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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND
FIRE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
May, 2024**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Police and Fire submits the following monthly report.

On Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, at 9:56 a.m., The Joint Committee on Police and Fire & Workforce Development called the meeting to order, pursuant to applicable law, the Chairmen determined that remote participation was allowed in case of emergency, per the aldermen that requested. Accordingly, attendance at this meeting was in City Council Chambers, with some members participating virtually.

The following members were present: Yancy (5), Hall (6), Mitchell (7), Beale (9), Chico (10), Lee (11), Ramirez (12), Quinn (13), Curtis (18), Taylor (20), Mosley (21), Ervin (28), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), Gardiner (45), Clay (46), Vice-Chairman Robinson (4), Vice-Chairman Vasquez (40), Chairman Taliaferro, (29) and Chairman Rodriguez (22).

The following members were absent: Tabares (23) and Silverstein (50).

The following members participated by remote means: Gutierrez (14), Coleman (16), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Nugent (39).

The following non-members participated by remote means: Dowell (3), Harris (8), and Scott (24).

The following additional Aldermen were present: Sigcho-Lopez (25) and Burnett (27).

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:56 am. The Chairman Taliaferro instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Chairman Rodriguez read out the "Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings." Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The following members requested remote participation;

Gutierrez (14), Coleman (16), Ramirez-Rosa (35), and Nugent (39). The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderman Cardona. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak; Jin Jaslonowski, Gloria Hanna, Rodney Shelton, Orlando Martinez, Jeffrey F. Porter, Warshaw King, George Blakemore, Michael Young-Bey, Shalom Wilson, Syida Horace, Mark O'Bannon, Aidan Hughes, and Tiwon Sims. Public speaking was concluded.

Prior to introducing the only item on the agenda several aldermen had questions and points of clarification. The following aldermen were acknowledged and asked questions; Alderman Ervin, Alderman Beale, Sposato, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Beale, Alderman Vasquez, Alderman Napolitano, and Alderman Sposato.

**Item 1 R2024-0007439 – SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ON THE CHICAGO FIRE
DEPARTMENT HIRING PLAN**

Chairman Taliaferro introduced the resolution before the joint committee. Chairman Taliaferro then introduced the Chief Sponsor of this resolution. Chief Sponsor of this resolution, Vice-Chair Lamont Robinson, provided his opening remarks regarding his resolution. The Vice-Chair introduced his witnesses then gave the floor to retired Chicago Fire Department Captain, Ezra McCann. Vice-Chair Robinson then introduced Lieutenant Quentin Curtis, member of the Chicago Black Fire Brigade. Vice-Chair Robinson then entered a question-and-answer period with Lieutenant Quentin Curtis. Deputy District Chief, Carmelita Wiley Earls, was also an expert witness available to provide testimony. The Chairman acknowledged retired Lieutenant Albert McCormick, for purposes of testimony. After Vice-Chair Robinson concluded his question-and-answer period, Chairman Taliaferro opened the floor up for questions. The following members and non-members asked questions to the witnesses; Alderman Sposato, Alderman Curtis, Alderman Yancy, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Gardiner, and Alderman Sposato. Chairman Taliaferro thanked all the witnesses for their testimony and time. Chairman Taliaferro indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Sposato motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at **12:25 pm**.