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Regular Meeting -- Wednesday, June 23, 2021

at 10:00 A.M.

(Teleconference)

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**OFFICIAL RECORD.**

**LORI E. LIGHTFOOT**  
Mayor

**ANDREA M. VALENCIA**  
City Clerk

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**Attendance At Meeting.**

*Present* -- In-Person Attendance: The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, and Aldermen La Spata, Dowell, King, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, O'Shea, Taylor, Brookins, Rodriguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Austin, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Tunney, Gardiner, Cappleman, Martin, Osterman, Hadden, Silverstein. Remote Attendance: Aldermen Hopkins, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Smith.

*Absent* -- Alderman Curtis.

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**Call To Order.**

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, called the City Council to order and noted that pursuant to applicable law and her determination that attendance by remote means was necessary because an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent due to the declared public disaster caused by COVID-19, the meeting was being conducted by videoconference. The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, then called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, King, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, O'Shea, Taylor, Brookins, Rodriguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Austin, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Gardiner, Cappleman, Martin, Osterman, Hadden, Silverstein -- 49.

Quorum present.

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**Pledge Of Allegiance.**

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Invocation.**

Pastor Nathan Payne of Park Community Church opened the meeting with prayer.

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At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Harris moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* for the purpose of going out of the regular order of business to take the omnibus vote for the May 26, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion *Prevailed*.

Thereupon, Alderman Harris moved to apply the quorum roll call vote of the June 23, 2021 City Council meeting to all matters placed in the omnibus at the May 26, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion *Prevailed*.

Alderman Thompson moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion failed.

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**REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.****PUBLIC COMMENT.**

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following members of the general public addressed the City Council:

Minister Eric Sexton

George Blakemore

Sarah Yousuf

Glenn Duvall

Elizabeth Bettino

Ephraim Martin

Justice Reverend Shelvin Hall

Ryan O'Donnell

Sam Toia

Daniella Pereria

Elliott Richardson

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following members of the general public submitted written comments to the City Council:

Lindsay Welbers

H.E. Pennypacker

Nancy Joseph

Ed Zimkus

Rob Janoff

Cynthia Mathews

Riddhima Mishra

Dale Singleton

Ed Miller

Gabrielle Gustilo

Aisha Noble

Nancy Bigelow

Berthold Boone

Janet Lipner

Andrea Tentner

Kathy Greenholdt

Becky Reimer

Carol Keating

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Dowell moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* for the purpose of going out of the regular order of business to consider a report of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations regarding the appointment of Celia Meza as Corporation Counsel. The motion *Prevailed*.

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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.**

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*Action Deferred* -- APPOINTMENT OF CELIA MEZA AS CORPORATION COUNSEL OF DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

[A2021-59]

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations submitted the following report which was, on motion of Alderman Lopez and Alderman Taylor, *Deferred* and ordered published:

CHICAGO, June 23, 2021.

*To the President and Members of the City Council:*

Your Committee on the Budget and Government Operations, to which was referred a communication concerning the appointment of Celia Meza as Corporation Counsel of the Department of Law (A2021-59), having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body approve the proposed appointment transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a unanimous vote of the members of the committee present, with no dissenting votes on June 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) PAT DOWELL,  
*Chairman.*

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.

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At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Sposato moved that the City Council adjourn the meeting and reconvene on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. He then amended that motion to instead seek to recess the meeting to that date and time.

The Chair then directed the Clerk to call the roll regarding the motion to recess.

As the roll call began, a number of procedural questions were raised by various aldermen and the Mayor directed the City Council to stand at ease for five minutes.

At the conclusion of the five-minute period, Mayor Lightfoot called the council to order and the meeting resumed.

Alderman Taliaferro then moved to suspend the rules temporarily for the purpose of going out of the regular order of business to consider a report of the Committee on Public Safety regarding the appointment of Annette Nance-Holt as Fire Commissioner.

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Burke stated that a roll call vote was in process.

The Chair replied that the roll call vote was suspended prior to the Council standing at ease for five minutes and that the motion before the body was the motion by Alderman Taliaferro to suspend the rules temporarily for the purpose of going out of the regular order of business to consider a report of the Committee on Public Safety regarding the appointment of Annette Nance-Holt as Fire Commissioner. Hearing no objections, the motion to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily Prevailed*.

Alderman Taliaferro then presented a report of the Committee on Public Safety.

Alderman Beale then noted that a pending motion by Alderman Sposato to recess the meeting was currently before the body and requested that Alderman Sposato withdraw his motion. Alderman Sposato thereupon withdrew his previous motion.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.**

## APPOINTMENT OF ANNETTE NANCE-HOLT AS FIRE COMMISSIONER.

[A2021-60]

The Committee on Public Safety submitted the following report:

CHICAGO, June 23, 2021.

*To the President and Members of the City Council:*

Your Committee on Public Safety, which held a meeting on Friday, June 18, 2021 by virtual remote means to consider the approval of the proposed appointment of Annette Nance-Holt as Fire Commissioner (A2021-60), begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body *Approve* the proposed appointment transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by an affirmative vote of all committee members present for roll call to determine quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHRIS TALIAFERRO,  
*Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Taliaferro, the committee's recommendation was *Concurred In* and the said proposed appointment of Annette Nance-Holt as Fire Commissioner was *Approved* by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas -- Aldermen La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, King, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, O'Shea, Taylor, Brookins, Rodriguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Austin, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Gardiner, Cappleman, Martin, Osterman, Hadden, Silverstein -- 49.

Nays -- None.

Alderman Thompson moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.



At this point in the proceedings, the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, congratulated Annette Nance-Holt on her confirmation as Fire Commissioner and the first woman to hold this position. Reflecting on their conversations together, Mayor Lightfoot reflected on the Commissioner's abiding love for her family and their longstanding commitment to serving the needs of the community. Expressing her support for and confidence in this appointment, Mayor Lightfoot lauded Fire Commissioner Nance-Holt for her record of accomplishment and leadership experience at every level in the Fire Department. Although we face many challenges, the Mayor observed, the Fire Department has always been there for the City of Chicago and we will be there to lend you our support. Mayor Lightfoot then recognized the following guests seated in the commissioner's gallery: Congresswoman Robin Kelley, Senator Jacqueline Collins, Father Michael Pfleger, Daryl Johnson, Barbara Keaton-Stubblefield and Pamela Montgomery-Bosley.

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REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.

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***REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS.***

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*Rules Suspended* -- TRIBUTE TO LATE BERNARDA WONG.

[R2021-781]

The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, submitted the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

June 23, 2021.

*To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Hopkins, Rodriguez, Villegas, Thompson, Sigcho-Lopez, Waguespack, Vasquez, Lopez, Hadden, Ervin, Martin, Osterman, Sanchez, Burke, Dowell, Cappleman, Reilly, Rosa, Mitts, King, O'Shea, Nugent, Silverstein, Scott and Moore, a resolution honoring the life and memory of Bernie Wong, founder of Chicago Chinatown's Chinese American Service League.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) LORI E. LIGHTFOOT,  
*Mayor.*

Alderman Harris moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the said proposed resolution. The motion *Prevailed*.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, The members of this body were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bernarda "Bernie" Wong, cofounder and retired chief executive officer and president of the Chinese American Service League in Chicago, at age 77; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was born on October 24, 1943 in Hong Kong to the late Jorge Lo and Virginia Chia de Lo as the youngest of seven siblings; and

WHEREAS, Bernie immigrated to the United States at the age of 18 to study at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, before receiving a master of social work degree from Washington University in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Inspired to dedicate her career to helping others, Bernie moved to Chicago to become a social worker. In the city's Chinatown, she became a champion for the neighborhood, as well as for immigrants, the elderly, and the poor; and

WHEREAS, Bernie cofounded the Chinese American Service League in 1978. Under Bernie's leadership, the organization became the largest social service agency serving Asian Americans in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, the Chinese American Service League has grown to include programs for educating youth, caring for the elderly, training the workforce, placing immigrants on the path to citizenship, and securing housing and financial well-being for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, Among her many trailblazing achievements, Bernie established a senior housing facility, since named the Albert and Bernie Wong Senior Living Community in her and her late husband's honor, and the Kam L. Liu Community Service Center; and

WHEREAS, Bernie served as a founding board member of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging and the Chinese Immigrant Service Agencies Network International; chaired Mayor Richard M. Daley's Advisory Council on Asian Affairs; served on the Asian Advisory Council for Governors Pat Quinn and Bruce Rauner and on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Equity; and was the first Asian American appointed to the boards of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and the Chicago Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was widely commended for her service and received numerous honors and awards, including special recognition from Mayors Richard M. Daley, Rahm Emanuel, and Lori Lightfoot; Senator Dick Durbin; Governor JB Pritzker; and Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, who named Bernie as one of his "Champions of Change"; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021, do hereby honor the remarkable life and legacy of Bernarda Wong, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to her family and friends; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Bernarda Wong, as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

On motion of Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Aldermen Ramirez-Rosa, Thompson, Moore, Sigcho-Lopez, Dowell, Burke and Burnett, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

At this point in the proceedings, the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, joined the members of the City Council in honoring the life and legacy of Bernarda "Bernie" Wong. At just 18 years of age, Bernarda Wong left Hong Kong by herself in search of a better life, the Mayor observed, and over the next several decades she blazed a trail of success and opportunity for others through her advocacy, activism, and community service. Fearless in her pursuits, Bernarda Wong garnered an impressive career as she set out on a mission to make things better for communities in need, the Mayor noted, and during her quest she founded the Chinese American Service League, or CASL [CASS-ul] in 1978 to serve as a vital social safety net for our city's Chinese community. Bernarda Wong also served in a variety of leadership positions including Chair of the Chicago Mayor's Advisory Council on Asian Affairs, the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the Governor's Asian Advisory Council and she was also the first Asian person to be appointed to the Boards of United Way of Greater Chicago and the Chicago Public Library as well as an adviser on the Obama Foundation Inclusion Council. Always concerned about the welfare of others, "Bernie's" aspiration was for all Chicagoans to come together and be united in our differences, the Mayor stated, and her vision "is a lesson that we should all take to heart". An extraordinary woman of character and conviction, Bernarda "Bernie" Wong has touched the hearts of many, the Mayor stated, and her legacy and great works will continue for years to come. Mayor Lightfoot then left the mayor's rostrum and strode to the commissioner's gallery where she presented a parchment copy of the memorial resolution to the family of Bernarda "Bernie" Wong.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.  

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**Time Fixed For Next Succeeding Regular Meeting.**

[O2021-2883]

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Harris presented a proposed ordinance, sponsored by Alderman Harris and Alderman Mitchell, setting the date and time of the next meeting of the City Council and moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Alderman Beale stated that there were several matters to be considered today under Rule 41 and asked that Alderman Harris reconsider her motion.

The Chair stated that pursuant to Rule 21 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the motion by Alderman Harris was germane.

Alderman Harris thereupon renewed her motion.

Alderman Beale then moved to lay on the table Alderman Harris' motion to adjourn.

The Chair then asked Alderman Harris for clarification of her motion.

Alderman Harris stated that her motion was is to call for passage a proposed ordinance setting the date and time of the next meeting of the City Council for Friday, June 25, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Burke stated that Alderman Beale's motion to lay on the table Alderman Harris' motion to adjourn was now before the body.

The Chair ruled that Alderman Harris clarified her previous motion and that the matter pending before the body was an ordinance setting the date and time of the next meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Burke moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair. The Chair then ruled that Alderman Burke's appeal was denied.

The Chair thereupon recognized Alderman Harris who renewed her motion to pass a proposed ordinance setting the date and time of the next meeting of the City Council for Friday, June 25, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

The Clerk called the roll and the said proposed ordinance was *Passed* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas* -- Aldermen La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, Mitchell, Harris, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, O'Shea, Brookins, Tabares, Scott, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Cardona, Waguespack, Austin, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Cappleman, Martin, Osterman, Silverstein -- 31.

*Nays* -- Aldermen King, Hairston, Sawyer, Beale, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Taylor, Rodriuez, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Vasquez, Gardiner, Hadden -- 18.

The following is said ordinance as passed:

*Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:*

SECTION 1. Because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to COVID-19, the next regular meeting of the City Council, in accordance with applicable law, shall be conducted by videoconference on Friday, June 25, 2021, beginning at 1:00 P.M., and shall provide for remote participation and remote viewing by members of the public.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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### **Adjournment.**

Alderman Harris then moved that the City Council adjourn.

Alderman Beale moved to lay on the table the foregoing motion.

The Chair stated that pursuant to Rule 21 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, a motion to adjourn takes precedence over a motion to lay on the table and the motion to lay on the table was denied.

The Chair then directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adjourn.

The Clerk called the roll and the motion to *Adjourn Prevailed* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas* -- Aldermen Hopkins, Dowell, Mitchell, Harris, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, O'Shea, Brookins, Tabares, Scott, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Waguespack, Austin, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Cappleman, Osterman, Silverstein -- 27.

*Nays* -- Aldermen La Spata, King, Hairston, Sawyer, Beale, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Taylor, Rodriguez, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Cardona, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Vasquez, Napolitano, Gardiner, Martin, Hadden -- 22.

Thereupon, the City Council *Stood Adjourned* to meet in regular meeting on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

ANDREA M. VALENCIA,  
*City Clerk.*

**APPENDIX A**  
**LEGISLATIVE INDEX**

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

Meza, Celia

Corporation Counsel

Lightfoot (Mayor) A2021-59

Referred [C.J.p. 30274] Budget

Deferred and [C.J.p. 31458]

Published

Nance-Holt, Annette

Fire Commissioner

Lightfoot (Mayor) A2021-60

Referred [C.J.p. 30282] Public Safety

Approved [C.J.p. 31460]

### **CITY COUNCIL**

#### **Regular Meetings**

June 25, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. (virtual)

Harris (8), Mitchell (7) O2021-2883

Passed [C.J.p. 31464]

### **TRIBUTES**

Wong, Bernarda ("Bernie")

Lightfoot (Mayor), and Others R2021-781

Adopted [C.J.p. 31461]



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