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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
SEPTEMBER 2021**

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 September 2021.

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

On September 9, 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 September 9, 2021 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), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), 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), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the September 9, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Cardenas (12), Brookins (21), and Scott (24).

The following non-members were virtually present at the September 9, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: La Spata (1), Burke (14), Cardona (31), Rodriguez Sanchez (33).



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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JULY 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, reappointing Barbara T. Bowman as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2023 (A2021-111)

PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21

2. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, reappointing Dominique Jordan Turner as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2023 (A2021-115)

PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21

3. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, reappointing Lynn M. Lockwood as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024 (A2021-113)

PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21

4. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, reappointing Linda Johnson Rice as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024 (A2021-114)

PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
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5. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, reappointing Ivy Walker as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024 (A2021-116)



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- 6. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, appointing Michelle T. Boone as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2023, to succeed Alexi Giannoulis, whose term has expired (A2021-110)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21**

- 7. A communication from the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor appointing Sandra M. Delgado as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2023, to succeed Patricia G. Perez, whose term has expired (A2021-112)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21**

- 8. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2021 amendment within Fund No. 925 for Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Department of Public Health, Office of Public Safety Administration, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Police, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Department of Fire (SO2021-3240)**

**SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21**

DIRECT INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING

- 9. An ordinance authorizing the Department of Assets, Information and Services to extend a rental agreement with the Hotel Julian (Direct Introduction)**

**DIRECT INTRODUCTION ACCEPTED IN COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS COMMITTEE 9/9/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/14/21**



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On September 9, 2021 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 speakers signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell called for approval of the July and August 2021 Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Austin moved to accept the Rule 45 Reports. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell then announced that the Committee will be taking items 1-5 on the agenda together, the reappointment of certain members to the Chicago Public Library Board. Chairman Dowell recognized the members up for reappointment. Barbara T. Bowman was first to address the committee. Following Ms. Bowman, Dominique Jordan Turner addressed the committee. Lynn Lockwood then gave her opening statement. Patrick Molloy provided Linda Johnson Rice's opening statement. Ivy Walker was the final speaker to address the committee. Chairman Dowell then opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen. Alderman Austin inquired about in-home virtual library services. Mr. Molloy discussed Live from the Library and other reading programs. Alderman Rodriguez asked about Latino representation on the Library Board. Mr. Molloy answered there are 9 board members with 1 Latino representative. Chairman Dowell pointed out that the City has recently confirmed a number of Latino appointees to boards and positions within the City. Alderman King asked how libraries can help with gun violence. Ms. Lockwood stated that being open and providing a safe haven for youth is an important aspect of the library system which helps to stem gun violence. Alderman Sposato moved do pass on Items No. 1-5 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, items 1-5 passed and were reported out at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Chairman Dowell announced that the Committee will also be taking agenda items 6-7 together, the appointment of new members to the Chicago Public Library Board. Library Board appointee Michelle Boone was recognized to speak. Following Ms. Boone, Sandra Delgado addressed the committee. Chairman Dowell then opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen. Aldermen Sposato, Austin, Burnett and Dowell congratulated the candidates. Alderman Moore asked about establishing a Chicago Poet Laureate or Chicago Poet competition. Alderman Reilly



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moved do pass on Items No. 6-7 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the items passed and were reported out at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item 9 on the agenda, an ordinance to allow the Department of Assets, Information and Services to extend a rental agreement with the Hotel Julian (Direct Introduction). Deputy Commissioner Maura McCauley from the Department of Family and Support Services introduced the ordinance. At the conclusion of her testimony Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from the committee members and non-members. Chairman Dowell asked about occupancy totals for the Hotel Julian. Deputy Commissioner McCauley stated they will fill all 175 rooms if authorized. Alderman Thompson asked about the cost of the program, vaccination status of users, and turnover rates. First Deputy Jonathan Ernst responded that hotel rental costs \$520,000-\$540,000 a month, and Deputy Commissioner McCauley said they don't keep the vaccination data of the individuals who use homeless services and that there is a regular turnover rate as individuals move into permanent housing. Chairman Dowell asked about permanent housing retention rates and wraparound services. Deputy Commissioner McCauley stated the expedited housing initiative supported 1,100 people and will provide through the chair the retention rate and house rules at the Hotel Julian. Alderman La Spata inquired about the funding source for the Hotel Julian contract and the occupancy rate. First Deputy Ernst stated that it's being funded by FEMA and Deputy Commissioner McCauley answered that it's very high when they open up intake fully. Alderman Tunney moved do pass on Item 9 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 Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Chairman Dowell then moved to the last item on the agenda, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2021 amendment within Fund No. 925 for Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Department of Public Health, Office of Public Safety Administration, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Police, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Department of Fire (SO2021-3240). A motion to accept the substitute was made by Alderman Austin. With the substitute before committee, Deputy Budget Director LaToya Vaughn read the opening statement. Chairman Dowell asked about shuttered venue grant program recipients in a specific zip code. After asking for that information, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from committee members and non-members. Alderman Taliaferro recognized the good work organizations in his ward were able to accomplish using these grant funds. Alderman Thompson asked about the DCASE winter décor program and the shuttered venue grant program. Deputy Commissioner Gabriel Godwin answered that they do have seasonal funding but this grant enhances that funding, and the shuttered venue funding goes to help music venues/museums closed by the pandemic. Alderman Thompson also



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asked about CDPH funding included in the grant. Ayanna Thomas from CDPH stated that the funding in the grant is continuation funding from an existing expired program. Alderman Curtis asked if CPD/OEMC funding can be used to purchase encrypted radios. Natalie Gutierrez from OPSA responded that a substantial portion of the funding can be used for that purpose. Alderman Hairston asked about the selection of the venues for the shuttered venue grant. Deputy Commissioner Godwin answered that over 50-55 venues were selected by the federal government from an open grant call, and many recipients are on the South Side, information on which has been provided to Aldermen by zip code. Chairman Dowell asked if the City had an opportunity to weigh in if the venues were actual venues. Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez recognized the importance of the grant funds to the North River Commission. Chairman Dowell spoke about the good work done by QCDC, a recipient of grant funds. Alderman Thompson moved to pass on Item 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 Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

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 Austin moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Dowell".

Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations