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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy Monthly Rule 45 Report: September 2024

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 **September 2024**.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On September 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in room 201A, in Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: La Spata (1), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Tabares (23), Conway (34), Reilly (42), Lawson (44), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Hadden (49).

Remote participation: Scott (24), Sigcho- Lopez (25), Cruz (30), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)

Non-members present:

The following members were absent: Clay (46), Knudsen (43)

Reports and Materials Received by Committee:

- 1) SEI Comments on Norfolk Southern Consent Decree
- 2) Department of Justice Norfolk Southern Railroad Proposed Consent Decree
- 3) The ICC's 2023 Hazardous Materials on Railroads in Illinois report
- 4) A copy of the Railway Safety Act
- 5) A one-pager on the Bipartisan Railway Safety Legislation

Public Comment:

There was **1** public speaker and **1** written comment.

Written Public Comment Submissions:

Written public submission from Laura MiSweet, Englewood Resident and President, Cherry's Place

Public comment speakers:

George Blakemore

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. May Rule 45 Approval

Chairwoman Hadden asked for a motion to approve May Rule 45. Alderman Martin so moved, and the approval of the May Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

2. **O2024-0008866:** Amendment to the Municipal Code Chapter 2-31, adding Section 2-31-045 to establish the Chicago Shoreline Advisory Board and update the shoreline management plan.

Chairwoman Hadden asked for a motion to accept the substitute ordinance. Alderman Lawson so moved, and the substitute ordinance was accepted for consideration without objection.

Jared Policicchio, Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer for the Department of Environment, appeared before the City Council to provide testimony and respond to questions regarding the proposed ordinance for the Chicago Shoreline Advisory Board. All questions and answers related to this item were addressed during the designated Q&A session for this item.

Chairwoman Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SO2024-0008866** Alderman Martin so moved; the item passed without objection. Chairwoman Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the September 18, 2024, City Council meeting.

3. **R2024-0010855:** Calling on U.S. Congress to strengthen and enforce railroad safety standards.

Chairwoman Hadden asked for a motion to accept the substitute ordinance. Alderman Conway so moved, and the substitute ordinance was accepted for consideration without objection.

John Paul Jones, President of Sustainable Englewood Initiatives and Robert Weinstock, Environmental Law Expert from the Pritzker School of Law joined appeared before the City Council to provide testimony and respond to questions regarding the proposed resolution Calling on U.S. Congress to strengthen and enforce railroad safety standards.

Representatives responded to all questions, and the question-and-answer period concluded.

Chairwoman Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SR2024-0010855** Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved; the item passed without objection, and Chairwoman Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the Septemeber 18, 2024, City Council meeting.

Having no further business before the joint committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lopez so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. E. Hadden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairwoman Maria E. Hadden (49)