### **WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20**

(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

(TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT)



### WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20 DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Morgan Park - Beverly Hills Business Association Commissioners of Western Avenue Special Service Area #20 Chicago, Illinois

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area #20 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago), which comprise the statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheets as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities and governmental fund, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the statement net position and governmental fund balance sheets of Special Service Area #20 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities and governmental fund, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Special Service Area #20 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Special Service Area #20 's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether
  due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.
   Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and
  disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
  expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Special Service Area #20's internal control.
  Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Special Service Area #20's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

#### Other Matters

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### Restricted Use Relating to the Other Matter

The communication related to compliance with the aforementioned Agreements described in the Required Supplementary Information paragraph is intended solely for the information and use of the Beverly Area Planning Association, SSA #20 and the City of Chicago and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

### Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combining and combined financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on page 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combining and combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combining and combined financial statements. The information, except for the budget information included on page 10 which is unaudited, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combining and combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combining and combined financial statements or to the combining and combined financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combining and combined financial statements as a whole. The unaudited information referred to above has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combining and combined financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### **Emphasis of a Matter**

As discussed in the subsequent events note to the consolidated financial statements, in January 2022, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." Given the uncertainty of the situation, the duration of any business disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

ODONA PARTNERS, LLC

Chicago, Illinois

December 9, 2023

# WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Morgan Parkway - Beverly Hills Business Association Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2022 and 2021

	_	2022						2021					
	_	Governmental <u>Funds</u>		<u>Adjustments</u>		Statement of Net Position	_	Governmental <u>Funds</u>		<u>Adjustments</u>		Statement of Net Position	
ASSETS													
Cash Property Tax Receivable, net of allowance	\$	179,795		-	\$	179,795	\$	231,120	\$	-	\$	231,120	
for uncollectable taxes of \$22,726 and \$20,284 Other Receivables	_	301,929 66,952		-		301,929 66,952	_	269,488 		<u>-</u>		269,488 7,077	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>_</u>	548,676	= <sup>\$</sup> =	-	\$_	548,676	\$ <u></u>	507,685	\$ <u>_</u>	-	\$_	507,685	
LIABILITIES													
Accounts Payable accrued expenses  Due to Morgan Parkway - Beverly Hills Business Association	\$	10,590	\$ <b>-</b> -	- -	\$	10,590	\$_	7,462 -	\$_	- -	\$	7,462 -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,590		-		10,590		7,462		-		7,462	
DEFERRED INFLOWS													
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	_	301,929		(301,929)			_	269,488		(269,488)			
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS		301,929		(301,929)		-		269,488		(269,488)		-	
FUND BALANCES / NET POSITION													
<u>Unassigned</u>	_	236,157	<b>-</b> -	(236,157)			_	230,735	_	(230,735)			
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	_	236,157		(236,157)	-	-	<u> </u>	230,735	_	(230,735)	_	-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCE	\$_	548,676	=				\$_	507,685					
Net Position Unrestricted			\$_	(538,086)	\$_	538,086			\$_	(500,223)	\$_	500,223	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements of net po	osition	are different bed	cause	e:									
Total fund balance - governmental funds					\$	236,157					\$	230,735	
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rank A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the g			ble.'		_	301,929						269,488	
Total net position - governmental activities					\$_	538,086					\$_	500,223	

# WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Morgan Parkway - Beverly Hills Business Association Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund/ Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

			2022	_	2021					
	G	overnmental <u>Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>		Statement of <u>Activities</u>	(	Governmental <u>Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>		Statement of <u>Activities</u>
REVENUES:										
Property taxes Interest income	\$	252,202 \$ 2	32,441	\$	284,643	\$ 	188,536 \$ 2	76,001 	\$	264,537 2
TOTAL REVENUES		252,204	32,441		284,645		188,538	76,001	_	264,539
EXPENDITURES:										
Services: Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Economic business development		34,237 113,199 21,979	- - -	_	34,237 113,199 21,979	_	44,943 78,675 -	- - -		44,943 78,675 -
Total Services Expenditures		169,415	-		169,415		123,618			123,618
Administration: Personnel Admin - nonpersonnel		55,117 22,250	- -	_	55,117 22,250	_	30,000 17,520	<u>-</u>	_	30,000 17,520
Total Administration Expenditures		77,367	-		77,367		47,520			47,520
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		246,782	-	_	246,782	_	171,138		_	171,138
Excess of revenues over expenditures		5,422	32,441		37,863		17,400	76,001		93,401
Change in Net Position		5,422	32,441		37,863		17,400	76,001		93,401
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION										
Beginning of the Year		230,735	269,488	_	500,223		213,335	193,487		406,822
End of the Year	\$	236,157 \$	301,929	\$_	538,086	\$_	230,735	269,488	\$_	500,223
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements of activities are	different	because:								
Net change in Fund balance - governmental funds				\$	5,422				\$	17,400
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds					32,441					76,001
Prior year's adjustment				_	-				_	-
Change in net position				\$_	37,863				\$_	93,401

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Nature of Reporting Entity: Western Avenue Special Service Area #20 "the SSA" is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance the Morgan Park and Beverly area commercial district. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Western Avenue Special Service Area #20 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with Morgan Avenue – Beverly Hills Business Association the "Organization" to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. The Organization is an Illinois not-forprofit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- **(b) Basis of Presentation:** The government-wide financial statements report information on all the activities of the Special Service Area. Governmental activities include those items funded by the tax levies. While separate governmental activities incorporate data from the governmental funds. The fund financial statements are on major governmental funds. The commission reports one major governmental fund, the General Fund.
- (c) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation: The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are levied.

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measureable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements: The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The accepted standard-setting body for the establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

### (e) Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position:

**Cash, Cash equivalents and investments:** The SSA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**Receivables:** All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the allowance is estimated to be 7% in 2021 and 2022 for the amounts of \$22,726 and \$20,284 of the outstanding property taxes, respectively.

**Prepaid items:** Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Fund Equity/Net Position:** Government fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is a net resource in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statement, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(f) Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 2. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

A highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less, excluding amounts contained in investment portfolios, are considered to be cash equivalents. The SSA maintains its cash in a bank deposit account, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization had not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Organization believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk in cash.

#### 3. Receivables

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, receivables included TIF rebates of \$301,929 and \$269,488 and other receivables of \$66,952 and \$7,077 respectively.

### 4. Deferred Inflows of Revenue

As deferred inflow of resource/property tax revenue represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

### 5. Fund Equity / Net Position

The SSA is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the between the SSA and the City of Chicago. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the SSA total fund balances of \$236,157 and \$230,735, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special area during future years as well as act as a reserve for any emergencies.

### 6. Property Taxes

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA.

### 7. Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with the Morgan Park – Beverly Hills Business Association, which provides certain administrative services for the SSA. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were no outstanding payables for services provided.

### 8. Prior Year Reclassifications

For comparability, the prior year's financial statements reflect reclassifications where appropriate to conform to the financial statement presentation used this year.

### 9. Subsequent Events

The SSA has evaluated the December 31, 2022 and 2021, financial statements for subsequent events through the December 9, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The SSA is not aware of any additional subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by MORGAN PARK – BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021

### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Statement Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development issued in 2017, we have read and understand the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area #20 between the City of Chicago and Beverly Area Planning Association.

### Current year findings:

The SSA exceeded its budget in the public way aesthetics and management areas.

### Corrective action:

The SSA will monitor its budget versus actual closely to prevent the issue from recurring.

Based on our understanding of the agreement and the facts surrounding the performance under the agreement, we noted no other exceptions. Many contractual items were included in the agreement which dealt with non-accounting and non-financial matters of which we had no knowledge.



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### WESTERN AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #20 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Morgan Parkway - Beverly Hills Business Association

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

				2022					2021	
	_	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE	_	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES:										
Property Taxes Interest Income Late collection Loss collection	\$	275,202 - 14,570 -		251,883 2 319 -	\$  23,319 (2) 14,251	\$	193,874 - 6,269 -	_	188,455 \$ 2 81 -	5,419 (2) 6,188 -
TOTAL REVENUES		289,772		252,204	 37,568	_	200,143		188,538	11,605
EXPENDITURES:										
Customer attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainability and Public places		79,570 83,000 100		34,237 113,199	45,333 (30,199) 100		69,038 80,000		44,943 78,675	24,095 1,325
Economic business development Safety programs SSA Management		51,000 100 20,885		21,979 - 22,250	29,021 100 (1,365)		1,000 - 19,105		- - 17,520	1,000 - 1,585
Personnel		55,117		55,117	 -	_	30,000	<u> </u>	30,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	_	289,772	- <del>-</del>	246,782	 42,990	_	200,143	_	171,138	29,005
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ <u></u>	-	\$	5,422	\$ (5,422)	\$ <u></u>	-	\$	17,400 \$	(17,400)
CARRYOVER	_	-		-	 	_	-			
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	\$_	-	\$	5,422	\$ (5,422)	\$_	-	\$	17,400 \$	(17,400)

### Exhibit A Budget

	Special Service Area # 20
SSA Name:	Western Avenue

### 2022 BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

		2021	Levy				
(Funded (	GORY Categories Scope of ices)	Collectable Levy	Loss		TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Custome		\$59,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,570	\$79,570
2.00 Public W	•	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$83,000
3.00 Sustaina Public Places		\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
4.00 Econom	4.00 Economic/ Business		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,000
5.00 Public H	5:00 Public Health and Safety Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
6.00 SSA Mar		\$16,315	\$4,570	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,885
7.00 Personn	7.00 Personnel		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$55,117
	Sub-total	\$260,632	\$14,570				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$275,202		\$0	\$0	\$14,570	\$289,772

LEVY ANALYSIS								
Estimated 2021 EAV:	\$43,079,786							
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	1.000%							
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap	\$430,798							
Requested 2021 Levy	\$275,202							
Generate 2020 Levy:	0.6388%							

LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
2020 Levy Total (in 2021 budget)	\$193,874								
2021 Levy Total (in 2022 budget)	\$275,202								
Percentage Change 41.95%									
community meeting required it levy amount increases greater than 5% from previous									

CARRYOVER CALCULATION							
2021 Budget Total							
Carryover request for 2022	\$0						
Percentage #DIV/0!							
Must be less than 25%							