

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is facing serious fiscal and governing challenges, many of which are the result of the accumulation of generations of decisions made for short-term political expediency, and not the long-term interests and stability of the City; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address these long-simmering issues, the City engaged Ernst and Young, who prepared a report entitled *Financial and Strategic Reform Options* (the "EY Report"), which outlined a series of efficiencies and other programmatic reform options for the City to implement beginning in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FY2026 budget package approved by City Council, SO2025-00212100 (the "2026 Management Ordinance") incorporated many of these proposals, not only to realize the potential savings generated by these efficiencies, but also improve the functioning of City government more generally in order to meet the challenges posed by the rapidly changing economic, political, and technological confronting the City over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the incorporated proposals include: (1) developing a comprehensive return-to-work policy for the City's workers' compensation program; (2) conducting a comprehensive technology assessment to enhance the City's technological operational productivity and develop, execute, and strengthen technology in a practical and efficient manner across the City's departments; (3) identifying and selling large, developable assemblages of vacant City-owned parcels; (4) establishing a data-driven replacement schedule for City-owned vehicles; (5) hiring additional attorneys within the Department of Law to reduce the City's reliance on outside counsel; and (6) developing and implementing plans for each workstream identified in the EY Report, including specific benchmarks, targets, performance measures, and anticipated savings; and

WHEREAS, despite the long history of the annual budget hearings serving as the primary venue for City Council to engage in legislative oversight, meaningful oversight must become a routine part of the cadence of the City's legislative process in order to have any hope of not only implementing the right fixes, but knowing what needs to be fixed in the first place; and

WHEREAS, like any other legislature under the American system of government, the City Council has the inherent power, in addition to the direct grant of statutory authority under the Illinois Municipal Code, to "investigate the enforcement of the municipal ordinances, rules and regulations, and the action, conduct and efficiency of all officers, agents and employees of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS, indeed, this essential, inherent power of any legislative body has long been recognized by not only the US Supreme Court – "the power of inquiry – with process to enforce it – is an essential and appropriate auxiliary to the legislative function" because "[a] legislative body cannot legislate wisely or effectively in the absence of information respecting the conditions which the legislation is intended to affect or change" (*McGrain v. Daugherty*) – but also by the Illinois Supreme Court, *specifically with respect to City Council* – "[t]he very existence of a legislative body implies the power to investigate via committees of its members into those affairs with respect to which it may legislate or appropriate funds" (*Du Bois v. Gibbons*); and

WHEREAS, for City Council to fulfill its collective legal and political commitments to our constituents, it must routinely engage in meaningful oversight of the executive branch to ensure that the wishes of the City's residents – as expressed through their elected representatives – are diligently pursued and implemented; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, hereby call upon the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations to convene a subject matter hearing on the status of and the City's progress towards implementing the various workstreams identified in the EY Report, including, specifically, those codified in Sections 21 through 26 of Article V of the 2026 Management Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a hearing take place in Council Chambers no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2026 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the interim Chief Financial Officer, the Budget Director, the Comptroller, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Commissioner of Planning and Development, the Commissioner of Fleet and Facility Management, the Chief Information Officer, and the Corporation Counsel to attend such hearing to provide testimony and respond to questions from the Committee regarding the foregoing.


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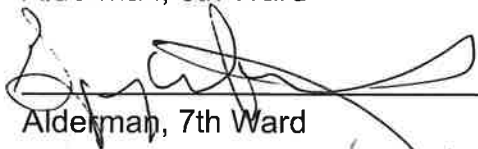


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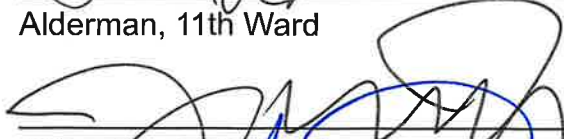
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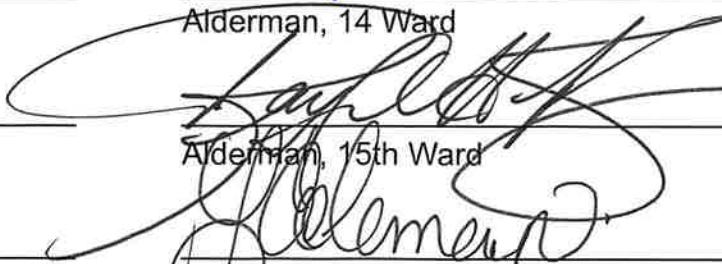


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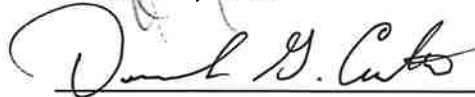
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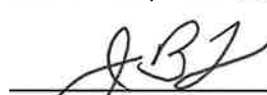
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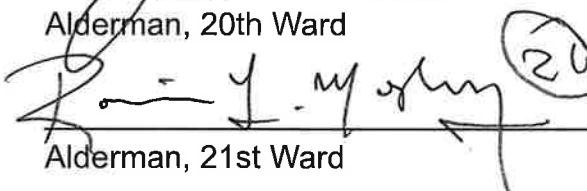
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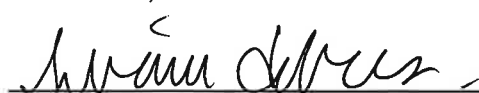


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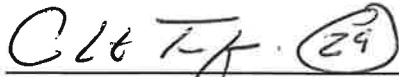


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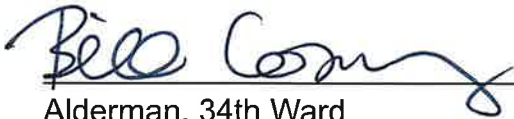


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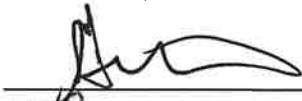
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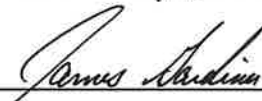
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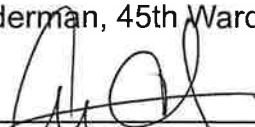
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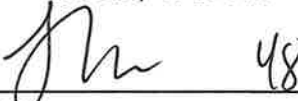
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