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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy Monthly Rule 45 Report: April 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City of Chicago Rules and Order, the **Committee on Environmental and Energy Protection** submits the following monthly report for **April 2, 2025**.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On April 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in Council Chambers in Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: La Spata (1), Ramirez (12), Sigcho-Lopez (25th), Cruz (30), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), & Hadden (49).

Remote participation: Lawson (44)

Non-members present: Vasquez (40)

The following members were absent: Lopez (15), Tabares (23), Scott (24) & Clay (46)

Reports and Materials Received by Committee:

- 1) Slide deck from the Department of Public Health on environmental enforcement policies and efforts.

Public Comment:

There were **7** public speakers and **6** written comments.

Written Public Comment Submissions:

- 1) Cindy Purtell
- 2) Anna Schibrowsky- Bridgeport Alliance
- 3) Brian Mckeon- Lucha por la Villita, Community Organization
- 4) Andrew Spalding- McKinley Park Resident.
- 5) Grow Greater Englewood (GGE) and Sustainable Englewood Initiatives (SEI)
- 6) Southwest Environmental Alliance

Public comment speakers:

- 1) Luis Sandoval
- 2) Diego Morales
- 3) Tiwon Sims
- 4) Theresa Reyes McNamara- SEA
- 5) Baltazar Enriquez
- 6) Brian McKeon- Lucha por la Villita
- 7) Sean Sullivan

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. Rule 59 approval for virtual participation

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve Rule 59 for Alderman Lawson to obtain virtual participation. Alderman Ramirez so moved, and the approval for Alderman Lawson to obtain virtual participation was accepted without objection.

2. September 10, 2024, Rule 45 Approval.

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, Rule 45. Alderman LaSpata so moved, and the approval of the September 10, 2024, Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

3. R2023-0002936: Call for hearing(s) on impact and reduction of single-use plastics re-referral to be considered in a Joint Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy and Health and Human Relations instead.

Chairwoman Hadden requested **R2023-0002936** be re-referred to a Joint Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy and Health and Human Relations. Alderman Reilly so moved, and the re-referral was accepted without objection. Chairwoman Hadden will report this vote as a recommendation to pass at the next City Council on April 16, 2025

4. A subject matter hearing on the Chicago Department of Public Health's environmental enforcement policies and efforts.

Dr. Ige from the Chicago Department of Public Health presented before the City Council on permitting, inspections, and air monitoring, emphasizing that environmental health is her primary focus. She noted that public health is currently under attack, posing significant challenges for the field.

Representatives from the Chicago Department of Public Health responded to all questions, and the question-and-answer period concluded.

Having no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Matin so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. E. Hadden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Maria E. Hadden
Chairwoman, Committee on
Environmental Protection & Energy