



CITY OF CHICAGO

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT JANUARY 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Finance submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for January 2025.

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

On January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Finance held a committee meeting in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were present at the January 13, 2025 Committee on Finance meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chairman Conway (34), La Spata (1), Hopkins (2), Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Lee (11), Ramirez (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Taylor (20) - REMOTE, Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25) - REMOTE, Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29) - REMOTE, Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez Sanchez (33) - REMOTE, Ramirez Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Martin (47) - REMOTE, and Silverstein (50).

The following member(s) were not present at the January 13, 2025 Committee on Finance meeting: Beale (9), and Lopez (15).

The following non-members were present at the January 13, 2025 Committee on the Finance meeting: Robinson (4) – REMOTE, and Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENT

On January 13 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Dowell called the committee meeting to order. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell asked for a motion on Rule 59 to allow remote participation for Committee members Taylor, Sigcho-Lopez, Taliaferro, Rodriguez-Sanchez, and Martin, and non-member Robinson. The motion was made by Alderman Burnett and with no objections was so ordered. Chairman Dowell then opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. The following public speakers addressed the committee: Zoe Leigh,

Jasmine Smith, Edith Moore, Wallace “Gator” Bradley, and George Blakemore. With no additional speakers having timely signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

The Committee on Finance addressed the following items, of which nine items were passed.

- **December 2024 Rule 45 Reports** which passed the committee on a motion made by Alderman Ramirez-Rosa.

INTRODUCED DURING THE OCTOBER 30, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- **An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Lamont Robinson – 4th Ward, concerning fee waiver for all permits related to Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority renovation of Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, located at 2233 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in the 4th Ward (O2024-0013684)**
 - **Item number 6** on the agenda was explained by Pat Allen and Ryan Aderman of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. Motion do pass made by Alderman Hopkins. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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INTRODUCED DURING THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- **An ordinance approving Amendment #1 to the Redevelopment Plan for the Diversey /Chicago River Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan to provide for the redevelopment of the Expanded Area in the 32nd Ward (O2024-0014389)**
 - **Item number 1** on the agenda was explained by Tim Jeffries, Managing Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Motion do pass made by Alderman Ervin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Taylor who voted no on the item.

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- **An ordinance designating the Expanded Diversey/Chicago River Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, a Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act in the 32nd Ward (O2024-0014391)**
 - **Item number 2** on the agenda was explained by Tim Jeffries, Managing Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Motion do pass made by Alderman Harris. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Taylor who voted no on the item.

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- **An ordinance adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for Amendment #1 to the Redevelopment Plan for the Expanded Diversey/Chicago River Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area in the 32nd Ward (O2024-0014392)**
 - **Item number 3** on the agenda was explained by Tim Jeffries, Managing Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development. Motion do pass made by Alderman Burnett. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Taylor who voted no on the item.

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INTRODUCED BY DIRECT INTRODUCTION DURING THE DECEMBER 12, 2024 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING

- **A communication transmitting reports of cases in which verdicts, judgments or settlements were entered into for the months of December 2024.**
 - **Item number 4** on the agenda was placed on file.
- **Six (6) proposed orders authorizing the Corporation Counsel to enter into and execute Settlement Orders in the following cases:**
- **Jos L. Weems, a minor by and through his mother and/or next best friend Sharon Weems, and Sharon Weems v. William Reynolds, Special Representative of the Estate of Dion Boyd, deceased and City of Chicago, a Municipal Corporation; Case No. 2023 L 1994 (Or2025-0014614)**

Amount: \$130,000

 - **Item number 5 (a)** on the agenda, explained by Margaret Mendenhall Casey, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Ervin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **Tilila Bertha Carranza, Administrator of the Estate of Jose Luis Carranza Chacon v. City of Chicago; Case No. 2022 L 001500 (Or2025-0014615)**

Amount: \$975,000

 - **Item number 5 (b)** on the agenda, explained by Margaret Mendenhall Casey, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Lee. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Quinn who voted no on the item.

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- **Patricia Porter, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Lakisel Thomas, deceased v. City of Chicago, Lawrence Kerr, Jose Lopez, Orlando Hernandez; Case No. 2021 L 5510 (Or2025-0014616)**

Amount: \$4,500,000

- **Item number 5 (c)** on the agenda, explained by Margaret Mendenhall Casey, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Moore. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Aldermen Quinn, Reilly, and Curtis who voted no on the item.

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- **Ben Baker and Clarissa Glenn v. City of Chicago, et al.; Case No. 16 C 8940 (Or2025-0014617)**

Amount: \$7,500,000

- **Item number 5 (d)** on the agenda, explained by Victoria Benson, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Ervin. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **Mark Maxson v. John Duffy, et al.; Case No. 16 C 9417 (Or2025-0014618)** **Amount: \$8,750,000**

- **Item number 5 (e)** on the agenda, explained by Jessica Felker, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman Mitts. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **Thomas Sierra v. Reynaldo Guevara, et al.; Case No. 18 C 3029 (Or2025-0014619)**

Amount: \$17,500,000

- **Item number 5 (f)** on the agenda, explained Jessica Felker, Deputy Corporation Counsel from the Department of Law. Motion do pass was made by Alderman La Spata. The item passed by a voice vote of all members present.

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- **A proposed order authorizing the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago (Direct Introduction)**
 - Item number 7 on the agenda was placed on the omnibus with no objection from the committee.

PLACED ON THE OMNIBUS IN CITY COUNCIL 1/15/25

- **A proposed order denying the payment of various small claims against the City of Chicago (Direct Introduction)**
 - Item number 8 on the agenda was placed on the omnibus with no objection from the committee.

PLACED ON THE OMNIBUS IN CITY COUNCIL 1/15/25

- **Two proposed orders authorizing Charitable Solicitation on the Public Way (Tag Day) permit (Direct Introduction)**
 - A. **Save the Children Federation Inc.
Citywide
January 15, 2025 through January 15, 2026**

- Item number 9 on the agenda was placed on the omnibus with no objection from the Committee.

PLACED ON THE OMNIBUS IN CITY COUNCIL 1/15/25

A complete recap of the meeting can be found at <https://vimeo.com/1045787897>.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman O'Shea moved to adjourn. The Committee on Finance meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



**Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on Finance**