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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
JUNE 2023

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations (CBGO) submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for JUNE 2023.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:	On June 20, 2023, at 2:00 P.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2nd Floor.
Attendance:	The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), Vice-Chairman Lee (11), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Robinson (4), Yancy (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Ramirez (12), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Burnett (27), Rodriquez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Nugent (39), Knudsen (43), Martin (47), and Haddon (49). The following members were absent: Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Taliaferro (29), Cardona ((31), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), and Silverstein (50). The following non-member was present: Waguespack (32). Internal witnesses present were: Annette Guzman, Budget Director, Office of Budget Management, Terrence Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Planning and Development (DPD), Robert Bumpers, Financial Analyst, Department of Planning and Development (DPD), Grant Davis, Coordinating Planner, Chicago Department of Transportation, Yolanda Curry, Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), Senior Services and Massimo Pacilli, Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Department of Health (CDPH). The following external witness were present: Kim Close, Executive Director, Foundation of Little Village and Juan Saldana, Developer, Little Village Incubator Project.

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

1. **Approval of the June 2023 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations**

2. **Appointment of Annette Guzman as Budget Director, City of Chicago**

3. **A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning a Neighborhood Opportunity Funds Award Letter amendment to extend the project completion date and increase the grant to Little Village Business Incubator LLC for commercial renovations. (O2023-2051)**

4. **A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023 amendment within Fund 925 for the Department of Housing, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Department of Family and Support Services—Early Childhood, Emergency Housing, Department of Transportation—Congestion Management Technologies Deployment. (O2023-2079)**

5. **A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning a Transfer of Funds within Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2023. (O2023-2095)**

6. **2024 Budget Process**

Chairman Ervin called the meeting to order. Chairman Ervin took a roll call and observed a quorum was present and made a motion to allow Alderman Vasquez to join virtually pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Alderman La Spata so moved.

Chairman Ervin moved to approve the Rule 45 Report of Committee's meeting/hearing held June 20, 2023, which report was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair asked if there was a request for discussion, hearing no such request, Alderman La Spata moved to approve the report, hearing no objections, the report was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The report was thus adopted.

Chairman Ervin then opened the floor for public comment, and acknowledged there were no public speakers at this time. The Chair concluded the public comment period.

The Chair moved to Item #1 of the agenda, the appointment of Annette Guzman as Budget Director, City of Chicago.

The Chair introduced Annette Guzman, who provided information on her background and qualifications. Chairman Ervin opened the floor to questions/comments. Aldermen Moore, O'Shea, Rodriguez, Dowell, Ramirez-Rosa, Haddon, Rodriquez-Sanchez, Burnett, Martin, and Mitchell voiced their support of Mayor Johnson's appointment, and they looked forward to working with Budget Director Guzman in the coming years. The Chair congratulated and echoed all the comments stated by the members and how he looks forward to solving some of the challenges people face here in the City of Chicago. Alderman Harris made a motion to approve the appointment, hearing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The item passed and was to be reported out for the June 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Chairman Ervin moved to Item #2, A communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning a Neighborhood Opportunity Funds Award Letter amendment to extend the project completion date and increase the grant to Little Village Business Incubator LLC for commercial renovations. The Chair introduced Terrence Johnson and Robert Bumpers, DPD. Robert Bumpers provided testimony and a PowerPoint presentation on the ordinance. The Chairman opened the floor for questions/comments.

Alderman Rodriquez was recognized. He stated his support of the project and explained how it will be a tremendous benefit not only to Little Village but the entire southwest side and City of Chicago as a whole. The Chair referenced Mr. Bumbers comment regarding anti flip and another provision and asked; What is the claw back period? Is it amortized or full term for the 1.7 million?" Robert replied, it's a 3-year compliance period. Chairman asked if the compliance period was amortized or just all or nothing? Robert stated, I believe all or nothing.

Alderman Villegas asked is this property owned by the nonprofit so they are not paying taxes? Robert answered, it is owned by Xquina. Villegas asked if it is a non-profit? Kim Close replied, it is currently owned by the Little Village Business Incubator, which is not a non-profit, they have one partner Foundation of Little Village which is a non-profit, we are working with a CPA to get LBVI nonprofit status, so we are currently paying property taxes. Villegas asked if the property would come off the roll when they achieve nonprofit status. Juan Saldana added that it's a special purpose entity, it will pay taxes throughout the governance period for 3 years, after that we will see if there is a way to put it into a community shared agreement so it can have community ownership. Villegas voiced his full support of the project. Alderman Rodriguez moved do pass, hearing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The item passed and was to be reported out for the June 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

The Chairman moved to Item #3, a communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2023 amendment within Fund 925 for the Department of Housing, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Department of Family and Support Services—Early Childhood, Emergency Housing, Department of Transportation—Congestion Management Technologies Deployment. Chairman made a motion to accept a substitute ordinance on item #3, Alderman La Spata so moved, hearing no objection, the item was adopted based on the affirmative vote of all members present for the roll call used to determine a quorum.

The Chair recognized Budget Director Guzman, who provided testimony on the substitute ordinance. The Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments.

Alderman La Spata was recognized and referenced the work we are doing on bus modernization; are there specific corridors or bus routes we are looking at? Grant Davis, CDOT responded this will be implemented citywide, it's a backend project that allows the buses to communicate with our signal system, anticipated over the next 5 years 1,000 of our 3,000 signals will have this technology on them, this is a long-term project, as they come online, they will be able to communicate through the system. Allows the GPS on the bus to communicate with the signal to give that extra dream time if need be. Alderman Dowell inquired about the state senior companion program, and asked, how many seniors are being funded to participate in this program and from what parts of the city they are located. Yolanda Curry, DFSS, there are 95 Senior companions participating in the program citywide. I can get an answer through the Chair to give a specific ward breakout as to where they live within the city of Chicago. Alderman Conway requested more information on the building epidemiology and Health IT Capacity program and what that is and was the $10 million expected or unexpected. Massimo Pacilli, CDPH, the

grant is a mechanism that DHSS has been used to fund the work that we do at CDPH. It represents an expansion of the programs we have capacity for and running at the present, the project runs until 2027, these funds go to enhance and sustain the capability around the variance surveillance, waste-water surveillance, the core capacity of the department. We have this agreement every 4 years, it was expected. Alderman Mosley moved do pass, hearing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The item passed and was to be reported out for the June 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

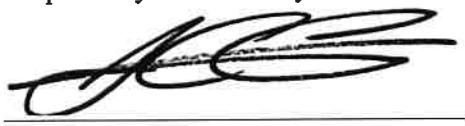
Chairman moved to Item #5 an overview of the 2024 Budget Process. Budget Director Guzman gave an overview of the process and provided a schedule of dates. Chairman added, during the time of budget community engagement roundtables, we as a council members will work with individual Aldermen, regions of the city and Caucuses to get input from everyone's perspective. We will be sending out dates from the committee, after we do the Budget 101 with new aldermen. Alderman Villegas raised a Point of Information; the budget committee will be meeting to discuss priorities? We want to get all that input in because to get that input in before we get to the amendment portion. We want to get all of those. items on the table before. This is outside of the community engagement meetings. Get feedback from the Council on their asks as well. Alderman Martin asked who is on the Mayors Advisory Board as it concerns pensions, has it been released publicly. Budget Director Guzman responded, not sure if it has been released publicly, the CFO is in the mist of convening that taskforce. Martin requested through the chair, anything we should be aware of, what specifically they have been tasked with, how many times they will meet and over what period of time, curious to know the cross section of the membership. In addition, inquired about Budget Director's experience with the county, ways in which, regarding with specific board members, and their involvement with the creation of the budget before it was proposed and what is similar to what is laid out here. Director Guzman answered, it came in several forms, I constantly talked to the commissioners throughout the year. In addition, the Commissioners would speak regularly with the elected officials and department heads, so any priorities they had, they would work directly with those departments prior to the budget phase and then during the amendment phase.

The Chairman closed the question and comment portion and proceeded to Item #4, a communication recommending a proposed ordinance concerning a Transfer of Funds within Committee on Committees and Rules for Year 2023. With no questions being asked by the members, Alderman Villegas made a motion to pass, hearing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to establish a quorum. The item passed and was to be reported out for the June 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Rodriguez for adjournment, the meeting was adjourned.

(A video recording of the full meeting with committee members, internal and external experts, as well as any/all public speaking content can be reviewed on the Chicago City Clerk website under Committee Meeting Web Stream Archive dated June 20th.)

Respectfully submitted by:



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Committee on the Budget and Government Operations