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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
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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 Reports for OCTOBER 2024 Meetings.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On October 7, 2024 at 9:30 A.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), Yancy (5), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Conway (34), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Reilly (42) and Knudsen (43).

The following members attended virtually: Harris (8), Moore (17), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Vasquez (40) and Napolitano (41).

The following members were absent: Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Ramirez (12), O'Shea (19), Scott (24), Martin (47), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget Management (OBM):** Deputy Budget Director Chloe Belczak; **Office of City Clerk (OCC):** Deputy Director Kendra Thomas; **Department of Planning and Development (DPD):** Managing Deputy Commissioner Dawveed Scully, Supervising Planner Nolan Zaroff, Deputy Commissioner Cindy Roubik.

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

- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of September 2024**
- 1. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925. (O2024-0012448)**

- 2. Transfer of funds within Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety for year 2024.
(O2024-0012284)**
- 3. Transfer of funds within 21st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012414)**
- 4. Transfer of funds within 26th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012407)**
- 5. Transfer of funds within 31st Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0010977)**
- 6. Transfer of funds within 47th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0011411)**
- 7. Transfer of funds within the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight for year 2024.
(O2024-0012382)**
- 8. Transfer of funds within 48th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012258)**
- 9. Amendment of transfer of funds within 49th and 15th Wards Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012434)**

Chairman Ervin called the meeting to order then proceeded to read the Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings, then opened the floor for public comment. The following speakers were present and given three minutes each for public comment:

- Zoe Leigh
- Jessica Jackson
- George Blakemore

The Chair concluded the public comment period, then stated that the notice requires us to start the meeting at 9:30a, we can continue the business of the Body and have discussion, the only thing that requires us under the Open Meetings Act is when we begin to take votes, we must have a quorum. He then proceeded to discuss the September Monthly Rule 45 Report, noting a correction to page 1 of 13, third paragraph, the name Ramirez is to be stricken from the record and add Rodriguez for Ward 22. The Chairman then asked if there were any other corrections, seeing there were none he continued to Item# 1, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925. Deputy Budget Director Chloe Belczak was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$324,000 in federal and state grant funds for the Office of the City Clerk and

the Department of Planning and Development. The Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments then recognized Chair Dowell.

Chairman Dowell requested the limits for the Archer Corridor Plan. Supervising Planner Nolan Zaroff, DPD, responded, the limits will be from Halsted Avenue on the east to Cicero Avenue on the west. The Chairman then asked for an explanation of the Clerk's Office project and the overall impact for this archival effort. Managing Editor, Peter Polacek, OCC replied, the project would allow us to digitize the City of Chicago City Council audio recordings from 1970 to 2010, it will preserve the history of the City of Chicago through digitization of historical audio recordings spanning the terms of Richard J. Daley, Michael Bilandic, Jane Byrne, Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley. It is projected to be completed in 2025 by our Archivist Matt Besburger. Chairman Ervin asked if these are all audio recordings and no video recordings? Managing Editor Polacek replied they are all audio recordings; this was prior to our implementation of the video cameras in council chambers. Our goal is to have these digitized then put on the Clerk's website for anyone to listen to. The Chair inquired if there were any other items that you are going through the process of digitizing. Managing Editor Polacek stated there are other projects we are working on but this is the current project we are requesting before the Body. The Chairman then recognized Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez requested a quorum call. The Chair clarified that we are not in a quorum state and that we are waiting on one member to make quorum. In addition, he made clear that the purpose of the Open Meetings Act was to provide publicly reasonable notice that we will be deliberating, discussing and going through items that are up for consideration amongst the public body, which is the Committee on Budget and Government Operations. The only thing the members cannot do is pass on items. The Chair then recessed for 10 minutes.

Chairman Ervin reconvened from recess, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. The Chair then made a motion to allow Committee Members, Aldermen Robinson, Mitchell, Harris, Moore, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Ramirez-Rosa, Vasquez and Napolitano to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Chairman Dowell, hearing no objections, the Aldermen were added to the roll.

The Chairman continued to address Item #1 asking if there were any other questions or comments as it relates to the 925 Amendment, seeing there were none, Chairman Dowell moved to pass on Item #1, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the item was approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on October 9, 2024.

Chairman Ervin then proceeded to the approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of September 2024, which report was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair noted a correction to the third paragraph on page one, changing Ramirez (22) to Rodriguez (22) and then asked if there were any other corrections. Alderman Conway was recognized and stated that he was recorded as absent but was present virtually. The Chairman stated that we will make the correction then asked if there was a motion to accept the Rule 45, so moved by Alderman Mosley, hearing no objections, the report was approved.

The Chairman returned to Item #1 of the agenda stating there was a substitute 925 ordinance, he then made a motion to accept the substitute, hearing no objection, the substitute was accepted. With the substitute now before the Body, the Chairman asks if there was a motion on the substitute, Chairman Dowell moves to pass, asking all in favor signify by saying aye, any opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the ayes have it, recognized the ordinance passes and will be reported out at our next City Council meeting on October 9, 2024.

Chairman Ervin continued to Items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Transfers of Funds within the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, Wards 21, 26, 31 and 47, the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight, and Wards 48 and 49th/15th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2024. The Chair then made a motion to accept the substitute ordinances on Items #2-9, Alderman La Spata so moved, hearing no objection, the items were adopted. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderman Lopez was recognized and asked what were the parts of the ordinances that were deficient, the only change I see is the 10-day period in section three. The Chair referred the question to Rey Santos, Department of Law replied, yes on most of these the effective date needed to be 10 days after passage and publication because this is an appropriation. On some of the others the reason for the transfer needed to be stated. Alderman Lopez inquired if the template ordinance received was incorrect. Chairman Ervin responded, he was not sure where the original ordinance came from however once the Law Department reviewed them and recommended the corrections and provided what looked like a template in which the committee sent out to all members. Rey Santos was acknowledged and gave clarity on the template that was sent out then concluded. The Chair asked if there were any other questions or comments seeing there were none, on a motion made by Alderman Quinn to accept Items #2-9 as 1, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the items were approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on October 9, 2024.

In closing, the Chairman went over the Budget Hearings Schedule/Lunch Schedule set to begin on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 12:00N and the following dates with a start time of 10:00A. He noted that there were two preferred Saturday dates, November 9th and 16th in order to conclude hearings prior to the week of Thanksgiving. The Chairman concluded questions/comments.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Mosley for adjournment, acknowledging all ayes and no nays, the meeting was adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On October 21, 2024 at 11:45 A.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), Yancy (5), Ramirez (12), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Conway (34), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Martin (47), Hadden (49) and Silverstein (50).

The following members attended virtually: Dowell (3), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Mosley (21) and Mitts (37).

The following members were absent: Robinson (4), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Ramirez-Rosa (35) and Villegas (36).

The following non-members were present: Hall (6), Chico (10), Curtis (18), Lawson (44) and Hoppenworth (48).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget Management (OBM):** Managing Deputy Budget Director Matt Schmitz and Deputy Budget Director Chloe

Belczak; **Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS):** Deputy Commissioner Daniel Castaneda.

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

- 1. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925.
(O2024-0013371)**
- 2. Transfer of funds within 1st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(SO2024-0012985)**
- 3. Transfer of funds within 3rd Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0012909)**
- 4. Transfer of funds within 13th Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(O2024-0013132)**
- 5. Transfer of funds within Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards for year 2024.
(SO2024-0013130)**
- 6. Transfer of funds within Committee on Health and Human Relations for year 2024.
(SO2024-0013077)**
- 7. Transfer of funds within 41st Ward Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for year 2024.
(SO2024-0013144)**

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

- Zoe Leigh
- George Blakemore
- Tiwon Sims

The Chair concluded the public comment period, then made a motion to allow Committee Members, Aldermen Dowell, Harris, Mosley & Mitts to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman Rodriguez, hearing no objections, the Aldermen were added to the roll.

Chairman Ervin continued to Item# 1, a direct introduction to committee for the adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2024 amendment within Fund 925. Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the 925 Fund Appropriation, an additional \$20,633,000 in federal and state grant funds for the Department of Family and Support Services. The Deputy Budget Director concluded, and the Chairman opened the floor to questions from the Members then recognized Vice Chair Lee.

Vice Chair Lee recognized these were reimbursements, then requested the total number that has been spent so far and how much has been reimbursed? Deputy Budget Director Belczak replied, for 2024 we

have spent \$119.4 million on corporate, and our total grants spend I will provide through the chair. Vice Chair asked if the \$11 million and the \$9.633 million will offset the \$119.4 million? Deputy Budget Director responded, correct. In closing, Vice Chair commented, she would like to know how much we've gotten reimbursed so far in order to have a better idea of the total dollars spent. The Chair then recognized Alderman Lopez who inquired as to why this was a direct introduction as opposed to introduced at the last meeting. Chairman Ervin stated there was an item introduced at the last meeting, which is currently in Rules. This item is different from the item that is in Rules and thus was submitted as a direct introduction. Alderman Lopez proceeded to ask if the \$20 million total being reimbursed from the state and federal government was for items already spent and if it is going back to the corporate fund? Deputy Budget Director replies, correct. Alderman Lopez then asked if it is being used for the current deficit of the 2024 Fiscal Year? Deputy Budget Director stated the reimbursement here was inclusive of our deficit number, meaning when we did the deficit calculation we assumed these revenues were coming. Alderman Lopez inquired on how many more assumptions are in that deficit based on anticipated reimbursements for the remainder of the year? Are we expecting more reimbursements through the end of the year? The Deputy Budget Director stated that she will provide the information through the chair. Alderman Lopez requested in addition to Vice Chair Lee's ask which was from the total that we spent this year, the amount we have been reimbursed YTD, I would like through the chair the applications for additional reimbursements from state and federal partners that we anticipate getting for fiscal year 2024 and if they have already been calculated in the projected deficit. Deputy Budget Director confirmed that we do not expect any additional state and federal grants in 2024. Alderman Lopez then requested that his through the chair response for total reimbursements be year to date. Alderman Lopez concluded, and the Chair acknowledged Alderman Reilly.

Alderman Reilly asked that the information that his colleagues requested through the chair be sent to him as well as the entire committee. He then inquired if there is a general percentage of costs reimbursed by the state versus the federal government, is there an equation applied? How are they calculating what we are owed back? Managing Deputy Budget Director Matthew Schmitz answered, throughout the mission we have been working closely with our partners at the county and state on a cost model based anticipated number of arrivals and all the cost that go to support them: shelters, finding space, supporting them with service and feeding them. There are different opportunities that are offered at the federal and state levels in terms of funding opportunities. We put together applications and we essentially negotiate with our partners of what makes sense based off the eligibility rules of any one specific grant program, it depends on a case-by-case basis, we are always at the table with our partners figuring out what that cost share is. Alderman Reilly asked, so there isn't an actual formula in place to determine the percentage of local costs that are covered by state versus federal versus pass through grants from federal to county? Managing Deputy Schmitz replies, no, the money from the state and county is negotiated upfront, the federal government is based off of the availability of funds at the congressional level, then how much congress decided to either give to New York or Denver. We factored into our model what we anticipated on getting, then we would readjust based off where the levels came out for different cities. Alderman Reilly proceeded to ask if OBM has received any guidance from the feds and/or the state related to fiscal year 2025 and what local governments can expect in support for these types of programs focused specifically on housing and feeding migrants? Managing Deputy Budget Director answered, we have not. Alderman Reilly commented that there may not be in place the same programs and opportunities next year that we have this year and given the fact that there may be a different administration in a few weeks that may do away with those programs altogether. Being a good and responsible local government, we should have a plan in place for the worst-case scenario. Are we working on a contingency plan predicated on no federal or state support for migrant housing and care? Managing Deputy Budget Director responded, that the

Mayor will present his budget to the body next week. Alderman Reilly concluded with saying that hopefully the Mayor's budget presentation will include the likely scenario that the state and federal will not be there for migrant support. The Chairman asked if there were any other questions for the 925, then recognized Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez followed up on Alderman Reilly's comments with regards to next year, stating that the Mayor announced this morning that Chicago will no longer shelter migrants and that they will all be put into the city's unified homeless system. He asked, if that is what you're anticipating when it comes to dealing with the migrant asylum seekers moving forward and why? Managing Deputy Budget Director Schmitz stated that the administration has shifted to one system solution to house the unhoused, so any money that we are working on with our partners next year will be towards that. Alderman Lopez asked if we are calling migrants unhoused and that whoever shows up here will be considered homeless? Is it because we are not anticipating money to address the issue since we only have a projected \$150 million in the budget for next year. are we changing semantics so that they are just put into the homeless system next year as opposed to specifically as a migrant issue? Managing Budget Director Schmitz referred the question to Daniel Castaneda, Deputy Commissioner, New Arrivals Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS). Deputy Commissioner Castaneda replied, it's hard to say what we can expect from the federal government, but the state has committed both financially through their current fiscal year and to explore into their next fiscal year, all services and costs will go through the one shelter system and homeless services. Alderman Lopez closed, and the Chair opened the floor to Alderman Nugent.

Alderman Nugent stated that she will be supporting the ordinance but is waiting on more information on the one shelter program and what it is going to look like moving forward as there is a migrant shelter in her ward. In addition, stated her concerns with an encampment in Gompers Park and how the city is telling her repeatedly they cannot come out and help because of equity issues. The Alderman commented for the record that she feels her ward is being ignored and requested a follow up from OBM, DFSS and the Mayor's office regarding this issue. Alderman Nugent thanked the Chairman then concluded her remarks.

Chairman Ervin, observing no other questions, asked for a Motion to pass the Fund 925 Amendment. Alderman Martin moves 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 October 22, 2024.

The Chair next made a motion to allow Committee Member Aldermen Greg Mitchell to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman Yancy, hearing no objections, the Aldermen was added to the roll. Chairman Ervin continue to Items #2-7, Transfer of Funds within the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards, the Committee on Health and Human Relations and the 1st, 3rd, 13th, and 41st Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2024. The Chair then made a motion to accept the substitute ordinances on Items #2, 5, 6 & 7, Alderman Hadden so moved, hearing no objection, the items were adopted. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments, seeing there were none, Alderman Hadden moved to pass on Items #2-7, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the items were approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on October 22, 2024.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Yancy for adjournment, Chair acknowledging all ayes and no nays, the meeting was adjourned.

(A video recording of the full meetings 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 October 7th and October 21st, respectively.)

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ervin', written over a horizontal line.

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