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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
SEPTEMBER 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 September 2022.

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

On September 14, 2022, 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 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Lee (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), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42) Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the September 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Hairston (5), Sposato (38), and Knudsen (43).

The following non-members were virtually present at the September 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Beale (9), Coleman (16), Cardona (31), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Nugent (39), and Martin (47).

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

On September 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.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 September 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice Chair Martin (47), Hairston (5), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Rodriguez (22), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Nugent (39), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the September 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: La Spata (1), Burnett (27), and Knudsen (43).

The following non-members were virtually present at the September 14, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: King (4), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Beale (9), Lee (11), Cardenas (12), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Reboyras (30), Napolitano (41), and Reilly (42).

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

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JULY 20, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. Annual Appropriation Substitute Ordinance Year 2022 amendment within Fund No. 925 regarding Office of Mayor, Department of Family and Support Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Housing, Department of Fire, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Chicago Public Library (SO2022-2448)**

SUBSTITUTE IN COMMITTEE 9/14/22

PASS COMMITTEE 9/14/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/21/22

- 2. An ordinance concerning the execution of a Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant agreement with Motoworks Chicago LTD for the property located at 1901 S. Western Avenue. (O2022-2347)**

PASS COMMITTEE 9/14/22

PASS CITY COUNCIL 9/21/22

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ONLY, NO VOTES TAKEN

- 3. Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan topic areas including: City priorities for health and wellness, and tourism and industry support**

On September 14, 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 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 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman O'Shea moved to accept the Rule 45 Reports. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with item number 1 on the agenda, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022 amendment within Fund No. 925 regarding Office of Mayor, Department of Family and Support Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Housing, Department of Fire, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Chicago Public Library (SO2022-2448). Alderman Cappleman moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute under consideration, Chairman Dowell recognized Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn who provided an overview of the substitute ordinance. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's remarks, Chairman Dowell asked about the community health worker program. CDPH Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady explained they are shifting existing workers from the COVID-19 outreach program to new navigator jobs throughout the City for CDPH initiatives. Alderman Tunney asked about the area plan for aging. DFSS Deputy Commissioner Margaret LaRaviere explained how this program is guided and that it funds various programs like Meals on Wheels, congregate dining settings, and training for drivers, and this grant adds \$5.6 million to the existing \$20-25 million allocated for this nutrition program. Alderman Austin moved do pass on item No. 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, item 1 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 2 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning the execution of a Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant agreement with Motoworks Chicago LTD for the property located at 1901 S. Western Avenue. (O2022-2347). William Grams from the Department of Planning and Development was recognized to introduce the project, and Johnny Scheff the owner of the business was recognized to speak. Alderman Dowell asked Mr. Sheff to perform better education and training of motorcycle riders to help prevent the bad actors that continue to harass the community. Mr. Scheff stated those bad riders reflect poorly on his business, and that he will continue to work and train his riders to be good community members. Mr. Scheff also committed to adding education about City laws to his class. Alderman Brookins objected to the classification that motorcycles are inherently dangerous and disruptive, and that as Chairman of Transportation he is working on parking and riding safety issues to help everyone share the City better. Alderman Osterman agreed that Mr. Scheff should take Alderman Dowell's advice regarding dangerous motorcycles. Alderman Moore asked for the financial breakdown of the project, and if they are building a new school. Mr. Grams stated its \$3.8 million total, the NOF grant is \$1.34 million, and \$250,000 for the local hiring bonus, and that the construction will add a floor to the building. Alderman Austin moved do pass on 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, September 21, 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 10:47 am

On September 14, 2022 Chairman Dowell called the virtual subcommittee 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. Chairman Dowell mentioned written public comment that was submitted.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting by introducing the topics for discussion during the subcommittee meeting and recognized Amanda Pyron the Executive Director from The Network as the first panelist to discuss domestic violence funding as part of the Chicago Recovery Plan. Following Ms. Pyron, Patrick Dombrowski, Clinical Director of C4 delivered his prepared statement on mental health funding. Angela Hicks, Executive Director from Margaret's Village spoke about shelter services, followed by Roushaunda Williams from Unite Here spoke about how hospitality services were affected by COVID-19 and Kyle Shulz from World Business Chicago gave his remarks on attracting businesses to Chicago to close out the panelist opening statements. Alderman Osterman asked for additional written testimony from mental health and violence prevention colleagues to see how the City can better address these issues. Budget Director Susie Park was then recognized by Chairman Dowell to give her update on Chicago Recovery Plan spending. CDPH Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady was next to deliver her prepared remarks regarding Family Connects, CARE, and Trauma Informed Centers of Care programs run by her department. Jessica Wilkerson gave details on Family Connects. Commissioner Arwady discussed CARE. DFSS Commissioner Brandie Knazze introduced the Gender Based Violence program and recognized Adriana Camarda to further explain how DFSS addresses gender based violence. DCASE Commissioner Erin Harkey talked about supporting the tourism and hospitality industries. At the conclusion of the presentations, Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from subcommittee members and non-members. Chairman Dowell asked for the four hospitals for the family connects program and neighborhoods they are targeting. Ms. Wilkerson responded the four current hospitals are Rush, University of Chicago, Humboldt Park Health, and Mt. Sinai, and the four new hospitals will be Stroger, Roseland, Swedish and St. Anthony's. Chairman Dowell then asked how the four CARE program neighborhoods were chosen. Commissioner Arwady stated it was based on calls for service, and they will try and add more time for a second shift. Finally, Chairman Dowell asked about how to find clinicians for these positions. Dr. Arwady answered that the City is providing additional funding so partners can hire more people and offer better salaries and benefits. Alderman Osterman asked for the mental health RFP and stated no matter how much the City is doing to address mental health challenges it's never enough. DFSS Commissioner Knazze explained the City's expanded mental health and homeless outreach initiative to address these issues comprehensively among various departments. CDPH Commissioner Arwady stated that the City was doing none of this work prior to 2019 and that these programs are growing and starting to address these systemic issues. CDPH Commissioner Arwady continued that unless there is a court order they can't force anyone to seek treatment. Alderman Moore asked about collaboration for mental health services, specifically about where the youth who need services are coming from. CDPH Commissioner Arwady explained it's difficult to address issues with children because of insurance purposes, so CDPH works mostly through school to get them the services they need, or

within their own CDPH clinics, and that they see low-income and low-insured children as the ones that need services the most. Alderman Moore asked for clarification about the gender based violence funding. DFSS Commissioner Knazze responded generally where the funding is being used, and how “gender based” violence is defined. Alderman Austin asked about services at Roseland Hospital, and the CARE program. CDPH Commissioner Arwady responded it’s the Family Connects program at Roseland, and that the CARE program responds to 911 calls, or be called by CPD to get the CARE team to the incident. Alderman Austin also asked if CDPH can monitor people that have had COVID-19 and provide assistance to them. CDPH Commissioner Arwady said they are not providers, but she mentioned the seven long-COVID studies that are being undertaken and encouraged Chicagoans to sign up for the study. Chairman Dowell concluded by asking about the numbers of clients the City is seeing for mental health services. CDPH Commissioner Arwady stated how they are rolling out mental health services, and Matt Richards from CDPH stated the clinics are just starting to gather the demographic information.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the subcommittee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Sadlowski-Garza moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Pat Dowell, Chairman

Committee on the Budget and Government Operations