

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
August, 2020
Amended

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Public Safety submits the following monthly report.

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 10:05 a.m., the Committee on Public Safety called a meeting to order in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18, attendance at this meeting was held by remote means only.

The following members were present: Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Thompson (11), Lopez (15), Curtis (18), Scott (24), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Silverstein (50), Vice Chairman Osterman (48) and Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members were absent: No absent members

The following additional Aldermen were present: King (4), Garza (10), Brookins (21), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Vasquez (40), Cappleman (46).

Chairman Taliaferro called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Chairman Taliaferro stipulating the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18 and expressed virtual meetings act. Chairman instructed protocol to be used in the virtual forum. Roll Call was taken. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. There were two speakers, Mr. Craig Kaiser and Michelle Weisburg each made three minute comments. The following items were presented in the following order:

1. Approval of the Rule 45 Monthly Report for the June, 2020

Alderman Scott moved pass the Rule 45 Monthly Report, which was passed based on the vote used to determine a quorum.

Passed Committee on 08/11/2020

2. Item 1 of the Agenda – SO2019-9158 – Amendment as substituted of Municipal Code Chapter 2-84 by adding new Section 2-84-198 entitled “Hearings on Consent Decree Reports by the Independent Monitor”

Alderman Curtis moved to accept the substitute ordinance submitted by Alderman Martin. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor to Alderman Martin as the sponsor of the substitute ordinance for comments. Chairman Taliaferro noted that a statement from Superintendent David Brown of the Chicago Police Department was provided for the record and read the statement. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor to the following witnesses, each provided opening statements: Deputy Mayor Susan Lee of the City of Chicago’s Public Safety, Deputy Superintendent Barbara West of Constitutional Policing and Reform in the City of Chicago’s

Police Department, Deputy Chief Sudip Singh of the Chicago Police Department task force, Andrea Kersten Deputy Chief Administrator for the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA), Ghian Foreman, President of the Chicago Police Board. Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor for questions starting with his questions and comments. Questions and comments were taken from committee members and afterwards, City Council members. Alderman Sawyer moved to pass the recommendation of the substitute ordinance SO2019-9158, which was passed based on the vote used to determine a quorum and will be submitted at the September, 2020 City Council meeting. Alderman Sawyer moved to adjourn meeting at 1:22 p.m. on August 11, 2020. Motion passed based on the vote used to determine a quorum and meeting adjourned.

Approved by Committee August 11, 2020

Approved by City Council September 9, 2020

On Monday, August 24, 2020, at 10:10 a.m., the Committee on Public Safety called a meeting to order in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18. Pursuant to applicable law, the Chairman has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. Accordingly, attendance at this meeting was held by remote means only.

The following members were present: Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Thompson (11), Lopez (15), Curtis (18), Scott (24), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Silverstein (50), Vice Chairman Osterman (48) and Chairman Taliaferro (29), ***President Pro Tempore Reilly (42).***

The following members were absent: No absent members

The following additional Aldermen were present: King (4), Hairston (5), Beale (9), Garza (10), Cardenas (12), Coleman (16), O’Shea (19), Burnett (27), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Vasquez (40), Cappleman (46), Hadden (49).

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- 1. Item 1 – F2020-50 – Deputy Inspector General 2019 Annual Report on General Public Safety Section.** Chairman Taliaferro opened floor for item 1 and explained that item 1 is a Subject Matter Hearing and no vote would be taken. Chairman Taliaferro then recognized Deborah Witzburg, Deputy Inspector General of Public Safety for the City of Chicago, who gave an opening statement and summarized the 2019 Annual Report on General Public Safety Section. At the conclusion of Ms Witzburg’s statements, Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor for questions and comments which were made by Public Safety Committee Members and City Council Members.
(Subject Matter Hearing – No vote taken)

2. **Item 2 - O2019-3873 - Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-84 by requiring Chicago Police Department to maintain and provide to arrestees list of all nonprofit and government legal service providers offering free legal representation.** Chairman Taliaferro opened floor for item 2 and explained that item 2 is a Subject Matter Hearing and no vote would be taken. Chairman Taliaferro recognized Alderman Hairston as sponsor of item 2 and Alderman Hairston gave an opening statement. The Chairman the recognized Deputy Chief of Office of Operations, Randy Darlin of the City of Chicago Police Department, who gave an opening statement. Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments which were made from the Public Safety Committee and City Council Members. Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, Susan Lee also answered questions and made comments.
(Subject Matter Hearing – No vote taken)

Alderman Ervin motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed based on the vote used to determine a quorum and meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m. on August 24, 2020.