Committee on Finance March 13,2019 City Council Meeting

ORDER

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City may exercise any power relating to its government and affairs including protecting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the financial welfare, integrity of bidding and contract processes, and commitment to the environment of the City of Chicago is a priority of the City Council of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, over the past month, it has been revealed that McDonagh Demolition violated environmental and safety protocols in the City of Detroit when it tore down homes and buried the debris instead of properly disposing of it, violating proper backfill and abatement procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit has issued stop-work orders, halted all of McDonagh's current projects which are valued at $15,000,000, has moved to permanently ban the company from future work in Detroit and is in the process of revoking McDonagh's wrecking license; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit confirmed it found potential asbestos-containing materials at one of the sites demolished by McDonagh leading to internal reviews of all 90 sites contracted to McDonagh; and,

WHEREAS, McDonagh Demolition, a Chicago based general contractor company, was awarded its first contract with the City of Chicago in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has had contracts with McDonagh Demolition totaling over $90,000,000 in payments from multiple City of Chicago departments; and,

WHERAS, the City of Detroit states that McDonagh's actions will likely result in suspension or expulsion from the federally funded demolition program; and,

WHEREAS, given the expansive reach of McDonagh's numerous contracts with the Department of Aviation, Department of Water Management, Department of Buildings, and the Department of Streets and Sanitation and the potential impact to Chicago residents; and,

WHEREAS, with the recent revelations of McDonagh's improper actions impacting the health and well-being of Detroit citizens, the City Council must ensure that we do not engage in business with a construction company that has ignored safety protocols and is under investigation; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

The City Council of Chicago hereby orders the Chief Procurement Officer, Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, Commissioner of the Department of Water Management, Chief Financial Officer, the City Comptroller, the City Treasurer and/or all other appropriate City of Chicago corporate officers, to cease conducting business with McDonagh Demolition Inc., and any of its subsidiaries or related entities, for a period of (24) months.

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