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**MONTHLY REPORT — May 2020**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the **Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development** submits the following **Monthly Report for May 2020**.

**Committee Meeting Held on May 12, 2020**

**In compliance with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18, attendance at this meeting was held by remote means only.**

Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

**Item 1:**

Chairman Villegas requested a motion to approve the Rule 45 Monthly Report of the Chicago City Council Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development for the month of March 2020.

Alderman Tunney motioned to approve the Rule 45 report. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

**Public Comment:**

Roger Romanelli, Executive Director of the Fulton Market Association, spoke in favor of using TIF funds for small business assistance during State of Illinois disaster proclamations.

**Item 2:**

The following items were voted on collectively:

**A2020-37** Reappointment of Karl D. Sullivan as member of Special Service Area No. 34, Uptown Commission;

**A2020-38** Appointment of Jack B. Wroblewski as member of Special Service Area No. 28, Six Corners Commission;

**A2020-39** Appointment of Michael Dimeo as member of Special Service Area No. 28, Six Corners Commission;

**A2020-40** Appointment of Manuel Romero as member of Special Service Area No. 28, Six Corners Commission;

**A2020-41** Reappointment of Avdulla Hotza as member of Special Service Area No. 3, Southwest Business Growth Area Commission;

**A2020-42** Appointment of Jason R. Kraus as member of Special Service Area No. 21, Lincoln Square Commission;

**A2020-43** Appointment of Julia Perkins as member of Special Service Area No. 42, 71st/Stony Commission;

**A2020-44** Appointment of Nicholas Andersen as member of Special Service Area No. 54, Sheridan Road Commission;

**A2020-45** Appointment of Daniella B. Cornue as member of Special Service Area No. 60, Albany Park Commission;

**A2020-46** Reappointment of Saima Causevic as member of Special Service Area No. 60, Albany Park Commission;

**A2020-47** Appointment of Ric Porrez as member of Special Service Area No. 25, Little Village Commission; and

**A2020-48** Appointment of Adrienne M. Irmer as member of Special Service Area No. 42, 71st/Stony Commission.

- *Alderman Lopez inquired if all the appointees were supported by their local aldermen.*
- *Mark Roschen, from the Department of Planning and Development (DPD), indicated that all respective aldermen were notified and that some of the appointees were recommended by the local alderman.*
- *Vice-Chair Mitchell responded that he had not been notified of the appointments to Special Service Area No. 42, partially located in the 7th Ward.*
- *Alderman Lopez stated that he had asked if the local aldermen were in support and not just notified.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked DPD to notify the local aldermen and ask for their input.*
- *Alderman Mitts motioned to recommend passage of the appointments and reappointments. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote.*

**Item 3:**

**O2020-2371** Support of Class 7(b) tax incentive for property(s) at 3611-3657 N Central Ave

- *Chairman Villegas informed the committee that this was a direct introduction by DPD and that they received the ordinance via email the day prior to the meeting. He inquired if any member of the committee needed additional time to review the substitute, which had been emailed to members of the committee prior to the meeting.*
- *Alderman Cardenas asked for additional time to review the ordinance.*
- *Alderman Sposato inquired if the 36th Ward alderman supported the tax incentive.*
- *Chairman Villegas replied that he did.*
- *Alderwoman Hadden inquired if there would be a presentation in addition to the materials the committee members had received.*

- *Chairman Villegas responded that Aaron Dorsey, from DPD, would present the project.*
- *Alderman Cardenas suggested that in the future, the substitutes be shared on screen for the benefit of the members who did not have it before them.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked those who were not speaking to mute their microphones.*
- *Mr. Dorsey, financial planning analyst for DPD, presented the project.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked if any of the members has questions.*
- *Alderman Cardenas commented that the presentation was difficult to hear.*
- *Chairman Villegas asked for a for a motion to recommend passage.*
- *Alderman Scott motioned to recommend passage, which was approved unanimously by voice vote.*
- *Chairman Villegas thanked the members for passing the ordinance because it is a project that was long overdue and a lot that had been vacant for over 16 years.*
- *Alderman Sposato made everyone aware that there was a covenant banning a grocery store.*
- *Alderman Mitts congratulated Chairman Villegas and Alderman Sposato on their work to develop a long vacant property.*
- *Alderman Brookins echoed Chairman Villegas' sentiment of aldermen working with DPD to expeditiously develop vacant properties.*
- *Chairman Villegas dismissed the SSA appointees.*

**Item 4:**

**R2020-291** Call for U.S. Congress to enact and fund national water affordability program modeled after Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- *Chairman Villegas indicated he submitted a substitute which clarified the need for local, state, and federal governments to collaborate to provide subsidies for the benefit of low-income residents*
- *Alderman Lopez moved to accept the substitute; the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- *Jeremy Orr, from Staff Attorney of The Safer Water Initiative for The National Resources Defense Council, spoke in favor of the resolution.*
- *Alderman Reboyras asked who would support the resolution in Congress.*
- *Chairman Villegas responded that he hoped Senator Durbin and Congressman Quigley, along with the rest of the Illinois delegation, would support it in light of the 3 trillion dollar COVID-19 and infrastructure appropriation.*
- *Alderman Lopez inquired if this resolution took into consideration recent water disconnections and the issues surrounding lead contamination in service lines.*
- *Chairman Villegas responded that the resolution addressed the matter in the form of providing funding for aging infrastructure.*
- *Alderman Scott motioned to pass the resolution, which passed unanimously via a voice vote.*

**Item 5:**

**R2020-287** Call for hearing(s) to explore possible options for establishing free broadband internet for all households in City of Chicago

- *Chairman Villegas stated the Alderman Cardenas had asked to postpone discussion on the resolution and invited him to brief the committee on some of the on some of the details of the ordinance.*
- *Alderman Cardenas explained why he was asking for the item to be held. Adding the importance of broadband in light of the current pandemic and updated the committee on what was being done to bring about implementation.*
- *Chairman Villegas commented on the importance of broadband.*
- *Alderman Brookins noted the importance of broadband for students, especially for those experiencing homelessness.*
- *Alderman Cardenas added that the resolution reflected the need for broadband that would provide the bandwidth necessary for schoolchildren's work.*
- *Alderman Mitts asked about the taskforce Alderman Cardenas mentioned in his statement.*
- *Alderman Cardenas responded that the taskforce has not been selected.*
- *Alderman Lopez raised a point of order that the item was being held in committee, but that the committee was discussing it nonetheless.*
- *Chairman Villegas agreed and provided committee members time for brief comments regarding the matter.*
- *Alderman Vasquez replied that he would like to be part of the taskforce moving forward.*

Chairman Villegas announced that he would be forming three working groups under the auspices of the committee, one for each subject matter under the purview of the committee. Additionally, he provided starting points for each working group and asked that members contact the committee with their preferred working group.

- *Alderman Reilly asked if the members would be allowed in more than one of those working groups.*
- *Chairman Villegas responded that members would be allowed to serve on more than one working group.*

All business being concluded, Chairman Villegas asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Mitchell motioned to adjourn, with everyone voting in favor. Chairman Villegas adjourned the meeting at 1:46 PM.

The members of the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development in attendance included: Alderman Villegas (36), Mitchell (7), Sawyer (6), Harris (8), Cardenas (12), Lopez (15), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Reilly (42), Tunney (44), Hadden (49)

Respectfully submitted by:  
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