck in section 7 and asking why the City is making "diverse" the same as "minority." Mr. Phillips Santos responded by clarifying what a "reappointment candidate" is, and by changing the terminology for diverse they are including Native Americans. Chairman Dowell asked to strike the "diverse" and "minority" changes from the management ordinance. Alderman Hairston asked about submitting a debt check application and the Office of Labor Standards. Comptroller Reshma Soni answered that this is an existing process for new employees, and this section clarifies that volunteers to the City don't have to go through this process, and Mr. Phillips Santos clarified the roles of employees in the Office of Labor Standards. Finally, Alderman Hairston asked about the adjudicator for penalties, and about the emergency orders for abatement. Mr. Phillips Santos said it could be a judge, or any other adjudicator. CDPH Commissioner Arwady responded that they have funding for abatement from various governments which allows them the authority to do the remediation. Last, Alderman Hairston asked about the short term rental fees. BACP Commissioner Ken Meyer answered that the fee is for the smaller companies for a biannual fee and then fees for each host. Alderman Reilly asked about ending the sunset provision for the emergency procurement authority for the chief procurement officer. Budget Director Park responded that this was first put in place due to the pandemic, and what we have seen in costs for procuring items has not come down. Ilyas Lakada, Managing Deputy Procurement

Officer from the Department of Procurement Services continued that the average awards are much higher than the original \$500,000 amount of the threshold. Alderman Reilly asked about the platforms that host a small number of rental units. BACP Commissioner Meyer responded that yes there are many small platforms. Alderman O'Shea stated that as elected officials they should have say in procurement contracts. Alderman Villegas commented that aldermen need more time to review ordinances. Alderman Tunney inquired about the automatic pay raises for Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer. Budget Director Park stated they are not changing the Mayor's salary. Chairman Dowell stated that the committee would take a short recess to consider a substitute to section 8 of the management ordinance. Returning from recess, Alderman Cappleman moved to accept the amended substitute ordinance. Managing Deputy Procurement Officer Lakada explained the changes to the amended substitute ordinance to include Native American individuals in the definition of diverse, without making any other changes to the definition. Alderman Ervin moved do pass Item No. 10 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum, with the exception of Alderman Reilly and Alderman O'Shea. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to item number 11 on the agenda, Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 18 (2023 Municipal Code Corrections Ordinance) (O2022-3468). Mr. Phillips Santos from Law briefly discussed the ordinance. Alderman Harris moved do pass item No. 11 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 Friday, November 4, 2022.

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 Sawyer moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**



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**Pat Dowell, Chairman**

**Committee on the Budget and Government Operations**