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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy
Monthly Rule 45 Report: October 2026

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On October 8, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in Council Chambers in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: Hadden (49), LaSpata (1), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cruz (30) Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Lawson (44), , Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Remote Participation: Reilly (42) & Knudsen (43)

The following members were absent: Conway (34) & Angela Clay (46)

Non-members present: None

Public Comment:

There were 17 public speakers

There were 24 written comments

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. **Rule 59 approval for virtual participation:**

Chair Hadden called for a roll call to establish a quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chair called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ald. Reilly (42) & Knudsen (43). Ald. Manaa Hopenworth so moved to allow remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

2. **September 2026 Rule 45 Report approval:**

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve the Rule 45 report for September 2026. Ald. Martin so moved, and the approval of the September 2026 Rule 45 report was accepted without objection.

3. **R2026-0028725-** Call on City of Chicago departments to prioritize heat mitigation, maintain and expand cooling centers, and install heat-resilient infrastructure.

Karina Hans from University of Chicago Lab School presented her remarks on the resolution and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **R2026-0028725.** Alder Lopez moved; the item passed without objection. Chair Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the October 14, 2026, City Council meeting.

4. **R2026-0028728**- Calling on the Illinois General Assembly to pass the POWER Act, or House Bill 5513.

Chair Hadden requested a motion to strike HB5513 and replace it with SB4016. Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved pursuant to Rule 30, and the amended resolution was accepted for consideration without objection.

Ambika Borrow from Evanston Township High School presented her remarks on the resolution and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SR2026-0028728** as amended on the floor**.** Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez so moved; the item passed without objection. Chair Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the October 14, 2026, City Council meeting.

5. **SO2023-0002972-** Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 5 and 11 regarding Utility Billing Relief Program

Chair Hadden invited Alderman LaSpata to provide remarks. Alderman LaSpata requested for this item to be held in committee. Chair Hadden announced that the item would be held in Committee for further consideration.

6. **SO2026-0025472-** Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-92 by adding new Section 2-92-591 prohibiting city departments from procuring disposable food service containers composed of polystyrene foam.

Chair Hadden requested a motion to accept the substitute ordinance. Alderman Martin so moved, and the substitute ordinance was accepted for consideration without objection.

Chair Hadden invited Alderman Martin to provide remarks on his ordinance and address any follow-up questions.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SO2026-0025472.** Alderman Sigcho-Lopez so moved, and the item passed without objection. Chair Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the October 14, 2026, City Council meeting.

Having no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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