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MONTHLY REPORT — April 2025

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

On Thursday, **April 10, 2025**, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development held an in-person meeting.

Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Committee were deemed to be present for quorum:

Villegas (36), La Spata (1), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lee (11), Cruz (30), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Reilly (42), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Under Rule 59, the following members of the Committee requested to participate remotely:

Mosley (21), Hall (6), Gutierrez (14) Mitts (37) Napolitano (41).

Ald. Cardona motioned to accept their remote participation, via Rule 59. The motion passed without objection.

Chairman Villegas noted that no written comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tiwon Sims spoke on miscellaneous matters
2. Mannan Abdul spoke regarding a contract that his company has not received payment for work completed.

APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT

- Approval of the March 2025 Monthly Report

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth motioned to approve the report. The motion passed without objection.

Items 1 & 2 were tax incentive ordinances.

ITEM 1

- 1. O2025-0015996** Support of Class 6(b) tax incentive for property at 838 Patton Drive

Ald. Lee motioned to defer the consideration of this item. The motion passed without objection.

ITEM 2

- 2. O2025-0015998** Support of Class 7(a) tax incentive for property at 1840 E. 71st Street

Antoinette Maxwell, Financial Planning Analyst for the Department of Planning & Development, presented in support of the tax incentive ordinance submitted by Urban Core, Inc. She stated that the completed development project had brought nearly \$1.4 million in investments into the South Shore community area.

Chairman Villegas noted that Ald. Yancy had provided a letter of support for the tax incentive ordinance.

Ald. Reilly motioned to pass the tax incentive ordinance, which passed without objection.

ITEM 3

- 3. R2024-0014416** Call for hearing(s) on implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Technology System

Chief Information Officer Nick Lucius and Chief Procurement Officer Sharla Roberts appeared before the committee.

Chairman Villegas reiterated that the goal of implementing ERP was to realize cost savings for the City, and the purpose of the hearing was to receive an update on its implementation.

Chief Information Officer Nick Lucius stated that the City has already saved \$6 million in technology costs. He stated that ERP is a combination of all the existing tech systems the City utilizes. He noted that a major phase of the ERP modernization effort was well underway. He expected to have new systems for digitization and automation in place by the summer. An application rationalization effort is an ongoing process.

Chief Procurement Officer Sharla Roberts stated that the Dept. of Procurement Services has been working with the Department of Technology & Innovation to implement the Data Residency Ordinance. Both agencies are in the final phase of setting the rules by which to grant the City bid incentives to companies that store data in Chicago.

Ald. La Spata asked how the \$6 million in savings have been achieved by the City (Savings achieved by looking at contracted services and eliminating duplicative services).

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth asked for categories of savings (software and program subscriptions and licenses). She asked if the review could lead to better services offered through the ward offices (DTI is looking at ward tech vendors to see if DTI can incorporate some of their offerings within the citywide 311 system to make it more helpful to ward offices).

Ald. La Spata enthusiastically endorsed DTI's efforts to provide better ward-friendly capabilities through the 311 system.

Ald. Cruz asked about the new system that will likely be installed in the summer and how it would benefit departments, such as Human Resources (faster hiring for some positions, better tracking systems, better automated contracting systems, making everything work faster).

Chairman Villegas inquired about data centers. He asked if the City owns a data center (yes, some city buildings have data servers that store city data). He suggested that the city could offer to store other governments' data, for a fee, as a revenue generating possibility.

Vice Chair Mosley thanked both speakers and asked if the residential permit parking and disabled signs application processes could be improved and expedited by improvements in tech systems (CIO Lucious would look into that possibility).

There being no further business, Ald. La Spata motioned to adjourn the meeting, which passed without objection by the same roll call vote that was applied to determine quorum. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Villegas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alderman Gilbert Villegas
Chairman, Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development