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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2022**

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**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 February 2022.**

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

On February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Attendance:**

The following members were virtually present at the February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Chairperson Dowell (3), Vice-Chairperson Martin (47), La Spata (1), Hairston (5), Rodriguez (22), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Smith (43), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: Sadlowski-Garza (10), and Thompson (11).

The following non-members were virtually present at the February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting: King (4), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Beale (9), Quinn (13), Burke (14), Coleman (16), Moore (17), Curtis (18), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46) and Silverstein (50).



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**Meeting:**

On February 16, 2022, 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 February 16, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), King (4), Hairston (5), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Cardenas (12) Quinn (13), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Brookins (21), Rodriguez (22), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the February 16, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), Sawyer (6), Thompson (11), Moore (17) and Napolitano (41).

The following non-members were virtually present at the February 16, 2022 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Burke (14), Coleman (16), and Cardona (31).

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

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1. A substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for various City Departments (SO2021-4179)**

**SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 2/16/22**

**PASS COMMITTEE 2/16/22**

**PASS CITY COUNCIL 2/23/22**



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**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE JANUARY 26, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 2. An ordinance, introduced by Alderman Brendan Reilly (42<sup>nd</sup> Ward), approving the transfer of funds within the City Council Legislative Reference Bureau for Year 2022 (O2022-374)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 2/16/22  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 2/23/22**

**SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ONLY, NO VOTES TAKEN**

- 3. Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan – Affordable Housing, Arts and Culture**

On February 9, 2022 Chairperson Dowell called the virtual subcommittee meeting to order pursuant to applicable law and determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video conference. Chairperson Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairperson Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. Gregory Sherman was recognized as the first public speaker. The second speaker was Bob Gomez. With no additional speakers signed up to speak, Chairperson Dowell closed the public comment period. One written public comment was submitted and recognized by Chairperson.

Chairperson Dowell began the meeting by recognizing Subcommittee Vice Chairperson Matt Martin, who introduced the meeting topics and the presenters. Vice Chairperson Martin started by calling the first presenter, Geoff Smith from the DePaul Institute for Housing Studies to speak on affordable housing. Following Mr. Smith, Richard Townsell from Lawndale Christian Development Corporation presented on their affordable housing plans. Alderman Moore asked about affordable housing distribution across the city, the use of affordable housing funding for Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, and how these speakers were selected. Vice Chairperson Martin asked to hold these questions until the Q&A portion of the meeting and explained how panelists were selected. Kristin Horn from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and the Hear to Stay Community Land Trust was recognized as the last speaker for the affordable housing portion of the meeting. Vice Chairperson Martin then informed the subcommittee the presentations were going to shift to the Arts and Culture portion of the meeting and recognized Carlos Tortolero from the National Museum of Mexican Art to deliver his opening statement. After Mr. Tortolero, Joe Burton from Bughouse Theater gave his presentation. The final presenter for the Arts and Culture portion was Andre Guichard from Gallery Guichard. Vice Chairperson Martin then



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recognized Budget Director Susie Park to give an overview of the Chicago Recovery Plan. Department of Housing Commissioner Marissa Novara then delivered her opening remarks. Last, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Commissioner Erin Harkey gave her presentation. Following Commissioner Harkey's remarks, Vice Chairperson Martin opened the meeting up for questions from subcommittee members and non-members. Alderman Osterman began by talking about the departments working with aldermen on their programs, having point people for aldermen to work with in each department, and activating streets with art to stabilize neighborhoods and encourage public safety. Alderman La Spata spoke about being encourage about the subcommittee's work and complimented the departments on their efforts during the pandemic. He then asked about developing permanent supportive housing, and the role of land trusts in providing affordable home ownership. Commissioner Novara explained that permanent supportive housing is developed in part through negotiating units within existing housing under development, through an RFP for entire buildings like hotel rehab, and through the state by assisting with their projects through filling out their funding stack. As for land trusts, Commissioner Novara said the City wants to work with their administrator to work with local land trust groups to support their housing affordability efforts. Next, Alderman Moore inquired about how presenters were selected, and the American Rescue Plan spending process, and if funding includes poetry. Vice Chairperson Martin provided information on the selection process. Budget Director Park explained how the federal funding is being spent and will send a list of RFPs to show which funds are obligated/being obligated. Commissioner Novara further explained that DoH has allocated \$50 million already and will provide a list of allocations. Commissioner Harkey responded yes that funding can be for poetry. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez talked about positive changes to employment verification, then asked about creating very low income affordable housing, and SRO preservation. Commissioner Novara talked about how funding is supporting the creation of new affordable housing units and how they are targeting the lowest income levels through income averaging, unit matching through LIHTF, and developing in conjunction with the CHA. For SRO preservation, Commissioner Novara responded that is being met in part from the permanent supportive housing developments and SRO preservation loan fund. Managing Deputy Commissioner Bryan Esenberg added information about the SRO working group and how they are trying to find funding to preserve SRO units. Chairperson Dowell asked for a rental assistance update. Commissioner Novara provided an update and will send additional location information. Alderman King asked for room for aldermanic input on how funds are allocated, and inquired about the land trust to see if there are ways to ensure wealth growth in the community, and implored the departments to work with community organizations to get ideas on how to best use federal funding, Vice Chairperson Martin inquired about permanent supportive housing and where the City stands with using HOME funds. Managing Deputy Commissioner Esenberg responded that HOME funds were allocated to the Department of Family and Support Services, but DoH is looking to carve out a small amount for permanent supportive housing. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez closed out the question and answer



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session by asking about equity for DCASE grant funding, how DCASE can best partner with aldermanic offices, and how DCASE coordinates programming with CPS. Commissioner Harkey stated they will provide grant opportunity information to aldermen, information on how the public can participate in artist selection panels, and how DCASE has been prioritizing the equitable distribution of arts funds. As for CPS coordination, Commissioner Harkey answered there is a lot of coordination with CPS, including monthly meetings, and how they structure arts education with students. Vice Chairperson Martin stated that there was no further business before the Subcommittee and moved to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Chairperson Dowell moved to adjourn the meeting. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

On February 16, 2022 Chairman Dowell called the virtual committee meeting to order pursuant to applicable law and determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video conference. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. With no public speakers signed up for public comment, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Chairman Dowell called for approval of the January 2022 Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Austin moved to approve the Rule 45 Report. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with Item Number 1 on the agenda, a substitute ordinance concerning an amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance Year 2022 within Fund No. 925 for various City Departments (SO2021-4179). Alderman Reilly moved to accept the substitute ordinance. With the substitute ordinance accepted, Chairman Dowell recognized Deputy Budget Director Latoya Vaughn to provide an opening statement. Following Deputy Budget Director Vaughn's remarks Chairman Dowell opened up the meeting to questions from members and non-members. Alderman Moore asked about CDBG funding, and COVID-19 grant funding. Deputy Budget Director Vaughn clarified that it's the total appropriation of both carryover and new funding, with approximately \$80 million in new funding and \$86.5 million in carryover, and the COVID-19 money is direct funding. Alderman Reilly moved to pass Item No. 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.



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Chairman Dowell then moved to Item Number 2 on the agenda, an ordinance, introduced by Alderman Brendan Reilly (42nd Ward), approving the transfer of funds within the City Council Legislative Reference Bureau for Year 2022 (O2022-374). Alderman Reilly explained the ordinance. Alderman Austin moved do pass Item No. 2 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and moved to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Pat Dowell, Chairman  
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations**