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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
MAY 2020**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for May 2020.

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

On May 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were virtually present at the May 13, 2020 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Thompson (11), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following non-members were virtually present at the May 13, 2020 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Lopez (15), Coleman (16), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cardona (31).



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

- 1. Approval of the amended March 2020 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations.
APPROVED IN COMMITTEE 05/13/20**

The following item was referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **April 22, 2020**:

- 2. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2020 within Fund No. 925 for Department of Public Health, Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Police Department. (O2020-2279, SO2020-2279)
PASS COMMITTEE 05/13/20
PASS CITY COUNCIL 05/20/20**

The following items were referred to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations at the City Council meeting held on **April 24, 2020**:

- 3. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Brendan Reilly (42nd Ward), approving the transfer of funds within the City Council's Legislative Reference Bureau for Year 2020. (O2020-2138)
PASS COMMITTEE 05/13/20
PASS CITY COUNCIL 05/20/20**
- 4. The appointment of Kenneth Williams as Director of Council Office of Financial Analysis for a four-year term, effective immediately. (A2020-49)
PASS COMMITTEE 05/13/20
PASS CITY COUNCIL 05/20/20**

Chairman Dowell called the virtual meeting to order pursuant to Illinois Executive Order 2020-07, which was issued on March 16, 2020, suspending provisions of the Open Meetings Act and encouraging remote participation, and confirming the meeting is conducted by video conference. Chairman Dowell explained the meeting procedures, explaining public testimony will be taken place at the beginning of the meeting, limiting each speaker to three minutes and pursuant to Rule 58(e) public comment will be limited to 30 minutes. Chairman Dowell explained the order of aldermen will be recognized to speak: Committee members first, followed by non-members



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and then instructed aldermen to use the raise-your-hand function to be recognized by the chair for questions and points of clarification and the mute function when necessary. Chairman Dowell recognized other departmental participants are available to answer questions. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum. A quorum was established. Chairman Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period. With no public speakers registered, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Alderman Dowell called the first item on the agenda, approval of the March 2020 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Ervin moved to accept the amended 2020 monthly report. Chairman Dowell explained the monthly report corrected the attendance record from the previously distributed report. Alderman Mitts moved to accept the amendment. Chairman Dowell called for a vote on the motion. Motion passes by voice vote. Chairman Dowell called for questions from the committee on the Rule 45 report. Seeing no questions, the item was passed.

Chairman Dowell moved to item 2 on the agenda, an ordinance concerning an amendment to the annual appropriations ordinance year 2020 within Fund 925 for the Department of Public Health and Department of Family and Support Services. Alderman Villegas moved to accept the substitute ordinance, which was distributed to members the previous Friday. Motion passed by voice vote. Chairman Dowell recognized Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn of the Office of Budget and Management to provide background on the ordinance. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn read her opening statement. Alderman Burnett signaled that he had a point of clarification and was recognized by Chairman Dowell. Alderman Burnett began to ask about HIV funding for minority communities, but was instructed by Chairman Dowell to allow Deputy Budget Director Vaughn finish her report and that she would call on Alderman Burnett first during questioning. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn continued to read her opening statement. At the conclusion of Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's opening remarks, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen.

Alderman Burnett inquired about the equitable distribution of HIV grants authorized under the Fund 925 ordinance. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn stated the departments are required to have a competitive and open bidding process, that they post all competitive bids on the E-Procurement system, and that when a department makes those opportunities available they provide notices to the public as well as the aldermanic offices. Alderman Burnett asked for further clarification on how the five delegate agencies and two professional services agencies



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were chosen. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn began to answer the question but was instructed by Chairman Dowell to have Ayanna Thomas, Supervisor of Grants Administration at the Department of Public Health answer the question. Supervisor Thomas explained that when the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) submitted their application, the requirements of the application were that they would have to provide staff training and those would be the professional services contracts. With the remaining grant funds, CDPH determined they could distribute funding among five delegate agencies through a competitive process, with each agency receiving substantial funds to complete the work. Alderman Burnett stated that his concern is that the funding is distributed to the south and west sides, not just the north side, and that has been a longstanding concern of the African American and minority LGBT community. Supervisor Thomas responded that they understand Alderman Burnett's concern about equitable distribution of funds, and that CDPH is committed to equitable fund distribution through a competitive process. Alderman Burnett asked to have the bids and bid winners provided by CDPH through the chair. Chairman Dowell agreed to provide that. Alderman Burnett continued by asking about city positions funded by the grants provided in the Fund 925 ordinance under consideration and how aldermen can help people in the community apply for these positions. Specifically, Alderman Burnett asked about the 15 positions in the Police Department funded by this grant and if they are for sworn personnel or civilians. Chairman Dowell directed the question to Tomas Maulawin, Grants Research Specialist with the Chicago Police Department, who stated that these positions are for sworn police personnel only. Chairman Burnett then asked for additional outreach information and posting information aldermen can use to help residents apply for the other jobs associated with the grant funds contained in the Fund 925 ordinance. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn answered that all positions are posted on the HR website and everyone can apply using the TELEO system. She further explained that many of the positions funded by these grants are for existing positions, they are positions that help support the program and a lot are counted by FTE, so they are and can be allocated across multiple sources. Alderman Burnett asked when looking at the budget, these positions will be shown as being paid for by grant. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn said yes, depending on the grant program, and they can provide details on which grant programs are supporting which positions through the chair.

Alderman Moore wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. No questions were asked.

Alderman Sadlowski Garza asked about the source of the grant funds. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn answered the funds are from federal, state and private sources. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn began to list the exact sources of each grant before Chairman Dowell indicated that the



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answer to her question was contained in the handout provided prior to the meeting. Alderman Sadlowski Garza asked about the changes in revenue from sources like sales tax, hotel tax, amusement tax, and airports, compared to projected revenue. Chairman Dowell indicated that Deputy Budget Director Vaughn was not the correct person to answer that question, that the question should be directed to Budget Director Susie Park or CFO Jennie Bennett and the question will be addressed at a future meeting to discuss the status of our current budget and revenue sources going forward.

Alderman Sposato wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. He then asked for information on who applied for the grants to be provided through the chair, in addition to the previously requested information on who won the bids.

Alderman Thompson wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. He then asked if the federal grants the City is receiving are restricted, and thus can not be used for other purposes. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn said that was correct. Alderman Thompson then asked if these grants were already anticipated when releasing the 2020 City Budget. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn said that some of the grants were anticipated and some are new. She provided the example of the \$780,000 in grant funds for One Summer Chicago that were new and not part of the 2020 City Budget.

Alderman Mitts asked about the \$10,000 increase several communities saw as part of the grants for the Department of Public Health and specified her concern for WIC funding for the Austin Clinic in the 37th Ward. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn explained that the Austin Clinic is not funded through this grant program. Supervisor Thomas said she would have to provide the funding information about the Austin Clinic through the chair.

Alderman King wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. She then asked about the \$780,000 in grant funds for One Summer Chicago, how those funds will be used given social distancing, and how were the delegate agencies chosen for that grant. Lisa Davis, Director of the One Summer Chicago Program for the Department of Family and Support Services, answered that at this time they were waiting to see if the City would hold a six-week virtual program or a hybrid four-week virtual/two-week in-person program with social distancing. Director Davis further stated the two agencies chosen for the grant were identified from a previous pool of six organizations who have participated as part of the grant over the past six years and were chosen because they normally spend all their funds and have strong financial departments. So if we need to pivot, it could be



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done very quickly, but the grant funds are to serve all of Chicago, just run through these two organizations. Alderman King asked for additional information about the hybrid One Summer Chicago program and how it would work. Director Davis stated they are working to have all participants have devices, if need be, for the program. Data shows that 80% of participants are CPS students and CPS would allow participants to keep their devices through the summer, and they are looking for funding and adjusting the budget to provide devices to the other participants. Alderman King clarified that she was asking about the potential in-person portion of the hybrid and how that would work. Director Davis stated the last two weeks the agencies have the option to do an in-person for a Capstone Project and/or to use the last week for participants to come in to sign their documents. Due to the fact the first four weeks are virtual, their enrollment and signature of documents will be needed.

Chairman Dowell asked when the One Summer Chicago program will start. Director Davis answered DFSS' portion of the program starts July 6th for six weeks.

Alderman Curtis wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. He then stated that normally One Summer Chicago serves about 35,00 students and if DFSS had a revised estimate for this summer due to the pandemic. Director Davis answered they are trying to keep the program at 30,000 plus, but there is a possibility that number will come down due to the pandemic, but they can not speculate at this time. Alderman Curtis asked how the City can encourage participation in the program. Director Davis asked Aldermen to encourage participants and youth to apply, the application is still open online.

Chairman Dowell asked how long the application would be open for. Director Davis said she will get that information through the chair.

Alderman Osterman wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. He then asked if the City knew how many people have already submitted an application for One Summer Chicago. Director Davis replied they have received 34,442 completed applications. Alderman Osterman said that is a healthy number of people, and since the applications are still open, they could still encourage additional people to sign up. Alderman Osterman asked if DFSS is having any conversations with the Chicago Park District and other government agencies about the use of program participants for initiatives related to COVID as far as outside work or projects. Director Davis said they are partners with the Chicago Park District, CPS, the Chicago Housing Authority, After School Matters, the Cook County Forest Preserve, the Chicago Transit Authority and the Lincoln Park Zoo. DFSS is



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in communications with them and they have programs separate from the City. Alderman Osterman followed up by asking if DFSS was discussing socially distanced activities for youth, that the program has to be driven by health and making sure no one is put at risk.

Alderman Sadlowski Garza wished Chairman Dowell a happy birthday. She then followed up on what Alderman Osterman said by reminding DFSS to partner with the Census, that there are some neighborhoods that really are lacking in turnout, and that even with COVID, they can utilize program participants to help with outreach. Alderman Sadlowski Garza asked what the Capstone project would look like for the 30,000 participants. Director Davis said they are currently meeting with various organizations to see about program participants doing census outreach via robocall to protect personal information. For the Capstone Project, there are various organizations, like the 47 that DFSS manages, and they all may their own Capstone Project.

Chairman Dowell asked if DFSS has thought of partnering with CDPH on COVID-19 contract tracing. Director Davis said they have not thought of that and will work with Commissioner Butler on that idea. Chairman Dowell said she would like to have a response on that issue through the chair.

Alderman Mitts moved do pass on Item No. 2 on the agenda and the item passed by voice vote.

Chairman Dowell moved to Item No. 3 on the agenda, an ordinance introduced by Alderman Brendan Reilly (42) approving the transfer of funds within the City Council's Legislative Reference Bureau for the year 2020. The ordinance would transfer \$3,000 from commodities and materials to contractual services.

Alderman Reilly explained this is a small transfer of funds to allow for the execution of contracts with legal services and equipment to allow for those expenditures.

There were no questions from committee members or aldermen. Alderman Smith moved do pass on Item No. 3 on the agenda and the item passed by voice vote.

Chairman Dowell moved to Item No. 4 on the agenda, the appointment of Kenneth Williams as the Director of the Council Office of Financial Analysis (COFA) for a four-year term effective immediately. Chairman Dowell submits the written public testimony of John Paul Jones,



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President of Sustainable Englewood Initiatives, in support of Mr. Williams nomination as part of the record.

Mr. Williams provided a brief overview of his background, professional work experience and thoughts on the future of the COFA office under his leadership. Chairman Dowell opened the discussion up for questions.

Alderman Moore expressed his support for the appointment, and recalled his positive experience working with Mr. Williams when they both worked at the CHA, Mr. Williams in his tenure at the CHA, County and the City and is a person you can rely on for good financial information. Alderman Moore further stated Mr. Williams is good at not only answering questions but being proactive in his work.

Alderman Hairston provided her support for the appointment, having worked with Mr. Williams for many years and attested to his work ethic and responsiveness.

Alderman Thompson expressed his support and congratulations on the appointment of Mr. Williams. He stated that during these difficult times, having someone of Mr. Williams caliber to guide City Council through the tough decisions moving forward was critical and he looks forward to working with him.

Alderman Ervin shared his support for Mr. Williams appointment. Having read his resume and working with him previously, this is an excellent choice.

Alderman Smith shared her experience working with Chairman Dowell and former Alderman Pawar to build the COFA office, and she thanked everyone who helped and is helping make the office live up to its full potential. Alderman Smith stated Mr. Williams is a very diligent person with good qualifications and she wished him well in his new role. She said the City Council will be very grateful to Chairman Dowell for her support for the COFA office and its independence, and during the challenging times ahead, it's important that the City Council has an independent fiscal office. Alderman Smith finished by congratulating Mr. Williams on his appointment and that she is looking forward to working with him in the future.

Chairman Dowell closed by stating that the Budget Committee performed an extensive search for a COFA Director, received countless resumes from across the country, and interviewed over



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a half-dozen excellent candidates. She thanked Alderman Smith, Alderman Harris and Alderman Osterman for their time and consideration during the process, and then thanked everyone who applied for this job. Chairman Dowell continued that it was clear from the interviews that Mr. Williams was the best person to lead the COFA office, due to his extensive experience managing government budgets, great educational background and the fact he has already been in the COFA office and knows its functions and the functions of the City of Chicago. She was most impressed with Mr. Williams ideas to improve the fiscal situation of the City of Chicago, that they were well thought out and grounded in reality. She is confident he can lead the office and looks forward to his confirmation today.

Alderman Harris moved do pass on item 4 on the agenda and the item passed by voice vote.

There being no further business before the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations, Alderman Waguespack moved to adjourn which was seconded by Alderman Mitts. Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote and the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Dowell".

Pat Dowell
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations