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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - ROOM 300
121 NORTH LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

ALDERMAN GEORGE A. CARDENAS
CHAIRMAN

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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
May 2022

On May 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm, the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The following Alders were in attendance:

Members: Nugent (39), Reilly (42), La Spata (1), Hopkins (2), Dowell (3), Burke (14), Taylor (20), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Smith (43), Cappleman (46), Martin (47), Hadden (49), Cardenas (12)

Non-Members: Burnett (27)

Chairman Cardenas opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability to meet in person. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum, as reflected above. Chairman Cardenas opened the floor for public comment.

The following number of speakers signed up to provide public comment: 2

The Committee addressed the following item:

1. O2021-413 water affordability and the City of Chicago Utility Billing Relief Program. Amendment of Municipal Code Chapters 3-12, 5-12, and 11-12 by modifying various sections, adding new Sections 5-12-141, 11-12-015, and 11-12-020, and adding new Article IX in Chapter 11-12 regarding the administration of Water-for-All Program.

Chairman George Cardenas motioned to accept a substitute ordinance.

Alderman Matt Martin seconded the motion.



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The following witnesses provided testimony:

Andrea R.H. Cheng, Commissioner, Department of Water Management

Susie Park, Director, Office of Budget Management

Jennie Huang Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Finance

Joel Flores, First Deputy Director, Department of Finance

Elaine Herman, Managing Deputy Director, Department of Finance

Skyler Larrimore, First Deputy Director of Policy, Mayor's Office

Ab Weeks, Organizing Director, Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation

Matthew Cason, Democratic Socialists of America

Emma Clouse, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Mary Grant, Public Water for All Campaign Director, Food & Water Watch

Alderman La Spata motioned to amend the substitute ordinance by striking 11-12-545 (8).

Alderdwoman Rodriguez Sanchez seconded the motion.

Alderdwoman Smith moved to table the motion.

Chairman Cardenas called for a roll call vote on Alderdwoman Smith's motion to table.

8 – **Yeas** - Nugent, Reilly, Hopkins, Dowell, Burke, Waguespack, Smith, Cappleman

5 – **Nays** - La Spata, Taylor, Rodriguez Sanchez, Martin, Hadden

Alderdwoman Smith's motion **passed** by an 8 to 5 vote.

Chairman Cardenas called for a roll call vote to pass the substitute ordinance

8 – **Nays** - Nugent, Reilly, Hopkins, Dowell, Burke, Waguespack, Smith, Cappleman

5 – **Yeas** - La Spata, Taylor, Rodriguez Sanchez, Martin, Hadden

The substitute ordinance **failed** to pass in committee by an 8 to 5 roll call vote.



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Having no further business before the committee, Chairman Cardenas requested a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Nugent motioned to adjourn; the motion was accepted by the Chairman. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George A. Cardenas".

George A. Cardenas

Alderman, 12th Ward

Chair, Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy