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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  
DECEMBER 2020**

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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 December 2020.**

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

On December 9, 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 December 9, 2020 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), 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), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the December 9, 2020 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: None

The following non-members were virtually present at the December 9, 2020 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Burke (14), Lopez (15), Sigcho Lopez (25), Cardona (31), Vasquez (40), and Hadden (49).



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

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **First amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for time extension to complete flood protection and runoff reduction pilot study in the Chatham neighborhood (O2020-5753).**

**PASS COMMITTEE 12/9/20  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 12/16/20**

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2. **Transfer of funds within Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards for Year 2020 (O2020-5774).**

**PASS COMMITTEE 12/9/20  
PASS CITY COUNCIL 12/16/20**

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

3. **Subject Matter Hearing on the Foreign Fire Insurance Board's Expenditure of Monies from the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Revenue Fund Pursuant to Section 4-308-052 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.**

Chairman Dowell called the virtual 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 is 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. Tremel Williams was recognized to speak. Following Mr. Williams, with no one else signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.



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Alderman Dowell called for approval of the September 2, September 30, and October 5, 2020 Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Ervin moved to accept the monthly reports. Seeing no objections, the item was approved by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 1 on the agenda, the first amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for time extension to complete flood protection and runoff reduction pilot study in the Chatham neighborhood (O2020-5753). Sean Weidel from the Chicago Department of Transportation introduced the ordinance and shared a PowerPoint regarding the Rain Ready Chatham program. At the conclusion of Mr. Weidel's opening remarks, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen. Alderman Reboyras inquired about check valves and financing. Mr. Weidel clarified that they are being installed on the owner's property. MWRD is providing \$400,000 to fund the program and DWM is funding program administration. Alderman Reboyras further inquired about the program's effect on catch basins. Mr. Weidel stated they are doing rain gardens and French drains, as well as other techniques, to mitigate flooding, to be selected by the homeowner. He also stated that the Center for Neighborhood Technology identified 60-80 homes to be part of the pilot program. Alderman Waguespack asked for the major causes of flooding citywide to be sent Through the Chair. Alderman Napolitano asked who is doing the installs of the check valves. Mr. Weidel answered that it's a private plumber to be selected by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Alderman Napolitano also asked for the pilot program information to be sent to his ward office for potential implementation in his ward. Alderman Harris responded to Alderman Napolitano's question stating her community has been working on solving this issue for the last 4 to 5 years. Alderman Ervin asked if the contractors hired through this program are subject to City procurement rules. Mr. Weidel answered that MWRD's MBE/DBE requirements will be applied to the project. Alderman Villegas asked about the average cost of the program per home. Mr. Weidel stated its going to cost approximately \$10,000 per home but may cost more than that when they start the program. Alderman Thompson asked if PLA applied to the project and to share the PowerPoint with all the Aldermen. Mr. Weidel stated he will provide this information Through the Chair. Chairman Dowell asked for the total amount of money spend on the project. Mr. Weidel clarified that it's \$400,000 for construction and \$200,000 for administration. Chairman Dowell asked for the breakdown of total costs for administrative overhead for the program.

Alderman Sawyer moved do pass on 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, December 16, 2020.



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Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 2 on the agenda a transfer of funds within Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards for Year 2020 (O2020-5774). Alderman Tunney explained that this request was to help the committee replace end of life equipment and to pay for postage for mailing zoning change documents. Alderman Scott moved do pass on 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, December 16, 2020.

Chairman Dowell then moved to item number 3 on the agenda, a subject matter hearing on the Foreign Fire Insurance Board's Expenditure of Monies from the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Revenue Fund Pursuant to Section 4-308-052 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Chairman Pat Cleary provided background on the program and current planned expenditures. Chairman Dowell asked about how the list of renovations is established. Chairman Cleary stated that the list is established in consultation with AIS. Alderman Smith inquired about yearly program revenue. Chairman Cleary stated they received \$5 million, and are expecting another \$6 million this year. Alderman Smith also asked if there is a process where firemen can ask for station upgrades. Chairman Cleary answered that firemen can reach out to the board to suggest upgrades. Alderman Smith followed up by asking how Red/Brown Transit TIF funding is being used to renovate a firehouse. AIS Commissioner David Reynolds answers that they coordinate the Foreign Fire Fund upgrades with the funding from the Capital Plan, TIF funding and other sources. Commissioner Reynolds also clarified that the selection of firehouses is done by AIS based on their knowledge of the facilities and their needs. Moving forward AIS has provided the entire capital list for fire stations so the Fire Board has complete knowledge on where they can invest the program funding. Alderman Mitchell asked for a list of fire station's by ward and funding allocated. Alderman Austin inquired about using Foreign Fire Insurance Funds for new station construction. Commissioner Reynolds said that these funds are not being used for new construction. Alderman Napolitano asked about the cost of kitchens and air conditioners. Commissioner Reynolds stated that kitchens cost \$40,000-\$100,000 and AC units cost \$60,000-\$150,000. Alderman Hairston asked for the board's MBE/DBE information. Alderman Thompson discussed the locations and ages of the fire houses receiving renovations. Alderman O'Shea asked about the status of Station 24. Alderman Moore asked for clarification on the past use of funds of Foreign Fire Insurance funds and asked about a station in his ward.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Austin moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.



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