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MONTHLY REPORT — APRIL 2026

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 9, 2026**, 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), Mosley (21), Mitchell (7), Chico (10), Lopez (15), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Napolitano (41), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)

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

La Spata (1), Lee (11), Cruz (30), Mitts (37)

Ald. Mosley motioned to accept the remote participation of Aids. La Spata, Lee, Cruz & Mitts via Rule 59. The motion passed without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Blakemore spoke on miscellaneous matters.

APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT

- Approval of the March 2026 Monthly Report

Ald. Mitchell motioned to approve the report. The motion passed without objection.

Items 1-3

Items 1-3 were appointments & reappointments to various special service areas.

1. A2026-0024040 Appointment of Mary Tobias as member of Special Service Area No. 38 Northcenter

2. A2026-0024041 Reappointment of Dorothy Hudson as member of Special Service Area No. 5 Commercial Avenue

3. A2026-0024042 Reappointment of Anthony A. Qaiyum as member of Special Service Area No. 21-2016 Lincoln Square

Chairman Villegas noted that the ECTD committee had confirmed the support or non-objection from the following council members with appointments & reappointments within their respective wards:

Chico, Martin, Mitchell, Vasquez & Waguespack.

Chairman Villegas asked the appointees to introduce themselves.

Appointee Hudson expressed her interested in being re-appointed as an SSA commissioner.

Re-appointee Qaiyum expressed his gratitude for being re-appointed as an SSA commissioner.

Appointee Tobias also expressed her thanks for being appointed for the first time as an SSA commissioner.

Chairman Villegas thanked all the SSA appointees and re-appointees for their service.

Ald. Napolitano motioned to collectively pass the SSA appointments and reappointments. The motion passed without objection, by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum.

Items 4-6 were text amendment ordinances.

4. O2026-0024048 Establishment of Interactive Digital Wayfinder Pilot Program

Chairman Villegas noted that ordinance sponsor Ald. Walter "Red" Burnett asked for the matter to be deferred.

Vice-Chair Mosley motioned to defer the ordinance. The motion passed without objection, by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum.

5. O2026-0024056 Commissioner of Fleet and Facility Management to identify suitable location for new satellite police station within 12th Police District

Ald. Napolitano motioned to defer the ordinance. The motion passed without objection, by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum.

6. O2026-0023357 Commissioner of Transportation directed to identify information technology companies to provide asset management software for City of Chicago

Ald. Cardona motioned to accept a substitute ordinance. The motion passed without objection, by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum.

Department of Transportation Assistant Commissioner William Higgins and Chief Information Officer for the Dept. of Technology & Information (DTI) Nick Lucius appeared before the ECTD committee. Justin Edge, Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Department of Law also appeared before the committee.

Chairman Villegas noted that some lawsuits against the City of Chicago involve (deteriorated) City assets that have caused harm to city residents. Therefore, it makes sense for the City to identify and catalogue all of its assets, along with their shelf lives. This would provide knowledge of what assets need to be repaired, to potentially preclude future lawsuits.

Ald. Napolitano asked how current city technology functions to receive and resolve requests. (Mr. Higgins stated that the 311 system is utilized for this. The ordinance being considered would allow for tracking of city assets and assessing their current conditions).

Ald. Mitchell asked what prompted the current RFQ to track and assess city assets (it's a quality assurance measure). He asked if infrastructure work, such as a contractor laying asphalt, has a warranty (yes, usually a few years from installation). He asked how knowledge of degraded assets could impact the City's exposure to liability (CDOT working closely with the Law Dept. to work on language that minimizes potential future legal exposure). Ald. Mitchell requested information, through the chair, on the length of warranties for different infrastructure work.

Vice Chair Mosley asked whether trees in the public way are counted as an asset (yes). He also asked if tree root issues are also being tracked (yes, CDOT works with Bureau of Forestry). He also inquired about accidents caused by private cars and whether the City attempts to get reimbursement from insurance companies (Mr. Higgins stated that the Law Dept. could better address the question).

Ald. Waguespack asked about the type of database that would be utilized (DTI has not begun to evaluate potential databases. After the RFQ process is near its end, DTI would be more involved).

Ald. Cardona asked Mr. Higgins whether information that will eventually be received on the (degraded) assets will be shared with alders (yes). He asked who would pay for the repairs, City or alders.? (Could be both).

Chairman Villegas stated that capital needs will be presented to the ECTD committee, so members will have input on what gets repaired in their wards.

Ald. Mitchell asked if bridges would be included in the asset inventory (probably yes).

Ald. Napolitano stated that the asset inventory needs to lead to the remedy side of making needed repairs.

Ald. Cardona motioned to pass the ordinance. The motion passed without objection, by the same roll call vote used to establish quorum.

There being no further business, Ald. Mitchell 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 "Derrick H. Curtis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Derrick Curtis
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