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Title: Establishment of Peace Book Ordinance

Committee(s) Assignment: Joint Committee: Health and Human Relations; Budget and Government Operations



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**City Council Meeting
July 20, 2022**

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Committees and Rules, considered the following Report, Ordinances and Resolution which met July 19, 2022:

1. The approval of the June 2022, Monthly Rule 45 Report for the Committee on Committees and Rules

Your Committee on Committees and Rules, recommends "do pass" of the following items:

2. Ordinance correcting the City Council Journal of Proceedings of January 26, 2022 (O2022-2020)
3. Recommendation to refer proposed Establishment of Peace Book Ordinance (O2022-1891) to the Joint Committee of Health and Human Relations and Budget and Government Operations
4. The approval of the substitute resolution amending of City Council Rules of Order and Procedure by modifying Rule 14 regarding recusal requirements for City Council member (SR2022-364)

This recommendation of each item was concurred in by the Committee on Committees and Rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle A. Harris".

**Michelle Harris, Chairman
Committee on Committees and
Rules**

PEACE BOOK ORDINANCE

Whereas, historically, the City of Chicago has invested no funds in initiatives that support, recognize, and invest in the leadership, potential and violence reduction activities led by Black and brown youth; and instead, the City has invested in public safety initiatives that contribute to a disparaging view of and deficit narrative about Chicago communities of color, particularly on the South and West sides, including but not limited to stop-and-frisk policing, gang injunctions, and the gang database;

Whereas, taxpayers bear the cost of a regime that criminalizes Black and brown youth and create deficit narratives of their communities, including the exorbitant costs of policing and incarceration;

Whereas, in other communities, community-led violence reduction programs have demonstrated how to reduce violence without the causal harm of over-policing: culture of retaliation, aggression, and stigmatization;

Whereas, Mayor Lori Lightfoot has proposed to increase spending on the Chicago Police Department from \$1.7 billion to \$1.9 billion, but proposes to spend less than 0.5% of that amount, \$85 million, for proven, non-police based violence prevention programs;

Whereas, community-based violence reduction and community building approaches have significantly reduced violence, including producing a 15% decrease in gun violence in New York City and a 76% decrease in violence in Richmond, California;

Whereas, several major cities consequently have diverted funding from the police into community-based programs proven to contribute to safe and healthy communities, including in Los Angeles where \$150 million was diverted from the police to health, education employment, and youth diversion; New York where \$1 billion was diverted from the police into youth summer programming and social services; and Oakland where \$14 million was diverted from the police back into positive community programming.

Whereas, the City of Chicago is committed to building stronger, safer communities that reflect equality under law and opportunity for all, and finds that community-led violence protection programs will serve these goals, particularly in Black and brown communities.

Therefore, the Chicago Code shall be amended as follows:

(A) **Title** – This ordinance shall be known as the Peace Book Ordinance.

(B) **Definitions** – As used in this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

(I) **Youth-led violence reduction organization (YVRO)**. An organization led by youth, for youth, that focuses on reducing intercommunal violence and over-policing. Examples of some YVROs that currently exist in Chicago include: GoodKids MadCity (“GKMC”) Southside Together Organizing for Power (“STOP”), Blocks Together, Chicago Hoops, Assata’s Daughters, Circles and Ciphers, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, and the Chicago Freedom School.

(II) **Peace Book**. A public safety resource for Chicago that: (a) provides contact information for youth and/or youth approved peacekeepers, violence interrupters, mediators, circle-keepers, and restorative justice practitioners; and (b) provides a directory of services for youth who live in communities targeted by over-policing and mass incarceration, including resources for recreation, employment, mental health services, and social and emotional learning. The Peace Book shall be published in various forms: as a physical book, in the form of pamphlets and zines; on a website; as a

cell phone application; and in other forms as deemed appropriate by the City-Wide Peace Commission.

(III) **Neighborhood Peace Commission.** Neighborhood-based commissions comprised of YVRO representatives and select community members, and responsible for identifying and implementing neighborhood-based initiatives that will create peaceful, safe, and vibrant communities.

(IV) **City-Wide Peace Commission.** A city-wide commission comprised of two representatives from each Neighborhood Peace Commission responsible for distributing funding and resources to the Neighborhood Commission and coordinating peace keeping activities between neighborhoods.

(C) The Peacebook and the Peace Commissions: Purposes and Establishment

(I) The Peace Book and Peace Commissions will support the development and implementation of youth-led, non carceral, and non-policing initiatives for improving community safety and health.

(II) Within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance, the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), in cooperation with the Mayor's Office of Violence Reduction, shall promulgate all regulations required to establish the Peacebook and Peace Commissions, as further provided in this chapter.

(III) Within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance, the DFSS shall publish a request for proposals requesting that YVROs apply to coordinate the activities of the Peacebook and Peace Commissions.

(IV) Regulations promulgated pursuant to this ordinance shall ensure the Peace Book and Peace Commissions function as described in this chapter.

(V) On an annual basis, an independent, culturally competent evaluator will conduct a review of The Peacebook and Peace Commissions and will use generally accepted qualitative and quantitative methods to report to City Council regarding the Peacebook and Peace Commissions impact, outcomes, itemized budget expenditures. These evaluations shall include an estimate of the crime, harm and violence interrupted by the Peacebook and the Peace Commissions.

(D) The Peace Commissions

(I) Full time YVRO Peace Commissioners will receive salary and benefits equal to or greater than the median salary for a Chicago Police officer.

(II) Composition of the Neighborhood Peace Commissions. Peace Commissions shall be composed of individuals affiliated with YVRO.

(a) Each commission shall be comprised of the following full-time Commissioners:

(1) an individual with knowledge about the criminal legal system, Chicago street culture, factions, and connections to Black and brown communities

(2) nine individuals affiliated with a YVRO who live in the neighborhood and who:

(a) have lived experience related to both police violence and intercommunal violence;

(b) demonstrate a commitment to reducing violence in their community

(b) Each commission shall be comprised of part-time, unpaid Commissioners who will include, but are not limited to:

- (1) An elected official who represents the neighborhood;
- (2) a representative from a community organization in the neighborhood;
- (3) a trauma informed medical and/or mental health professional;
- (4) other individuals as identified as identified by the full time Neighborhood Peace Commissioners.

(III) Locations of Neighborhood Peace Commissions

For the first year of its existence Neighborhood Peace Commissions shall be established in the following neighborhoods: Bronzeville, Washington Park, Woodlawn, Austin, North Lawndale, Humboldt Park, South Lawndale, West Englewood, New City, Englewood, Chicago Lawn, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, Auburn Gresham, South Shore, and Roseland. After the first year, additional neighborhoods will be included at the discretion of the City-Wide Peace Commission.

(IV) Neighborhood Peace Commissions Responsibilities

Each Neighborhood Peace Commission shall have the authority to institute all community peacekeeping projects, including but not limited to:

- (a) creating models and instructions regarding how to negotiate neighborhood-based peace treaties;
- (b) instituting programs to provide additional job opportunities; providing support for job seeking and employment;
- (c) rehabilitating damaged infrastructure within their designated neighborhoods;
- (d) creating art, murals, and memorials for Chicagoans lost to gun violence
- (e) introducing structured, community-based recreation and education for youth;
- (f) conducting town halls and community meetings on issues relating to intercommunal and police violence; and
- (g) redressing any other public safety issues throughout the community.

(V) City-Wide Peace Commission Composition

Each Neighborhood Peace Commission will select two participants, at least one of whom shall be a VYRO representative, to represent their neighborhood on the City-Wide Peace Commission that will be responsible for coordinating peacekeeping activities across neighborhoods and throughout the City.

(VI) City-Wide Peace Commission Responsibilities

The City-Wide Peace Commission shall be responsible for:

- (a) Allocating resources and funding to the Neighborhood Peace Commission;
- (b) Identifying trends related to intercommunal and police violence in Chicago's communities;
- (c) Coordinating peacekeeping activities throughout the City, including but not limited to the production and dissemination of the Peacebook;

(VII) The Peace Book**(a) Contents of the Peace Book.**

The Peace Book will be updated twice a year or more frequently as determined by the City-Wide Peace Commission. At a minimum, the Peace Book will include the following information:

- (1) Directory of Peacekeepers and restorative justice practitioners in each ward who have the experience and relationships required to conduct peace negotiation and violence interruption;
- (2) Information on trends related to intercommunal and police violence identified during town halls and community meetings;
- (3) Resources and guides regarding how to curate neighborhood-based peace treaties;
- (4) A resource directory that identifies wraparound services and job opportunities for the purpose of reducing youth incarceration;
- (5) Guides regarding how to implement restorative justice practices inside schools, courts, and juvenile detention centers;
- (6) Information regarding proposed youth-led solutions to interpersonal and state violence, including but not limited to free drug treatment centers, trauma centers, trauma-informed schools, mental health care clinics, standby psychiatrists or therapists, restorative justice, community centers, transformative justice, fair housing, food and economic justice.

(b) Authorized Use of the Peace Book

- (1) Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Police Department may use the Peace Book as an instructional tool to demonstrate to officials and officers how members of their community are making important contributions.
- (2) The Chicago Police Department may use the Peace Book to contact Peace Keepers and other peacebuilding community members to intervene first during crises and de-escalate before they dispatch officers.
- (3) The Peace Book and Peace Commission meetings shall not be used for any law enforcement purposes, including but not limited to arrests, surveillance, the establishment of probable cause, or for any other purpose that leads to criminalization and/or the basis for any litigation filed against a community member by the City of Chicago
- (4) A misuse of the Peace Book would subject Chicago Police Department officers to discipline, imposed by XXXXXXXX.

(c) Public Availability of the Peace Book

- (1) The physical book shall be produced in copies sufficient to ensure distribution in the schools, libraries, and other public spaces and community centers.
- (2) The City of Chicago shall make public all information relevant to contact the Commission and access the Peace Book website through its primary website (e.g., www.chicago.gov).

(d) Funding

- (1) Funding for restoration efforts included in this ordinance shall be funded from a two percent allocation of the Chicago Police Department budget to establish a fund to support the needs of the Peace Book and Peace Commissions.

Ald. Leslie A. Hairston



Ald. Roderick T. Sawyer

Ald. Jeanette Taylor

The following legislation is being introduced by Leslie Hairston, Roderick T. Sawyer, and Jeanette Taylor regarding the Peace Ordinance.

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