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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS AND ENERGY & HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: APRIL 2025

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Joint Committee on Environmental Protections and Energy & the Committee on Health and Human Relations submit the following monthly report for **APRIL 2025**.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present:

La Spata (1), Vice Chair Ramirez (12), Ald. Robinson (4), Ald. Sigcho-Lopez (25), Ald. Fuentes (26), Ald. Conway (34), Ald. Quezada (35), Vice Chair Knudsen (43), Ald. Lawson (44), Ald. Martin (47), Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth (48) and Chair Hadden (49)

Remote Participation:

Cruz (30), Clay (46)

Non-members Present

Burnett (27)

Reports and Materials Received by Committee:

- 1) Slide deck from Dr. Sargis and Dr Prints from UIC about "*The Health Threat of Plastics*"

Public Comment:

There were **10** public speakers and **19** written comments.

The committee heard public comment from the following speakers:

Richard Juarez, George Blakemore, Jane Ruby, Edith Freeze, Jordan Parker, Tessa Murray, Jane Goldenberg, Ann Ridge, Adam Goldstein, Christine Ronan

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. Rule 59 approval for virtual participation:

Chair Hadden called the committee meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chair called for a vote to allow remote participation for Alderwoman Cruz under Rule 59. Ald. LaSpata moved to allow remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

2. October 2023, Rule 45 Approval:

Following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the **Rule 45 Report** from the committee meeting held in October 2023. Ald. Martin moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

3. A subject matter hearing on R2023-0002936:

The Chair moved onto the first item on the agenda: Ald. Martin's resolution R2023-0002936 calls for hearings on the impacts and reduction of single-use plastics in Chicago.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ald. La Spata moved for approval. The resolution was approved by voice vote.

The Chair moved onto the Subject Matter Hearing as called for by approved resolution R2023-0002936. Vice Chair Ramirez introduced the following guests who were present to participate in the Subject Matter Hearing:

In Person

- Jon Schmidt, Coalition for Plastic Reduction
- Dr. Hoellein, Loyola University
- Dr. Gail Prins, UIC
- Dr. Robert Sargis, UIC
- Christina Seibert, Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Advisory Council (SRNAAC)
- Seema Keshav, SRNAAC
- Kate Vrijmoet, Necessary & Sufficient Coffee

Virtual

- Dr. Shannon Jones, University of Richmond
- Bethany Barbouti, The Eco Flamingo

All participants appeared before the City Council to provide testimony and respond to questions regarding the proposed resolution calling for a hearing(s) on the impact and reduction of single-use plastics

Following the question and answer period, with there being no further business before the committee, Vice Chair Knudsen **requested a motion to adjourn**. Ald. Martin moved, **hearing no objections, Vice Chair Knudsen adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Committee on Environmental
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