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

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On September 22, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in room 201A in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

Chair Hadden called the meeting to order, conducted roll call, and opened public speaking. Following this, Vice Chair Knudsen assumed the chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The following committee members were present: Hadden (49), LaSpata (1), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cruz (30), Conway (34), Reilly (42), Knudsen (43), Lawson (44), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48) and Martin (47).

Remote Participation: None

The following members were absent: Rodriguez-Sanchez (33) and Clay (46)

Non-members present: Villegas (36)

Materials distributed by Committee:

1. **SR2025-0018772** Affirmation of commitment to goals of Paris Climate Agreement and call for federal government to support Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty
2. **SO2025-0018160-** Amendment of Municipal Code Section 7-28-715 prohibiting restrictions on residential composting

Public Comment:

There were **2** public speakers:

- George Blackemore
- William Donnelly

There was **1** written comment from Sustainable Englewood Initiative

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. July 2025 Rule 45 Report approval:

Vice Chair Knudsen requested a motion to approve Rule 45 for July 2025, Alderman LaSpata so moved, and the approval of the July 2025 Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

2. SR2025-0018772 Affirmation of commitment to goals of Paris Climate Agreement and call for federal government to support Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

Gabi Jamieson, a high school student who worked on the creation of this resolution during her summer internship with the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy, was given the floor to talk about her resolution and addressed council members' questions.

Vice Chair Knudsen asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SR2025-0018772**. Alderman LaSpata so moved; the item passed without objection. Vice Chair Knudsen stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the September 25, 2025, City Council meeting.

3. SO2025-0018160- Amendment of Municipal Code Section 7-28-715 prohibiting restrictions on residential composting

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

Alderman Matt Martin, lead sponsor of the ordinance, was invited to provide information on the scope and purpose of the proposed ordinance and to address questions from committee members.

Alderman Martin requested approval from the Vice Chair to allow the following individuals to appear as expert witnesses: Michael Howlett of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Chris Sauvé, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Streets and Sanitation, Rey Phillips-Santos from the Law Department, and William Donnelly. Vice Chair Knudsen granted the request, and the witnesses were recognized to provide testimony.

At 1:15 p.m., Alderman Lopez moved to recess the meeting while Council Services addressed technical issues with the virtual transmission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Knudsen and approved without objection. The committee stood in recess and reconvened around 1:27 p.m.

Vice Chair Knudsen asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SO2025-0018160** Alderman Lawson so moved; the item passed with one dissent vote from Alderman Lopez. Vice Chair Knudsen stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the September 25, 2025, City Council meeting.

4. **R2025-0018715** - Call for subject matter hearing(s) on delays by the Department of Water Management in notifying residents affected by lead service lines supplying water to their homes

Vice Chair Knudsen asked for a motion to recommend approval of **R2025-0018715- Call for hearing(s) on delays by the Department of Water Management in notifying residents affected by lead service lines supplying water to their homes**. Alderman Martin so moved; the item passed without objection, and Vice Chair Knudsen stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the following City Council meeting.

City Department representatives joined the City Council to provide testimony and answer questions on lead service lines replacement and notification efforts. Those present were:

- a. **Director of Water Quality Patrick, Schwer & Megan Vidis, Director of Public Affairs-** from the Department of Water Management
- b. **Assistant Commissioner, Brendan White-** from the Department of Finance
- c. **Deputy Budget Director, Kevin Schuster,** from the Office of Budget and

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

Having no further business before the committee, Vice Chair Knudsen requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Hadden so moved; hearing no objections, Vice Chair Knudsen adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Hadden'.

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