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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
JULY 2022**

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 July 2022.

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

On July 18, 2022 at 2:00 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 July 18, 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), Lee (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), 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 July 18, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Curtis (18), Brookins (21), Austin (34), and Ramirez-Rosa (35).

The following non-members were virtually present at the July 18, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: LaSpata (1), Beale (9), Coleman (16), Cardona (31), and Martin (47).



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

On July 18, 2022 at 3:10 p.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations' Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were virtually present at the July 18, 2022 Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Martin (47), LaSpata (1), Hairston (5), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Rodriguez (22), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the July 18, 2022 Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Burnett (27), Nugent (39), and Smith (43).

The following non-members were virtually present at the July 18, 2022 Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: King (4), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Lee (11), Coleman (16), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Scott (24), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Cappleman (46), and Silverstein (50).



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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JUNE 22, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for the Department of Health and Department of Housing (SO2022-2002).

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 7/18/22
SUBSTITUTE PASS COMMITTEE 7/18/22
PASS CITY COUNCIL 7/20/22

DIRECT INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JULY 18, 2022 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

2. An ordinance concerning amendments to Chapters 2-164, 3-12, 7-28, and 11-12 of the Municipal Code regarding water shutoffs, water privatization, and associated reporting (O2022-2050).

PASS COMMITTEE 7/18/22
PASS CITY COUNCIL 7/20/22

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE APRIL 27, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3. A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Daniel LaSpata (1st Ward), amending the Municipal Code Section 2-8-050 to allow the use of aldermanic expense allowance funds for rain barrels. (SO2022-1037).

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 7/18/22
SUBSTITTUTE PASS COMMITTEE 7/18/22
PASS CITY COUNCIL 7/20/22

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

4. A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Jason C. Ervin (28th Ward), concerning an amendment to section 7-28-750 and adding a new section 7-28-780 of the Municipal Code regarding parking of motor vehicles on vacant lots (SO2020-4377).

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 7/18/22



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PASS COMMITTEE 7/18/22
PASS CITY COUNCIL 7/20/22

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JUNE 25, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5. A substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Anthony Beale (9th Ward), concerning an amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 2-8 regarding the establishment of an Office of Legislative Support of City Council (SO2021-2901).

SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 3/16/22
HELD IN COMMITTEE 3/16/22
HELD IN COMMITTEE 7/18/22

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING – NO VOTES TAKEN

6. Subject Matter Hearing held on July 18, 2022. The Subcommittee discussed City Infrastructure and Parks and Homeless Support Services.

On June 18, 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. With no individuals signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Chairman Dowell called for approval of the June 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Reilly moved to approve the Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with Item Number 1 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for the Department of Health and the Department of Housing (SO2022-2002). Alderman Smith moved to accept the substitute. LaToya Vaughn, Deputy Budget Director explained the substitute ordinance. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's presentation, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting to questions from members and non-members. Chairman Dowell asked about the breakdown of emergency rental assistance program. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn answered they didn't have time to prepare this



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information ahead of time. Alderman Ervin 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 Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to Item Number 2 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning amendments to Chapters 2-164, 3-12, 7-28, and 11-12 of the Municipal Code regarding water shutoffs, water privatization, and associated reporting (O2022-2050). Chairman Dowell recognized Comptroller Reshma Soni to introduce the ordinance. Chairman Dowell then recognized Department of Water Management Commissioner Andrea Cheng to further explain the ordinance. Chairman Dowell confirmed the first report will be published next February. Alderman Rodriguez recognized other alderman and community-based organizations for their work on this issue. He then went on to ask about the powers and duties clause in the ordinance, and shutoff authority. DWM Commissioner Cheng answered that this clause is not an expansion of the commissioner's powers, and that when there is a plumbing issue that may contaminate the drinking water DWM is still allowed to shut off the water. Mark Siegel from Law clarified the mayor has shut off authority only when the chapter of the ordinance has been violated, no shutoff authority for non-payment. Alderman Ervin asked about the fiscal challenges possibly presented by this ordinance. Comptroller Soni said the City has been looking at the financial impact of banning shutoffs for the past couple years, and the City has actually seen an increase in water sales. Mark Siegel from Law further explained that banning water shutoffs haven't opened the City up to liability previously. Alderman LaSpata asked about why the ordinance was referred to the Budget Committee and not Environmental Protection and Energy, and why the reports don't go to the Environmental Protection and Energy Committee. Comptroller Soni stated they can also submit to the Environment Committee, and Chairman Dowell stated the issue at hand is water debt and the budget, which is why it has been referred to the Budget Committee. Alderman Rodriguez 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 Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to Item Number 3 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Daniel LaSpata (1st Ward), amending the Municipal Code Section 2-8-050 to allow the use of aldermanic expense allowance funds for rain barrels. (SO2022-1037). Alderman Rodriguez moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute ordinance before the committee, Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman LaSpata to introduce the ordinance. Alderman O'Shea discussed flooding in his community. DWM Commissioner Cheng explained how her department is working to prevent flooding citywide. Alderman Cardenas moved do pass Item No. 3 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to



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determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Chairman Dowell moved to Item Number 4 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Jason C. Ervin (28th Ward), concerning an amendment to section 7-28-750 and adding a new section 7-28-780 of the Municipal Code regarding parking of motor vehicles on vacant lots (SO2020-4377). Alderman Cappleman moved to accept the substitute ordinance, and Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Ervin to discuss the ordinance. Chairman Dowell asked about the requirements for the property owner before the City can enter the property. Alderman Ervin explained the notice requirements, including a path through the courts. Alderman Rodriguez asked to clarify if this applies only to private lots and what happens if there are absentee owners. Alderman Ervin stated its private lots only and the department must work to locate the private owner and can use summary abatement process to move the cars. Alderman Moore asked to further clarify the abatement process. Redeatu Kassa from Law described the sticker, notification and timeline process for removing a vehicle. Alderman Mitchell asked if this applies to improved properties and if we can expand the ordinance to include improved properties. Mr. Kassa stated its only vacant lots and they would be willing to work with Alderman Mitchell to craft an ordinance that accomplishes this goal. Alderman Sposato asked about lots where the owner allows the negative activity. Mr. Kassa said the ordinance would not apply, but there are other options to solve that specific issue already in place. Chairman Dowell inquired about the different notice periods between public and private vacant lots. Mr. Kassa responded that based on existing practice. Alderman Rodriguez 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 Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Chairman Dowell introduced Item 5 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Anthony Beale (9th Ward), concerning an amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 2-8 regarding the establishment of an Office of Legislative Support of City Council (SO2021-2901). Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Beale, who asked to hold the item in committee. Hearing no objections, the item was held in committee.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Waguespack moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.



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Vice-Chairman Martin listed the departmental employees who were available to speak, and introduced the panelists, starting with Ed Stellon, Executive Director of Heartland Alliance Health, who were each given 5 minutes to speak. After Mr. Stellon, Julie Dworkin, Director of Policy for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless gave her prepared remarks. Juanita Irizarry, Executive Director from Friends of the Parks spoke next. Last was Jim Merrell, Managing Director of Advocacy of the Active Transportation Alliance. At the conclusion of the panelists' remarks, Budget Director Susie Park provided an update on the Chicago Recovery Plan. Next, Department of Family and Support Services Commissioner Brandie Knazze gave her presentation on homelessness. Managing Deputy Director Bryan Eisenberg from the Department of Housing gave his presentation. Matt Richards, Deputy Commissioner of Behavior Health from the Department of Family and Support Services presented. Chief Information Officer Kurt Peterson from the Department of Assets, Information and Services was next. And Patrick Levar, Chief Operating Officer of the Chicago Park District concluded with City infrastructure and parks. Following COO Levar's presentation, Vice-Chairman Martin opened the meeting to questions from members and non-members. Vice-Chairman Martin recognized Alderman LaSpata, who asked about a breakdown of the funding set in reserves. Budget Director Park explained many of the investments in reserves are for long-term investments, much of which is still under RFP. Alderman LaSpata continued inquiring about rapid rehousing disparity between units available and the need for units disbursed citywide, and how the City moves homeless to long-term housing. DFSS Commissioner Knazze answered it's more difficult to engage landlords, and get the right number of units on the north side of the City, and described the wraparound services needed to get people housed long-term. Alderman LaSpata finished by asking about the IT needs of the City. CIO Peterson described that the city has about \$300-400 million in IT needs, and when replaced the City can shift money from the maintenance of legacy systems using that money to invest. The recovery plan contains \$25 million which is being used to support infrastructure needs, and then also to upgrade eligible legacy systems. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired how much it costs to bring in broadband into park district facilities. COO Lavar responded that about 95% of the



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park facilities have Wi-Fi, but it's not all public, most is for staff only. To add broadband, it varies depending on the size of the facility, but it's about \$130,000 a site on average. Vice-Chairman Martin asked if CPD had any facilities they are targeting for upgrades. COO Lavar answered they are doing a needs assessment, concluding by the end of this year, and adding WiFi starting in the 1st Quarter of 2023. Vice-Chairman Martin continued by asking about the CARES Teams. Deputy Commissioner Reynolds responded they are trying to identify where there are the biggest needs and then assigning teams based on the data. Deputy Commissioner Reynolds continued stating they are targeting a range of units from 20-70 for the homeless response pilots. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired about what types of properties DoH is looking for to support the permanent supportive housing pilot. Managing Deputy Commissioner Eisenberg stated the department is looking for any site that may work, they can work with the local officials to see if the infrastructure fits. Last, Vice-Chairman Martin inquired about the number of homeless individuals DFSS can support at one time. DFSS Commissioner answered they are targeting about 220 units for permanent supportive housing, and for shelters there is such a great range of needs they can't yet estimate, but pre-pandemic numbers would be a great target.

Vice-Chairman Martin stated that there was no further business before the Subcommittee and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Ervin moved to adjourn. The subcommittee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Dowell, Chairman

Committee on the Budget and Government Operations