

Musnith → Budget

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Mayor submits a proposed executive budget prepared by the Budget Director, which serves as the basis for the annual appropriations ordinance “as ... may be revised or altered by the corporate authorities” – that is, City Council and the Mayor through the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2025, the Mayor proposed an executive budget prepared by the Budget Director; in response to that proposal, the Budget Accountability Coalition introduced a financially responsible, balanced alternative budget to resolve deficiencies in the Mayor’s proposed budget by (1) creating structural ongoing revenues, (2) identifying structural efficiencies, and (3) fully funding the advanced pension payments, while working to prevent an unprecedented City shutdown; and

WHEREAS, despite the desire of some to engage in political posturing and relitigate the months-long budget process in the media, this balanced budget was passed by 30 aldermen and was not vetoed by the Mayor, and thus became law; and

WHEREAS, the constant shifting of narratives during and after passage – including claims from his Administration of a \$15 million surplus one day, and a \$163 million deficit claim by the Mayor the next – is designed to mislead the public and the bond markets, while sowing distrust in the City’s workforce who must implement the budget to ensure our City thrives; and

WHEREAS, as public servants, we all owe a duty – both fiduciary and moral – to this City and its residents to meet the challenges and demands of governing the third largest city in the country together, not to engage in fearmongering to push forth one’s own narrative; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing and approving a budget based on the Mayor’s proposal, subject to City Council’s revisions and alterations, the City Council has met this duty; and

WHEREAS, now, it is time for the executive branch of City government – both the Mayor and his administration – to stop participating in what is a performative political roadshow, at the taxpayers’ expense, to push false narratives around the budget as passed to target Aldermen, in their own wards, for simply disagreeing with the Mayor in the course of representing their constituents; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council, do hereby call upon the Mayor and the administration to timely, and fully, implement the 2026 budget package as approved by City Council, including but not limited to the 2026 Management Ordinance (SO2025-0021100) and the 2026 Revenue Ordinance (SO2025-0021719); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council stands ready, willing, and able to work collaboratively with the Mayor and the administration to ensure that the 2026 budget package is timely and fully implemented, as required by both State law and the Municipal Code of Chicago.

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