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RULE 45 REPORT – MAY 2026

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development submits the following Monthly Report:

On Monday, May 11, 2026, the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development (“ECTD”) met in-person at the City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 201A, Chicago, IL 60602.

Chairman Curtis (18) called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Committee were present:

Chair, Derrick G. Curtis (18), Vice-Chair Ronnie Mosley (21), Brendan Reilly (42), Daniel LaSpata (1), Emma Mitts (37), Jeylu Gutierrez (14), Peter Chico (10), Raymond Lopez (15), Scott Waguespack (32), Silvana Tavares (23), William Hall (6), Nicole Lee (11), Greg Mitchell (7), Felix Cardona, Jr., (31), Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), and Ruth Cruz (30).

Under Rule 59, the following members of the Committee request to participate remotely:

Anthony Napolitano (41)

Ald. Waguespack moved to accept the remote participation of Ald. Napolitano. Motion passed.

The following Alders who are not members of the committee were also present: Ald. Walter “Red” Burnett (27). Chair Stephanie Coleman¹⁶ was present and participated virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. The following persons were present and made public comments: George Blakemore, Tiwon Sims, Mike Macellaio, Craig Carlson, Terry Young, Vince Winters, Dan Olas, Matthew Hopkins, Paul Stewart, Mary Rivera, Charles Wilson, Geraldine Bleavings. Princess Shaw and Frank Taylor.

APPROVAL OF RULE 45 MONTHLY REPORT

- Approval of the April 2026 Monthly Report

Vice Chair Mosley and Ald. Reilly motioned to approve the report. The motion passed.

ITEMS 1-7

Items 1-7 were appointments & reappointments to various Special Service Areas (“SSA”).

Chairman Curtis noted the ECTD committee confirmed the support or non-objection from the following council members with appointments & reappointments within their respective wards: Ald. Angela Clay (46), Ald. Maria Hadden (49), Ald. Brian Hopkins (2), Ald. Matt Martin (47) and Ald. Andre Vazquez (40).

Chairman Curtis asked the appointees present to introduce themselves.

Appointee Jeanne Saliture was reappointed. She has been serving as a volunteer as SSA for 17 years. It is a pleasure and honor to serve.

Appointee Jose Cruz is thrilled to be involved

Appointee Eric Kirsammer (virtual) is a long-time business owner in Lakeview.

Appointee Lindsay Moyer is Gold Coast resident and member of Junior League. Expressed excitement about the opportunity to serve.

Appointee Loretta Stewart (virtual) excited about the beginning of SSA. She is the owner of Butch McGuire’s and resident of the Gold Coast.

Appointee Adam Risola the owner of the Lodge Tavern, expressed excitement about serving.

Chair Curtis congratulates all appointees on their appointments.

Ald. Cardona moved to hold appointment of Andrew Rizzo. The motion was seconded by Ald Mosley. Motion passed.

Ald. Mitts moved to recommend the appointment of the 1,3 4,5, 6, & 7 on the agenda by the same role call that established quorum. Motion passed.

ITEM 8

Mayor Brandon Johnson sponsored Ordinance 02026-0024099 for a Class 7(b) tax incentive with the United Center Joint Venture for property at 1931-1935 W. Madison Street, 1950-1956 and 1830-1859 W. Adams Street, 121 S. Damen Avenue, and 1729, 1859 and 1925 W. Monroe Street.

Jeffrey Cohen, Deputy Commissioner Department of Economic Development from the DPD presents a PowerPoint presentation on the 1901 Project in support of the project. The project also includes a 7b tax incentive that is supported by the DPD.

Joe Meyer, COO United Center Joint Venture provided information on minority contractors involved in the project.

Katie Jahnke Dale Partner, from DLA Piper addressed concerns the ECTD committee about hiring minority contracting and preparing contractors for this hiring opportunity. A CIC has been developed for workforce development.

Steve Rucks CFO of United Center Joint Venture stated the venture has only secured 20 percent of capital needed for the project.

Vice-Chair Ald. Ronnie Mosley moved to pass the ordinance out of committee but report it to city council after nine days have passed with Ald Mitts seconded the motion. The motion passed by same roll call vote to establish quorum.

ITEM 9

Ald. Walter "Red" Burnett (27) sponsored and presented Ordinance 02026-0024048 for the establishment of an Interactive Digital Wayfinder Pilot program in Fulton Market and Near North Side.

Amy Kurson, Partner from Kurson Reyes representing JCDecaux explained how Wayfinder proposal program would impact the relationship with JCDecaux. The Program would violate the current contract the City of Chicago has with JCDecaux.

Acting CFO for the City of Chicago Steven Mahr provided additional insights to ECTD Committee members queried about the proposed substitute ordinance proposed by Ald. Burnett.

Ald. Reilly moves to hold Item 9.

Motion to hold Item 9. Motion passed. Item 9 was held in committee.

ITEM 10

Mayor Brandon Johnson sponsored Ordinance S02026-0024865 providing an amendment of Special Service Area No 34 (Uptown) regarding service provider agreement with Uptown United and 2026 tax levy.

Oneida Pate, City Planner 5 from then DPD presented a report to the ECTD for SSA No. 34 in support of the proposed ordinance. Ald. Clay and Manaa-Hoppenworth support this project.

Ald. Gutierrez moved to pass Item 10. The Motion passed by the roll call vote to establish quorum.

ITEM 11

Ald Raymond Lopez (15) sponsored SOR2025-0019996 that directed to activate provisions of MC 11-12-470 Leak Relief Program.

Ald. Raymond Lopez (15) gives ECTD a brief presentation and history on Item 11 to the committee encouraging the passage of said order.

Justin Edge, ACC of Department of Law presented an opposing opinion and view on Item 11. ACC Edge stated the proposed order violates separation of powers and the Leak Relief Program does not provide City Council with the legal authority to forgive a debt. ACC Edge proposed changing the Leak Relief Program through an ordinance.

Ald. Lopez moved to pass Item 11 with a Roll Call Vote.

Ald. Waguespack (32) renews his motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passes 8 yeas 2 nays 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Peter Chico (10)	Yes		
Ruth Cruz (30)	Yes		
Jeylu Gutierrez (14)	Yes		
Daniel LaSpata (1)		No	
Raymond Lopez (14)	Yes		

Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)

No

Emma Mitts (37)

Yes

Brendan Reilly (42)

Yes

Silvana Tabares (23)

Yes

Scott Waguespack (32)

Yes

Chair Curtis entertains a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mitts and seconded by Ald. Lopez. The motion passed by the vote to establish quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick G. Curtis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Derrick G. Curtis

Chairman

Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development