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FINANCE

November 15, 2023

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development, for which a **meeting was held on November 13, 2023**, recommends passage of the following item:

Authorizes the establishment of Special Service Area Number 61-2023, the 2023 tax levy and 2024 budget and related Service Provider Agreement

Direct Introduction Date: 11/13/2023

Sponsor: Mayor Johnson

A recommendation of **Do Pass** was concurred in a voice vote of all committee members present, with no dissenting votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, special service areas may be established pursuant to (i) Article VII, Sections 6(l) and 7(6) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, (ii) the provisions of the Special Service Area Tax Law, 35 ILCS 200/27-5 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Act"), and (iii) the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/1-1 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") determines that it is in the best interests of the City of Chicago (the "City") to establish a special service area to be known and designated as Special Service Area Number 61-2023 (the "Area") to provide certain special governmental services in addition to services provided generally by the City, all as further provided in this ordinance (the "Special Services"), and further determines to authorize the levy of an annual ad valorem real property tax in the Area for a period of ten (10) years sufficient to produce revenues required to provide those Special Services (the "Services Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the execution of an agreement with a service provider for the provision of the Special Services in and for the Area in fiscal year 2024; now, therefore,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The preambles of this ordinance are hereby incorporated herein as if set out herein in full.

SECTION 2. Findings. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

(a) The Area, as established by this ordinance, consists of contiguous territory in the City;

(b) The City Council adopted an ordinance on October 4, 2023, authorizing a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") to consider the establishment of the Area and the levy of the Services Tax on the taxable property located in the Area to provide the Special Services;

(c) Notice of the Public Hearing was given by publication at least once not less than fifteen days prior to the hearing in the *Chicago Tribune*, a newspaper published in and of general circulation within the City, and notice of the Public Hearing was also given by depositing said notice in the United States mail addressed to the person or persons in whose name the general taxes for the last preceding year were paid on each property lying within the Area, not less than ten days prior to the time set for the Public Hearing. For any properties for which taxes for the last preceding year were not paid, the notice was sent to the person last listed on the tax rolls prior to that year as the owner of the property;

(d) The notice complied with all of the applicable provisions of the Act;

(e) The Public Hearing was held on November 2, 2023, by the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development of the City Council. All interested persons, including all persons owning real property located within the Area, were given an opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing regarding any issues embodied in the notice and have had an opportunity to file with the City Clerk of the City of Chicago (the "City Clerk") or with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois (the "County Clerk") written objections on such issues;

(f) The Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development of the City Council has heard and considered all of the comments, objections, protests and statements made at the Public Hearing with regard to the issues embodied in the notice and has determined to recommend to the City Council that it is in the public interest and in the interest of the City and the Area to establish the Area and to authorize the levy of the Services Tax, all as provided in this ordinance;

(g) The Public Hearing was finally adjourned on November 2, 2023.

(h) The sixty-day period as described in Section 27-55 of the Act, in which an objection petition to this ordinance may be filed, commenced on November 2, 2023; and

(i) The City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City that the Area be established, and the Services Tax be authorized, all as set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Area Established. There is hereby established a special service area located within the City to be known and designated as City of Chicago Special Service Area Number 61-2023. The approximate street location of said territory consists of generally, along Lake Park Avenue between East Hyde Park Blvd and 55th Street, along 53rd Street between Woodlawn Avenue and the east side of the viaduct of the CN Metra viaduct, and along 55th Street from Harper Avenue to just west of South Hyde Park Blvd. A legal description of the Area is attached as Exhibit 1 hereto and hereby incorporated herein. A map of the Area is attached as Exhibit 2 hereto and hereby incorporated herein. A list of Permanent Index Numbers for the properties in the Area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 4. Special Services Authorized. The Special Services authorized hereby include but are not limited to: customer attraction, public way aesthetics, sustainability and public place enhancements, economic/business development, public health and safety programs, and other activities to promote commercial and economic development, which will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Special Services." The Special Services may include new construction or maintenance. Some or all of the proceeds of the proposed Services Tax are anticipated to be used by an entity other than the City to provide the Special Services to the Area, which such entity shall be a "service provider" pursuant to a "services contract," each as

defined in the Special Service Area Tax Law. The Special Services shall be in addition to services provided to and by the City of Chicago generally.

SECTION 5. Authorization of Levy. There is hereby authorized to be levied in each year beginning in 2023 through and including 2032 the Services Tax upon the taxable property within the Area to produce revenues required to provide the Special Services, said Services Tax not to exceed an annual rate of 0.950 % of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within the Area. The Services Tax shall be in addition to all other taxes provided by law and shall be levied pursuant to the provisions of the Code. The levy of the Services Tax for each year shall be made by annual ordinance, commencing with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. Based on the recommendation of the Department of Planning and Development, there is hereby appropriated the following sum in the amount and for the purposes necessary to provide the Special Services in and for the Area indicated as follows:

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 61-2023

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA BUDGET

For the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

	EXPENDITURES
Service Provider Agreement for the provision of Special Services	\$284,728
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST	\$284,728
SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Tax levy not to exceed an annual rate of 0.950 % of the equalized assessed value, of taxable property within Special Service Area Number 61-2023	\$284,728

SECTION 7. Levy of Taxes. There is hereby levied pursuant to (i) Article VII, Sections 6(a) and 6(l)(2) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, (ii) the provisions of the Act, and (iii) the provisions of this ordinance, the sum of \$284,728 as the amount of the Services Tax for the year 2023.

SECTION 8. Commission Authorized. There is hereby established the Hyde Park Special Service Area Commission (the "Commission") which shall consist of eleven (11) members. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint the initial Commission members. Of the initial Commission members, six (6) members shall be appointed to serve for three-year terms, and five (5) members shall be appointed to serve for two-year terms. Upon the expiration of the term of any Commission member, the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, shall appoint a successor Commission member. Other than the initial Commissioners, each Commission member shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years and until a successor is appointed. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission due to resignation, death, inability to serve, removal by the Mayor, or other reason, the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, shall appoint a successor. Each successor so appointed shall serve for the remaining term for which he/she was appointed. The Commission shall designate one member as the Chairman of the Commission, and he/she shall serve not more than two successive two-year terms. The Commission may establish bylaws for its procedural operation.

The Commission shall have the powers delegated to it in Section 9 hereof. The terms and powers of the Commission members shall cease upon the termination of the time period for which the levy of the Services Tax is authorized. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 9. Powers of the Commission. The Commission is hereby granted the following powers:

- (a) to recommend the rate or amount of the Services Tax and an annual budget to the City Council; and
- (b) to recommend a sole service provider contract, including a scope of services and a contractor therefore, to the City Council for the provision of the Special Services.

SECTION 10. Service Provider Agreement. The Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development (the "Commissioner"), or a designee of the Commissioner (each, an "Authorized Officer"), are each hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Corporation Counsel as to form and legality, to enter into, execute and deliver a service provider agreement (the "Service Provider Agreement") as authorized herein with South East Chicago Commission, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, as the service provider (the "Service Provider"), for a one-year term in a form acceptable to such Authorized Officer, along with such other supporting documents, if any, as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Service Provider Agreement. The budget attached as Exhibit 5 hereto and hereby incorporated herein (the "Budget") shall also be attached to the Service Provider Agreement as an exhibit. Upon the execution of the Service Provider Agreement and the receipt of proper documentation the Authorized Officer and the City Comptroller are each hereby authorized to disburse the sums appropriated in Section 6 above to the Service Provider in consideration for the provision

of the Special Services described in the Budget. The Department of Planning and Development shall make a copy of the executed Service Provider Agreement readily available for public inspection. The Authorized Officer is also authorized to sign amendments to the Service Provider Agreement entered into pursuant to this Section 10 so long as such amendments do not alter the identity of the Service Provider and/or the amounts appropriated and/or levied pursuant to Sections 6 and 7 hereof.

SECTION 11. Protests And Objections. If a petition of objection is filed with the Office of the City Clerk signed by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the electors residing within the boundaries of the Area and by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the owners of record of the property included within the boundaries of the Area within sixty (60) days following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, all as provided for in Section 27-55 of the Act, as a result of such filing this ordinance shall be deemed to be null and void, the Area shall not be created, the Services Tax shall not be levied, and the Service Provider Agreement shall not be entered into or shall be deemed to be null and void and no compensation in connection therewith shall be provided to the Service Provider.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances shall be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end each provision of this ordinance is declared to be severable.

SECTION 13. Filing. The City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to file in the Office of the County Clerk in accordance with Section 27-75 of the Act, a certified copy of this ordinance containing an accurate map of the Area and a copy of the public hearing notice attached as Exhibit 4. The City Clerk is hereby further ordered and directed to file in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, in accordance with Section 27-40 of the Act a certified copy of this ordinance containing a description of the Area within 60 days of the effective date of this ordinance. In addition, the City Clerk is hereby further ordered and directed to file in the Office of the County Clerk, in accordance with Section 27-75 of the Act, a certified copy of this ordinance on or prior to December 26, 2023, and the County Clerk shall thereafter extend for collection together with all other taxes to be levied by the City, the Services Tax herein provided for, said Services Tax to be extended for collection by the County Clerk for the year 2023 against all the taxable property within the Area, the amount of the Services Tax herein levied to be in addition to and in excess of all other taxes to be levied and extended against all taxable property within the Area.

SECTION 14. Conflict. This ordinance shall control over any provision of any other ordinance, resolution, motion or order in conflict with this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 15. Publication. This ordinance shall be published by the City Clerk, in special pamphlet form, and made available in her office for public inspection and distribution to members of the public who may wish to avail themselves of a copy of this ordinance.

SECTION 16. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after its passage and publication.