



CITY OF CHICAGO
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT MAY 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Finance submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for May 2025.

**Date, Time &
Location of**

Meeting: On May 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Finance held a committee meeting in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance: The following members were present at the May 19, 2025 Committee on Finance meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chairman Conway (34), La Spata (1), Hopkins (2) - REMOTE, Hall (6) - REMOTE, Mitchell (7), Harris (8) - REMOTE, Lee (11) - REMOTE, Ramirez (12) - REMOTE, Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Taylor (20) - REMOTE, Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24) - REMOTE, Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27) - REMOTE, Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Quezada (35), Mitts (37) - REMOTE, Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Martin (47), and Silverstein (50).

The following member(s) were not present at the May 19, 2025 Committee on Finance meeting: Beale (9), Curtis (18), and Villegas (36).

The following non-members were present at the May 19, 2025 Committee on the Finance meeting: N/A

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENT

On May 19 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Dowell called the committee meeting to order. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell asked for a motion on Rule 59 to allow remote participation for Committee members Hopkins, Hall, Harris, Lee, Ramirez, Scott, and Mitts. The motion was made by Alderman Silverstein and the motion was so ordered. A subsequent motion for a Rule 59 to allow remote participation for Committee member Taylor was made by Alderman Quinn and was so ordered. A final motion for a Rule 59 to allow remote participation for Committee member Burnett was made by Alderman Quezada and was so ordered. Chairman Dowell then opened the floor to begin the public

comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. The following public speakers addressed the committee: Zoe Leigh, George Blakemore, Allison Cruz and Joseph Negram. With no additional speakers having timely signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

The Committee on Finance addressed and passed the following five items.

- **April 2025 Rule 45 Report** which passed the committee on a motion made by Alderman Cardona.

INTRODUCED DURING THE MAY 7, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- **An ordinance authorizing a one-time fee waiver for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the construction project at 111 E. Erie Street in the 42nd Ward (O2025-0017149)**
 - **Item number 1** on the agenda was explained by Dennis Barrett, Assistant Budget Director with the Office of Management and Budget. Motion do pass made by Alderman Ervin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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INTRODUCED BY DIRECT INTRODUCTION DURING THE MAY 19, 2025 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING

- **A communication transmitting reports of cases in which verdicts, judgments or settlements were entered into for the months of April 2025 (F2025-0017370)**
 - **Item number 2** on the agenda was placed on file.
- **Five (5) proposed orders authorizing the Corporation Counsel to enter into and execute Settlement Orders in the following cases:**
- **Chicago Parking Meters, LLC v. City of Chicago, Department of Finance, AAA, Case No. 02-24-0008-2839 (Or2025-0017371)** **Amount: \$15,500,000**
 - **Item number 3 (a)** on the agenda, explained by James McDonald, Managing Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Rodriguez. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **Briana Keys v. City of Chicago, Case No. 22 L 1158 (Circuit Court of Cook County) (Or2025-0017372)** **Amount: \$5,000,000**
 - **Item number 3 (b)** on the agenda, explained by Margaret Mendenhall Case, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Vasquez. The item passed by a vote of 19 yeas (Dowell, La Spata, Hall, Harris, Lee, Ramirez, Moore, Taylor, Mosley, Rodriguez, Sigcho Lopez, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Rodriguez

Sanchez, Quezada, Vasquez, Knudsen, Martin) to 8 nays (Conway, Quinn, Lopez, O'Shea, Cardona, Sposato, Reilly, Silverstein).

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PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/21/25 – by a vote of 36 yeas (Brunett, Clay, Coleman, Cruz, Curtis, Dowell, Ervin, Fuentes, Gutierrez, Hall, Harris, Hopkins, Knudsen, La Spata, Lawson, Lee, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Martin, Mitchell, Mitts, Moore, Mosley, O'Shea, Quezada, Ramirez, Robinson, Rodriguez Sanchez, Rodriguez, Scott, Sigcho Lopez, Taliaferro, Taylor, Vasquez, Villegas, Waguespack, Yancy) to 13 nays (Beale, Cardona, Chico, Conway, Gardiner, Lopez, Napolitano, Nugent, Quinn, Reilly, Silverstein, Sposato, Tabares)

- **Leonord Gipson v. Ronald Watts, et al., Case No. 18 C 5120 (Northern District of Illinois) (Or2025-0017373) Amount: \$1,200,000**
 - **Item number 3 (c)** on the agenda, explained by Victoria Benson, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Ervin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Moore who voted no on the item.

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PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/21/25 – with the exception of Alderman Moore who voted no on the item

- **John Velez v. City of Chicago, et al., Case No. 18-cv-8144 (Northern District of Illinois) (Or2025-0017374) Amount: \$8,250,000**
 - **Item number 3 (d)** on the agenda, explained by Jessica Felker, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman La Spata. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Aldermen Quinn, Sposato, Cardona, Reilly, and Lopez who voted no on the item.

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PASS CITY COUNCIL 5/21/25 by a vote of 35 yeas (Burnett, Clay, Coleman, Conway, Cruz, Curtis, Dowell, Ervin, Fuentes, Gutierrez, Hall, Harris, Hopkins, Knudsen, La Spata, Lawson, Lee, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Martin, Mitchell, Mitts, Moore, Mosley, Nugent, Quezada, Ramirez, Robinson, Rodriguez Sanchez, Rodriguez, Sigcho Lopez, Taliaferro, Taylor, Vasquez, Waguespack, Yancy) to 14 nays (Beale, Cardona, Chico, Gardiner, Lopez, Napolitano, O'Shea, Quinn, Reilly, Scott, Silverstein, Sposato, Tabares, Villegas)

- **John Galvan v. Switski, et al., Case No. 23 cv 3158 Amount: \$20,000,000**
- **Arthur Almendarez v. Switski, et al., Case No. 23 cv 3165 Amount: \$20,000,000**

**Francisco Nanez v. Switski, et al., Case No. 23 cv 3162
(consolidated, Northern District of Illinois) (Or2025-0017375)**

Amount: \$8,000,000

- **Item number 3 (e)** on the agenda, explained by Jessica Felker, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Martin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **A proposed order authorizing the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago (Direct Introduction) (SOr2025-0017376)**
 - Item number 4 on the agenda was placed on the omnibus with no objection from the committee.

PLACED ON THE OMNIBUS IN CITY COUNCIL 5/21/25

- **A proposed order denying the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago (Direct Introduction) (SCL2025-0017377)**
 - Item number 5 on the agenda was placed on the omnibus with no objection from the committee.

PLACED ON THE OMNIBUS IN CITY COUNCIL 5/21/25

A complete recap of the meeting can be found at <https://vimeo.com/1084695450>.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cardona moved to adjourn. The Committee on Finance meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



**Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on Finance**