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## COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER 2019.

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

On November 18, 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 November 18, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chairman Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Thompson (11), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), 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), and Osterman (48).

The following members were absent at the November 18, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Sadlowski-Garza (10), Curtis (18), Brookins (21), Austin (34), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41), and Cappleman (46).

The following non-members were present at the November 18, 2019 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: LaSpata (1), Lopez (15), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Martin (47), and Hadden (49).



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

**1. Approval of the September Monthly Rule 45 Monthly Report.**

Chairman Dowell asked for any questions from her colleagues regarding the Monthly Rule 45 Report for August 2019. There were no questions from any Committee Members or other Alderman present on item number 1. No witnesses signed up to speak on item number 1. Alderman Ervin moved to approve the Rule 45 Monthly Report, which passed by a voice vote.

The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **October 16, 2019**:

**2. A substitute ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Appropriation Ordinance within Fund No. 925 for the Office of the Mayor, Department of Public Health and Department of Family and Support Services.**

**(SO2019-7984)**

Motion made by Alderman Reboyras to accept the substitute ordinance, which passed by a voice vote. Chairman Dowell acknowledged Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn who explained the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell acknowledged the representatives from the various departments present to answer any specific questions on the substitute ordinance. There were no questions from any Committee Members or other Aldermen present on item number 2. Chairman Dowell acknowledged no witnesses signed up to speak on item number 2. Motion made by Alderman Moore on item number 2, which passed by a voice vote.

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**3. An ordinance authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Madland Industries LLC, approving the Neighborhood Opportunities Fund Grant at 328 N. Albany Avenue. 27th Ward (O2019-8000)**

Chairman Dowell acknowledged Susana Soriano and Robert Bumpers, both Financial Planning Analysts, from the Department of Planning and Development – Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF). Susan Soriano explained the NOF project. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Ervin, who first spoke on the item and asked questions regarding NOF funds versus TIF funds for the project. Chairman Dowell deferred the item for a moment for the Department of Planning and Development to get an answer to Alderman Ervin's question and moved on to item number 4. After hearing item number 4, Chairman Dowell went back to discuss item number 3. Chairman Dowell recognized Susana Soriano and Robert Bumpers and they provided a statement on why NOF instead of TIF. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Burnett, whose ward this project is in. Alderman Burnett spoke on the item. Alderman Tunney asked a question regarding the tenants in the Development, followed by Alderman Burnett who provided a statement to Alderman Tunney's question. Chairman Dowell acknowledged G. Blakemore who signed up to speak on the item. G. Blakemore was not present. Motion made by Alderman Ervin on item number 3, which passed by a voice vote.

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The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **October 23, 2019**:

**4. A substitute ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.  
(SO2019-8406)**

Motion to accept the substitute ordinance was made by Alderman Thompson. The substitute ordinance was accepted in Committee. Chairman Dowell introduced Budget Director Susie Park who explained the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Alderman Ervin first spoke and asked questions about the property tax abatement. Director Park and Chief Financial Officer Bennett provided answers. Alderman Moore, Alderman Hairston, Alderman Ervin asked questions on the mechanics of the levy and the ground transportation tax. Alderman Reilly made a statement about the Legislative Reference Bureau's analysis. Chairman Dowell recognized G. Blakemore who signed up to speak on the item. G. Blackmore spoke on the item. Motion made by Alderman Waguespack on item number 4, which passed by a voice vote. Ervin voted No in Committee. Chairman Dowell returned to discuss item number 3.

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**5. The 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, as amended.  
(SO2019-8407)**

Chairman Dowell announced the committee would consider items 5 and 6 together.

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The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **November 13, 2019**:

**6. A substitute ordinance containing amendments to the 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the text portion of that ordinance.**

**(SO2019-8825)**

Chairman Dowell announced the committee would consider items 5 and 6 together. Motion to accept the substitute ordinance for item number 6 was made by Alderman Reboyras. The substitute ordinance for item number 6 was accepted in Committee. Chairman Dowell introduced Budget Director Susie Park from the Office of Budget and Management, who summarized and explained items 5 and 6. Director Park flagged what was substituted which included an amendment on page 4 to the City Council Budget, as well as, a small change on page 23 to the Department of Public Health budget. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Ervin who first spoke on the item. Alderman Ervin asked a question about CAPS staffing and Chairman Dowell recognized Director Susie Park from the Office of Budget and Management and Director Brooks from the Chicago Police Department – Office of Community Policing. Budget Director Park and Director Brooks provided more information on CAPS. Alderman Rodriguez spoke on CAPS staffing and community organizers. Alderman Osterman spoke on the need for more community organizers in CAPS and the initial Consent Decree report. Alderman Lopez spoke on closing 50 million RETT gap. Alderman Moore spoke on efficiencies/savings. Alderman King spoke on mental health. Alderman Vasquez spoke on the Police Board appeals. Chairman Dowell acknowledged no witnesses signed up to speak on these two items. Motion made by Alderman Harris on items number 5 and 6, which passed by a voice vote.

**PASS COMMITTEE 11/18/19**

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**PASS CITY COUNCIL 11/26/19 (Lopez voted No in City Council on 11/26/19)**

**7. An ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County for allocation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds to the Chicago Transit Authority pursuant to the Regional Transportation Authority Act.**

**(O2019-8550)**

Chairman Dowell introduced Budget Director Susie Park from the Office of Budget and Management. The Budget Director explained the ordinance and Chairman Dowell asked for the total allocation and Director Park stated it is \$3 million. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Alderman Osterman made a comment on the importance of having those sister agencies that are getting funding from the city to come before this body to answer questions on how the money is used. Chairman Dowell agreed to find a way throughout the year to have CTA, CHA, and CPS come before the body to answer questions about how that money is being used and agreed on the importance of rolling it into the budget process. Chairman Dowell acknowledged she had a commitment from the Administration to work on the item as it relates to the CTA. Alderman Tunney suggested quarterly reports on what they are doing and to be more accountable to the aldermen and the impact it has on the local communities. Chairman Dowell acknowledged G. Blakemore who also signed up to speak on the item. G. Blakemore spoke on the item. Motion made by Alderman Ervin on the item, which passed by a voice vote.

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**8. An ordinance authorizing expenditure of 2020 Motor Fuel Tax funds allocated to the City of Chicago. (O2019-8549)**

Chairman Dowell introduced Budget Director Susie Park from the Office of Budget and Management. Budget Director Park explained the ordinance. There were no questions from Committee Members or other Aldermen present. Chairman Dowell acknowledged G. Blakemore who also signed up to speak on the item. G. Blakemore spoke on the item. Motion made by Alderman Ervin on the item, which passed by a voice vote.

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**9. A substitute ordinance correcting and updating various Municipal Code provisions (2020 Municipal Code Corrections Ordinance). (SO2019-8517)**

Motion to accept the substitute ordinance was made by Alderman O'Shea. The substitute ordinance was accepted in Committee. Chairman Dowell introduced Jeff Levine from the Law Department, who explained the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Alderman Moore first spoke and asked a question regarding the change in the street name from Congress Parkway to Ida B. Wells. Alderman Ervin made a comment. Chairman Dowell recognized G. Blakemore who signed up to speak on this item and G. Blakemore was not present. Motion made by Alderman Scott on item number 9, which passed by a voice vote.

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**10. A substitute ordinance, as amended, amending various Municipal Code provisions concerning department functions and duties (2020 Management Ordinance). (SO2019-8537)**

Motion to accept the substitute ordinance was made by Alderman Harris. The substitute ordinance was accepted in Committee. Chairman Dowell introduced Budget Director Susie Park from the Office of Budget and Management, who explained the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell opened up for questions. Alderman Ramirez-Rosa first spoke on the Chicago minimum wage. Commissioner Rosa Escareno from the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection explained the ordinance as it related to Alderman Ramirez-Rosa's comment. Chairman Dowell recognized Ray Phillips Santos from the Chicago Department of Law who provided an explanation as it related to Alderman Ramirez-Rosa's question. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Ervin who stated that he had a matter in the Revenue Ordinance which will be heard at Finance Committee. Alderman Reilly asked questions about the public way use permits and signs. Jeff Levine provided answers and deferred to First Deputy Commissioner Matt Beaudet from the Chicago Department of Buildings who provided additional information. Commissioner Escareno explained the process for clarity. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Moore and Alderman Moore asked a question regarding the minimum wage. Budget Director deferred to Commissioner Escareno regarding the thresholds. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Smith and Alderman Smith asked a couple of questions with regards to the sign ordinance, which were answered by Commissioner Escareno. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Ervin and Alderman Ervin asked for clarification on the original conversation which only dealt with signs that did not hang over the public way,

specifically, the small business identification signs and questioned the removal of Council action on any public way permit. Chairman Dowell stated the previous discussions were on the small temporary signs. Alderman Ervin made a motion to strike Article IX, titled Signs, from the Management Ordinance, which was seconded by Alderman Cardenas. Chairman Dowell recessed for five minutes to have the Department of Law look over that entire section. Chairman Dowell reconvened the meeting and asked Alderman Ervin to renew his motion. Alderman Ervin made a motion to remove Article IX, Section 1 from the substitute ordinance. Chairman Dowell acknowledged Jeff Levine from the Law Department to explain the change. Moved and seconded by Alderman Hairston. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Cardenas who commented on digital signs. Point of information made by Alderman Smith. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Martin and Alderman Martin asked questions regarding the minimum wage aspect. Budget Director Park deferred to Commissioner Escareno. Chairman Dowell asked for a vote on the motion that Alderman Ervin made and seconded by Alderman Hairston, which passed by a voice vote. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Vasquez and Alderman Vasquez asked questions regarding the Police Board appeals changing from HR to the Police Board. Budget Director Susie Park acknowledged Executive Director Max Caprone of the Police Board and Chairman Dowell recognized Director Caprone who answered Alderman Vasquez' question. Chairman Dowell moved on to public comment and recognized S. Toia, President and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association, and S. Toia spoke on the item. Chairman Dowell recognized S. Sanchez who signed up to speak on the item and S. Sanchez spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized E. Samson and E. Samson spoke on behalf of Lettuce Entertain You. Chairman Dowell recognized R. Marks and R. Marks, owner operator of Legacy Hospitality Group, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized L. Andrade and L. Andrade, Vice President of Health and Long-Term Care Policy, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized C. Lawless and C. Lawless, co-owner of the Dearborn Restaurant in the Loop, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized K. Brehm and K. Brehm, one of the co-founders of Boka Restaurant in Chicago, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized P. Tuzi and P. Tuzi, one of the owners and operators of the family that runs Twin Acres Restaurant in Old Town, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized P. Abu-Taleb and P. Abu-Taleb, managing director for Maya Hospitality, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized H. Meyer and H. Meyer, one of the owners of BJ's Market and Bakery, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized J. Williams and J. Williams spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized T. Triche Dawood, Counsel with the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized A. Abu-Taleb and A. Abu-Taleb spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized E. Bland Durrosinni and E. Bland Durrosinni, with SEIU Healthcare, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized N. Rhodes and N. Rhodes, representing and advocating for restaurant workers, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized Z. Kowlsky and Z. Kowlsky, on behalf of Local 881 United Food and Commercial Workers, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized G. Blakemore and G. Blakemore spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized M. Hamer, the Associate Director at the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD), spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized M. Cooch and M. Cooch, Executive Director of the Arc of Illinois, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized B. Taylor and B. Taylor, Vice-President of Civil Rights and Systematic Litigation at Equip for Equality, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized M. McHugh. M. McHugh, CEO of Envision Unlimited, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized M. Ottinot and M. Ottinot, accompanied by her daughter Mya, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized W. Pollack and W. Pollack, Director of Women's Law and Policy Initiative at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized A. Smock and A. Smock, Director of Advocacy for Access Living, spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized Z. Pajy and Z. Pajy spoke.

Motion made by Alderman Harris on item number 10, the substitute ordinance as amended to strike Section 1 of Article IX, which passed by a voice vote.

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- 11. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Emma Mitts – 37th Ward, transferring funds within the City Council Committee on License and Consumer Protection.**

**(O2019-8464)**

Chairman Dowell explained the ordinance is for the transfer of \$20,000 from personnel service to contractual service. Motion made Alderman Reboyras on item number 11, which passed by a voice vote.

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- 12. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer – 6th Ward, transferring funds within the City Council Committee on Health and Human Relations.**

**(O2019-8455)**

Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Sawyer who explained the transfer of funds was to improve the efficiency in the office. Chairman Dowell acknowledged G. Blakemore and G. Blakemore spoke. Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Osterman who made a comment. Motion made Alderman Scott on item number 12, 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 Villegas, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

The following item was referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **October 16, 2019**:

1. **A resolution calling for hearing(s) on unfilled employee vacancies within City departments. (R2019-744)**

Sponsor(s): Lopez (15), Beale (9), Napolitano (41), Gardiner (45), Reilly (42), Sawyer (6), Smith (43), and Maldonado (26).

**No Action Taken by the Committee.**

The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **November 13, 2019**:

1. **A resolution calling on Illinois General Assembly to pass Cook County Assessor Data Modernization Act. (R2019-852)**

Sponsor(s): LaSpata (1), Martin (47), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Villegas (36), Vasquez (40), and Rodriguez (22).

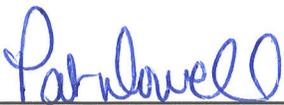
**No Action Taken by the Committee.**

2. **An ordinance amending Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2020 within Fund No. 0100 for Department of Planning and Development – 9813 and Neighborhood Opportunity – 4093. (O2019-8465)**

Sponsor(s): Villegas (36)

**No Action Taken by the Committee.**

Respectfully submitted by:



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Pat Dowell

Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

