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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
MARCH 2025

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 MARCH 2025 Meeting.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On March 10, 2025 at 1:00 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), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Ramirez (12), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Conway (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Napolitano (41), Martin (47), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

The following members attended virtually: Knudsen (43).

The following members were absent: Yancy (5), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Villegas (36) and Reilly (42).

The following non-members were present: Coleman (16).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget & Management (OBM)**: Matthew Schmitz, Managing Deputy Budget Director, Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director; **Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS)**: Raymond Barrett, Managing Deputy Commissioner; **Department of Planning and Development (DPD)**: Robert Bumpers, Financial Planning Analyst; **Public Safety Administration (PSA) / Chicago Police Department (CPD)**: Tomas Maulawin, Director of Grant Management; **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)**: Silvia Rozario, Supervisor of Grants Administration, Amanda Alba, Public Health Administrator II, Hannah Matzke, Epidemiologist IV; **Chicago Fire Department (CFD)**: Bethany Hand, Assistant Commissioner; **Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)**: Grant Davis, Director of Grants Management; **Chicago Public Library (CPL)**: Erema Jackson

External witnesses present: **Veteran Roasters**, Mark Doyle

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

➤ **Approval of Monthly Rule 45 Report for February 2025**

1. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925.
(O2025-0015559)**
2. **Redevelopment Agreement with Cup O' Joe Coffee LLC to provide neighborhood opportunity funds to build a coffee roastery, beer production facility, retail café and taproom at 754 East 111th Street.
(O2025-0015562)**
3. **Transfer of funds within Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015717)**
4. **Transfer of funds within 8th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015510)**
5. **Transfer of funds within 23rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015284)**
6. **Transfer of funds within Committee on Health and Human Relations for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015244)**
7. **Transfer of funds within Committee on Health and Human Relations for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015246)**
8. **Transfer of funds within 33rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015277)**
9. **Transfer of funds within 34th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015652)**
10. **Clerical Correction to a Transfer of funds within 38th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025, which passed at January 13th Committee.
(O2025-0015129)**
11. **Transfer of funds within 41st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015573)**
12. **Transfer of funds within 44th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.
(O2025-0015281)**
13. **Call for hearing(s) on various functions of City of Chicago human resources services, information technology, health insurance claims, workers' compensation, and similar item.
(R2025-0015578)**

Chairman Ervin called the meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. He then proceeded to read the Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings, then opened the floor for public comment. The following speaker was present and given three minutes each for public comment:

- Julie Darling
- Jessica Jackson
- Tiwon Sims

The Chair concluded the public comment period and recognized Alderman Taliaferro for quorum. He then made a motion to allow Committee Members, Aldermen Knudsen and Villegas to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Chairman Dowell, hearing no objections, the Aldermen were added to the roll. Upon Chairman verifying their attendance Alderman Villegas failed to respond.

Chairman Ervin then moved to the approval of the Rule 45 Report for February 2025, which was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair asked if there were any requests for discussion. Hearing no such requests, Vice Chair Lee moved to approve the report. A vote was taken, and the report was approved.

Chairman Ervin continued to Item# 1, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2025 amendment within Fund 925. The Chair made a motion to accept a substitute ordinance for Item #1, Vice Mayor Burnett so moved, hearing no objection, the substitute ordinance was adopted. Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director, was acknowledged and provided a narrative for the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$9,977,000 in federal, state and local/private grant awards for the Department of Public Health, Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Fire Department, Department of Transportation and Chicago Public Library. Deputy Budget Director Belczak concluded, then the Chair inquired about the federal funding around the grant space of Public Health and other departments, what are you seeing or believing will happen along the lines of those grants. Deputy Budget Director replied that all of the amendments discussed today, we have legal agreements for all of these grants, so we are relatively confident in the reimbursement. Additionally, most of these dollars presented are federal pass-through dollars, which go through the state to the city of Chicago. It is the position of the state to follow our normal state actions when it comes to these pass-through dollars. The Chairman proceeded by opening the floor for questions and comments then recognized Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez referenced the CPD grants, citing page 3 of the summary, the Illinois Attorney General's Retail Crime Grant for 3,600 hours of overtime, training and conferences to improve crime investigations. How much is going towards training and conferences and what is left for the overtime to investigate the retail theft? Tomas Maulawin, Director of Grant Management, PSA, responded, \$6,000 is for training and conferences and the rest will be towards overtime. Alderman Lopez continued, asking for an explanation of the non-lethal device program. Director Maulawin explained that it is for the purchase of new model 10 tasers, Axon is discontinuing the manufacture of the current models that CPD uses so we are rolling out newer models to the Department. Alderman Lopez noted that this was for only 399 Tasers, we obviously have more officers than that, how are we replacing everyone else's? Director Maulawin replied that might be a question for CPD at this point from a grant's perspective, for which we are responsible for this is the only funding we have for tasers at this time. Alderman Lopez ended questioning, the Chair recognized Alderman Ramirez-Rosa for the purpose of quorum, then proceeded to call Chairman Dowell.

Chairman Dowell, requested through the chair, the number of FOID revocations by the Chicago Police Department. Director Maulawin responded, we will provide the information. Chairman Dowell continued, asking CDOT if the money they are receiving from Cook County is in addition to the \$5 Million that the city of Chicago set aside for the Bronzeville Trail or is that included in the \$5 Million? Grant Davis, Director of Grants Management, CDOT replied, I believe it is in addition but I will confirm that through the chair. Chairman Dowell acknowledged his response and noted that she would like the information before the body votes on this ordinance. The Chair took a moment to recognize Alderman Mitts and Hadden for the purpose of quorum. He then observed there were no other questions, asked for a Motion to pass Item #1. Chairman Mitts moved to pass, then the Chairman asked all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, recognizing the ordinance passes and will be reported out at our next City Council meeting on March 12, 2025.

Chairman Ervin proceeded to address Item #2 of the agenda, a Redevelopment Agreement with Cup O' Joe Coffee LLC to provide neighborhood opportunity funds to build a coffee roastery, beer production facility, retail café and taproom at 754 East 111th Street. He then acknowledged that Mark Doyle, Veteran Roasters and Robert Bumpers, Financial Planning Analyst, DPD were present. Robert Bumpers, DPD, proceeded with an overview of the project via PowerPoint presentation. Upon completion the Chair stated that it was to his understanding that the project was previously approved but coming back for additional funding, is that correct? Robert Bumpers replied, correct, it was originally approved in May of 2023 for a \$2 Million grant, and this would increase the grant size to \$3 Million. The Chair thanked Mr. Bumpers, observing no other questions, and asked for a Motion to pass Item #2. Alderman La Spata moved to pass, then Chairman asked all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, recognizing the ordinance passes and will be reported out at our next City Council meeting on March 12, 2025. The Chair took a moment to acknowledge Aldermen Ramirez and Sigcho-Lopez for the purpose of quorum.

Chairman Ervin proceeded to address Items #3-12 of the agenda which were Transfer of Funds ordinances within the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, Committee on Health and Human Relations and the 8th, 23rd, 33rd, 34th, 38th, 41st and 44th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Accounts for Year 2025. He acknowledged there were substitute ordinances on Items# 5 and 11, Wards 23 and 41, he then called a motion to accept the substitute ordinances, which Chairman Dowell made a motion to accept, the Chair called a vote, recognizing all Ayes and no Nays, and the substitutes were adopted.

Chairman next acknowledged the substitutes and originals on Items 3-12 were before the Body. He queried for questions, seeing there were none, then asked if there was a motion to accept Items 3-12. Alderman Quinn so Moved, and Chairman called a voice vote signifying all in favor say Aye, any opposed. Hearing no Nays, the Chairman recognized the Do Pass recommendation would be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on March 12, 2025.

Chairman Ervin noted that Item #13 would be held at the request of its sponsor.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Vice Chair Lee for adjournment, Chair acknowledged all Ayes and no Nays. 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 March 10th.)

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jason C. Ervin, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations