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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT : SEPTEMBER 2023

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City of Chicago Rules of Order, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights submits the following Monthly Report for September 2023.

REPORTS AND MATERIALS RECEIVED BY COMMITTEE

1. 'September 29, 2023 Meeting Agenda' document, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
2. Written public comment compilation, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
3. 'July 2023 Rule 45 Report' document, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
4. 'The Welcoming City' slide deck, provided by the Office of the Mayor;
5. 'Mobile Migrant Health Team' slide deck, provided by Mobile Migrant Health Team;
6. 'Police Station Response Team' slide deck, provided by mutual aid groups.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subject Matter Hearing / Committee Meeting - September 29, 2023

On September 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights held a Subject Matter Hearing / Committee Meeting in the City Council Chambers, on the 2nd Floor of City Hall. The Subject Matter Hearing discussed the roles of the Office of the Mayor; Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC); Chicago Police Department (CPD); and mutual aid groups in welcoming new arrivals.

ROLL CALL

The following committee members were present : Chairman Vasquez (40), Vice Chair Taylor (20), Alderperson Dowell (3), Alderperson Fuentes (26), Alderperson Taliaferro (29), Alderperson Cruz (30), Alderperson Cardona (31), Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa (35), Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth (48). A quorum was established.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Alderperson Rodriguez (22), Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez (33), and Alderperson Hadden (49) requested to attend the Committee Meeting virtually in accordance with Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order. Alderperson Fuentes moved to allow Alderperson Rodriguez, Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez, and Alderperson Hadden to attend virtually; with no objections, the motion passed.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Alderperson Gutierrez (14) requested to attend the Committee Meeting virtually in accordance with Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order. Alderperson Dowell moved to allow Alderperson Gutierrez to attend virtually; with no objections, the motion passed.

The following committee members were absent : Alderperson Knudsen (43).

The following non-members were present : Alderperson La Spata (1), Alderperson Yancy (5), Alderperson Hall (6), Alderperson Lee (11), Alderperson Curtis (18), Alderperson Sigcho Lopez (25), Alderperson Burnett (27), Alderperson Waguespack (32), Alderperson Conway (34), Alderperson Napolitano (41), Alderperson Martin (47).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public speakers were each given three minutes to provide their testimony : Susan Avila, Reverend Doctor Beth Brown, JR Fleming, Zoe Leigh, Christian Aldana, Anna DiStefano, George Blakemore, Jessica Jackson, Denise Goring.

THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

RULE 45 REPORT

Approval of the July 2023 Rule 45 Report of the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

- Chairman Vasquez introduced the July 2023 Rule 45 Report, then asked for a motion to approve the report. Alderperson Cardona so moved; with no objections, the Rule 45 Report was approved.

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING

Discuss the roles of the Office of the Mayor; Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC); Chicago Police Department (CPD); and mutual aid groups in welcoming new arrivals.

- Chairman Vasquez introduced the Subject Matter Hearing.
- Chairman Vasquez introduced :
 - Cristina Pacione-Zayas, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
 - Beatriz Ponce de Leon, Deputy Mayor for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
 - Stephen Chung, Deputy Chief, Chicago Police Department
 - Guadalupe Puga, Mutual Aid Volunteer
 - Sara Izquierdo, MPH, MD Candidate, Migrant Mobile Health Team
 - Elvia Rodriguez Ochoa, Community Based Artist, Lead Volunteer for the 10th District Police Station
 - Graciela Guzman, Migrant Mobile Health Team
 - Kelley Baumann, MPH Candidate, Migrant Mobile Health Team
 - Garlen Gatewood, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
 - Rey Wences Najera, First Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
 - Glen Lyman, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management & Communications, City of Chicago
 - Kaila Lariviere, Unified Command, Manager of Emergency Management Services, Office of Emergency Management & Communications, City of Chicago
 - Robert Vanna, Commander, Chicago Police Department
- The following presented a slide deck titled 'The Welcoming City' :
 - Beatriz Ponce de Leon, Deputy Mayor for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor;
 - Garlen Gatewood, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety, Office of the Mayor;
 - Stephen Chung, Deputy Chief, Chicago Police Department;
 - Cristina Pacione-Zayas, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor.
- Sara Izquierdo, MPH, MD Candidate, Migrant Mobile Health Team, presented a slide deck titled 'Mobile Migrant Health Team.'
- Guadalupe Puga, Mutual Aid Volunteer, presented a slide deck titled 'Police Station Response Team.'
- The following committee members and non-members asked questions or made comments : Alderperson Dowell, Alderperson Conway, Vice Chair Taylor, Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa, Alderperson Taliaferro, Chairman Vasquez, Alderperson Sigcho Lopez, Alderperson Sposato, Alderperson Lee, Alderperson Waguespack, Alderperson La Spata, Alderperson Fuentes, Alderperson Hadden, Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth, Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez, Alderperson Martin, Alderperson Rodriguez.
- Cristina Pacione-Zayas, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, answered questions about : City, State, and Federal available funds and initiatives for new arrivals; Favorite Staffing; the City of Chicago's procurement process; funds and initiatives for unhoused Chicagoans; Chicago asks for the Federal and State governments; the New Arrivals

Aldermanic Working Group; intergovernmental collaboration; the GardaWorld contract; and more.

- Beatriz Ponce de Leon, Deputy Mayor for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor, answered questions about : food vendors and contracts; State funding for new arrival operations; City and Federal jurisdiction; identifying potential new arrival shelter locations; Catholic Charities's contract; distribution of housing vouchers; information and orientation given to new arrivals at staging areas and shelters; TPS applications; funding and support for mutual aid and community based organizations; and more.
- Rey Wences Najera, First Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor, answered questions about : information and orientation given to new arrivals at staging areas and shelters.
- Garien Gatewood, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety, Office of the Mayor, answered questions about : community safety in Park Districts.
- Kaila Lariviere, Unified Command, Manager of Emergency Management Services, Office of Emergency Management & Communications, answered questions about : staging area building capacities; operations regarding new arrival movement between staging areas.
- Sara Izquierdo, MPH, MD Candidate, Migrant Mobile Health Team, answered questions about : language access for new arrivals; disparity of health care for new arrivals due to race; future support needed.
- Guadalupe Puga, Mutual Aid Volunteer, answered questions about : information and orientation given to new arrivals at police district stations.
- Elvia Rodriguez Ochoa, Community Based Artist, Lead Volunteer for the 10th District Police Station, answered questions about : philanthropic sponsors for mutual aid.
- Chairman Vasquez answered questions about : mutual aid groups; legislative limitations and possibilities; future committee meetings; jurisdiction to require the presence of State and Federal officials at committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vasquez made closing remarks, then asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved. Hearing no objections, Chairman Vasquez adjourned the meeting.