

ORDER

WHEREAS, The first buses filled with migrant asylum seekers arrived in the City of Chicago in August 2022; and,

WHEREAS, In her final days in office, former Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued Emergency Order No. 2023-2 declaring a “state of emergency...as a result of the migrant inflow;” requesting the Illinois National Guard to provide staffing and logistical support; exercising emergency contract authority; and, lastly directing all city department heads to utilize their employees to manage the emergency; and,

WHEREAS, As of December 8, 2023, the City of Chicago has absorbed 24,012 migrant asylum seekers, 6,801 individuals have been placed in shelters, 575 remaining housed in police district stations and O’Hare International Airport; and,

WHEREAS, WTTW reported on November 15, 2023 following the passage of Mayor Brandon Johnson’s \$16.6 Billion 2024 budget that the revised spending projections on migrant asylum seekers for 2023 are expected to reach \$361 Million; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Order No. 2023-2, Section 4 specifically states that “The Chief Procurement Officer is directed to exercise the emergency purchasing authority set forth in Section 2-92-644;” and,

WHEREAS, Chicago Municipal Code 2-92-644 specifically states “When bona fide emergencies arise, or when the Chief Procurement Officer determines that expedited procurement is necessary to address a credible, identifiable, and imminent threat to public health, public safety, or City property or operations, the Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to enter into contracts with one or more vendors for the provision of any particular good, work, or service, and to make any modifications to existing contracts that in the Chief Procurement Officer's sole discretion are necessary, to address that emergency or threat. The purchasing authorizations conferred in 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 shall apply, but the dollar limit provided for in that section is increased to \$1,000,000.00 for each such contract or modification. A report of all contracts awarded and modifications made by the Chief Procurement Officer pursuant to this section will be placed on file each quarter with the City Council Committee on the Budget and Government Operations;” and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Brandon Johnson and Chief Procurement Officer Aileen Velasquez have failed to adhere to the reporting requirements set forth within Municipal Code 2-92-644; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, order Chief Procurement Officer Aileen Velasquez to immediately file with the City Council Committee on Budget and Government Operations the 2023 Fiscal Quarter Two and 2023 Fiscal Quarter Three contract awards and modifications related to the emergency declaration related to the ongoing migrant asylum seeker crisis; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that the City Council of the City of Chicago does hereby immediately rescind Emergency Order No. 2023-2, effective upon passage of this resolution.

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