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Call for hearing(s) on reducing Chicago Police Department overtime, eliminating background checks of police board attendees and gun violence reduction efforts

Committee(s) Assignment:

Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is facing a projected budget deficit of approximately \$838 million for 2020;

WHEREAS, the Chicago Police Department (“CPD”) has spent approximately \$67.6 million on overtime between January 1st and June 30th of this year, despite CPD experiencing a 10-year high in officer manpower and despite CPD having spent a mere \$42 million and \$61 million for the entirety of 2011 and 2012, respectively;

WHEREAS, in October 2017, the City of Chicago’s Office of the Inspector General issued a report concluding that CPD lacked certain operational and management controls to adequately prevent unnecessary overtime; and

WHEREAS, CPD has taken steps to reduce the occurrence of unnecessary overtime, including implementing a requirement that officers swipe in and out at the start and end of their shifts;

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is suffering from relatively low homicide- and gun-violence-clearance rates, due in part to a fractured relationship between CPD and many members of the public;

WHEREAS, beginning as early as 2006, CPD conducted criminal background checks and internet searches on individuals in advance of their public participation at monthly hearings of the Chicago Police Board;

WHEREAS, CPD issued an apology following published reports of these background checks and internet searches, and the Mayor asked the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety to investigate these checks and searches;

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago should explore the allocation of additional public funds toward providing its residents, especially those most affected by gun violence, with wrap-around services to address and mitigate public safety problems; and

WHEREAS, violence prevention programs such as Chicago CRED (which is affiliated with the Emerson Collective) and READI Chicago (which is affiliated with Heartland Alliance) are

providing men who are at high risk of perpetrating or being subjected to gun violence with cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma counseling, tutoring, and transitional job placement; and

WHEREAS, CRED and READI are funded primarily by foundation and corporate donors; and now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 18th day of September, 2019, do hereby call upon the City Council Committee on Public Safety to convene a hearing regarding:

- 1) Ongoing and potential efforts to reduce CPD overtime;
- 2) The genesis and elimination of background checks of Police Board hearing attendees; and
- 3) The gun-violence-reduction efforts of READI and CRED.

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