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COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

**Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the
Committee on Workforce Development submits the
following Monthly Rule 45 Report for July 2025
Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On Monday July 7th in
City Council Chambers of City Hall at 10AM.**

Member Attendance: The following members were present: Chairperson Rodriguez (22), Vice Chairperson Gutierrez (14), Alderman Yancy (5), Alderman Hall (6), Alderman Chico (10), Alderwoman Ramirez (12), Alderman Quinn (13), Alderman Curtis (18), Alderman Taliaferro (29), Alderman Quezada (35), Alderman Sposato (38), Alderperson Vasquez (40), Alderwoman Clay (46)

Non-Member Attendance:

Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:40am. There were two items on the Agenda.

1) Approval of June Rule 45 Report

2) R2025-0018013 – Expression of support for Paul Simon Jobs Corps Center and continued federal funding for the Jobs Corps program. Chairperson Rodriguez conducted a roll call to establish a quorum.

After determining a quorum existed of present members, the Chair acknowledged non-members

present at the meeting. Before moving on to public comment the Chair asked those members present

to allow by Rule 59 for the remote participation of Alderman Yancy, Alderman Hall and Alderman Curtis.

Chairperson Rodriguez then noted that there were many people signed up to speak and that

we would use the first thirty minutes to allow those members of the public to speak.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment: Mr. Negrau spoke about his hope that the rideshare ordinance would be brought back up in City Council. Mr. Juarez also spoke in favor of passing rideshare. Mr. Garcia also came to speak about the need to pass a rideshare ordinance to raise pay for drivers. Mr. Casas came to speak about his concern that the rideshare ordinance did not pass despite the fact that he had personally went to over thirty Aldermanic offices. Mr. Robinson came and spoke of the importance of the Paul Simon Job Center. Mrs. Rudd also spoke about the important work of the Job Center in getting youth connected to careers. Mr. Brown spoke in favor of the Paul Simon Job Corps Center. Mrs. Duarte also spoke about what the Job Corps provided to students in connecting people like herself find careers. Finally, Mr. Ray spoke about the importance of the Job Corps in uplifting youth. Mr. Blakemore spoke about taxi cabs and rideshare.

Agenda Item 1 – Rule 45 Report

Following public comment, the Chairperson moved on to the first item on the agenda, approval of the May Rule 45 report. Alderwoman Gutierrez moved to accept the report and it was approved by a voice vote of the members present.

Agenda Item 2 - R2025-0018013 – Expression of support for Paul Simon Jobs Corps Center and continued federal funding for the Jobs Corps program. Seeing no questions the Chair asked for a motion to approve the contract and Alderman

The Chair called for a discussion of the Paul Simon Jobs Corps Center. There were several speakers for this item. First up was the Honorable Representative Jesus Chuy Garcia who spoke about the importance of these training programs.

After the Congressman's remarks the Committee heard from Director William Otter who spoke about the current state of funding and the need to keep job training open.

After all comments from the panel the Chair asked for a voice vote and the item passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Agenda Item 3 - O2025-0018728 – Direct Introduction – An ordinance authorizing the execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Safety Employees Union, Unit II (comprised of the Service Employees International Union, Local 73 and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 21).

The Chair noted that at the request of the Mayor's Office the Committee would recess and reconvene at a later date to allow time to finish bargaining the contract.

RECONVENE July 15th

The following members were present at the reconvening: Chairperson Rodriguez (22), Vice Chairperson Gutierrez (14), Alderman Yancy (5), Alderman Hall (6), Alderman Chico (10), Alderman Quinn (13), Alderman Curtis (18), Alderman Taliaferro (29), Alderman Quezada (35), Alderman Sposato (38), Alderperson Vasquez (40), Alderwoman Clay (46)

On July 15th the Chairperson called the meeting to order

On Thursday June 16th the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:15am. After establishing a quorum was present the Chair turned the floor over to Chief Labor Negotiator Cicely Porter as well as Managing Deputy Commissioner Beniamino Capellupo and Managing Deputy Kevin Murphy.

Chief Labor Negotiator Porter spoke about the details of the agreement between and Managing Deputy Kevin Murphy spoke about the budgetary impact and the money already set aside for back pay.

Following comments from the panel, Vice Chair Guterrez moved for passage of Item 3 on the Agenda, which was seconded by Alderman Quinn and passed by a unanimous voice vote.