

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 28, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on May 28, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Absent: 2 Buckner, Vieyra

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Cary Horvath, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vargas stated that the new procedure with the new Administration is they are allowing the Citizens wishing to address Council regarding the evenings business but the Mayor is making it known that his office will be open Monday thru Friday for meeting with himself or his administration from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are working on setting visitation dates with the Aldermen and finding a location that is suitable for everybody to meet.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

No Citizens.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Mayor Vargas announced a notification of road closure for repairs of grade crossing at 2600 W. Broadway beginning at 7:00 A.M. on June 7, 2013.

Ald. Johnson asked if the days would be posted for the people who are not familiar with that area.

Mayor Vargas stated it was his understanding there will be notification on the closure a few blocks before and a few weeks before they close it.

Ald. Frausto stated he has flyers that he will be passing to the residents to notify them.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING PUBLIC WORKS
WEEK.**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Hawley to accept.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BIDS

Robinson Engineering opened sealed bids for the rehab of Grunewald, Orchard and Collins Streets CDBG # 12-002.

Mr. Tom Nagel, Robinson Engineer for past 20 years, opened sealed bids at the City of Blue Island Clerk's Office on May 9, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. for the CDBG Roadway Resurfacing Project on Grunewald, Orchard and Collins between Greenwood and Western. The bids are as follows:

Gallagher Asphalt Corp.	-	\$315,783.50
Crowley Sheppard Asphalt	-	\$320,314.75
K-five Construction	-	\$324,856.75

Mr. Nagel's recommendation is for the contract to be awarded to Gallagher Asphalt Corp. for \$315,783.50.

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Ostling to approve to accept bid.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked Mr. Nagel when the construction will begin.

Mr. Nagel stated it should be started in about 3-weeks and should be done by August 1st.

Ald. Donahue asked what would be left out of the project if we don't get the rest of the \$16,000.00 in funding.

Mr. Nagel stated they overestimated the quantity of the sub base and Public Works could do the landscaping to keep the cost down, but they will know where they stand after the grinding of the asphalt is done.

Ald. Janko asked if there was not enough funding how much of the scope would be reduced if there were not sufficient funds.

Mr. Nagel stated that they can reduce more by the landscaping or can reduce the scope of the project by bringing it further back or the City can put more Corporation funds into it. The City has already asked the County for additional funding but he is doubtful they will get it. Mr. Nagel stated that if the bids came under \$300,000.00 the City would give the money back to County.

Ald. Thompson stated she hopes improvement of the streets in the 7th Ward can be done soon.

Mayor Vargas stated they are looking into all of that.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Clerk Heuser received sealed bids for Air Packs and from Municipal Emergency Services and Air 1 Equipment.

Bids are as follows:

MES	-	\$106,757.10
Air 1	-	\$112,725.00

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Carr to refer this to the Public Health and Safety Committee to review.

On the Question: Ald. Stone asked what the estimate was on this.

Chief Vrshek stated the bids were much high then he thought they would be, the grant was only \$97,000.00. FEMA cut back on a lot and they are also looking for FEMA to amend air 1 compression system.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY CLERK

Motion to enter into a contract with American Legal Publishing Corporation for the Codification of the City of Blue Island Ordinances in the Amount of \$13,600.00.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Stone to approve

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked if everything is clarified as far as the hard copy and the electronic.

Clerk Heuser stated yes, as far as additional pages they would go with a dual column for \$21.00 a page after that they could publish any amount of hard copies and he will keep them up to date and the \$475.00 to maintain them on line and the first year will be waived.

Ald. Donahue asked if this went out to bid with anybody else and how was this company chosen.

Clerk Heuser stated we had this company before and this is what this business does.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to enter an agreement with MetroSouth Medical Center to access the Park/Pavilion for TGIF Picnics.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

Attorney Horvath stated this is what is commonly referred to as a license agreement to use the Park Pavilion Property owned by MetroSouth. The Agreement does require a certificate of insurance for 2 million dollars which the City will have to get a quote for. If approved, it will be approved subjected to being able to obtain an affordable insurance which would have to be brought back to Council.

Rita Pacyga 12724 Mozart and Special Events and Senior Citizen Department of Blue Island stated she did put in for a certificate of insurance through Ruthenberg's and the amount is \$1,500.00.

Mayor Vargas asked if that was for the whole season.

Mrs. Pacyga stated yes and that would also include the Christmas Light Parade and if they do something in the fall. It is good for 1-year and any additional event would be \$100 an event, the certificate if insurance goes to MetroSouth Medical Center.

Attorney Horvath asked if it is in the amount of 2 million dollars.

Mrs. Pacyga believed it is but will check on it.

Ald. Rita motioned to table in order to get more quotes.

Clerk Heuser stated the first TGIF picnic is June 7th; the next meeting is June 11th.

Mrs. Pacyga stated that they have in the past gone with different insurance companies and they all go to one place for this type of insurance and she has the best price.

Clerk Heuser read the motion again.

Attorney Horvath stated the motion would include the submission of a certificate of insurance for 2 million dollars.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 1 Donahue

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a request for a block part at 2304 W. 120th Street from June 17th thru 21st.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Ostling to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Stone asked about the hours.

Clerk Heuser stated it is a Bible Study and it is 9:30 to 2:00.

Ald. Janko asked if there was a quantity of people and stated it should be required for them to give a count of people who will be there.

Ald. Ostling stated they approve this every year and they might have maybe 20 people.

Ald. Janko asked if in the future the head count be required.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a request from Blue Cap for a tag day on August 23rd & 24th, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a request from School District 130 for a block party at Maple Avenue between Union and High Streets on May 31, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Donahue to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a request for a block party at 2800 Broadway (in trailer park) on May 25, 2013 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Motion by Ald. Frausto and stated it has already taken place.

Motion to approve a request for a block party at 13020 Greenwood Avenue on May 26, 2013 between the hours of 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Motion passed, it has already taken place.

Motion to approve a request from American Legion Post 50 for the 5th annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Johnson to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2013 and to be placed on file.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Attorney Horvath requested this be table to the next meeting.

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Janko to approve to table.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Pacyga stated she contacted the insurance company and it was for a 1 million dollar policy and she will be getting a new quote.

Attorney Horvath stated they could contact MetroSouth asking if they would accept 1 million dollar insurance and if they don't agree that maybe if they would at least accept it for the first picnic until the quote comes in.

Ald. Donahue asked if the 2 million the usual amount that they ask for every year.

Mrs. Pacyga stated it has been 1 million in the past years and apologized for the mix up.

Ald. Donahue asked if this can be tabled.

Attorney Horvath stated they can certainly withdraw the approval, just make a motion to withdraw pending receipt of new information concerning the insurance.

Ald. Johnson asked when the first event was and he was told it would be on the 7th. He then asked if the next City Council Meeting was on the 11th would there be a special meeting regarding this.

Mayor Vargas stated there could be a special meeting regarding this issue if Council wishes to do so.

Ald. Johanson stated in his experience in business he likes the Attorney's legal suggestion with going back to MetroSouth and negotiating it for at least the first picnic due to the picnic already being advertised for it.

Ald. Donahue asked what they would do when the hospital tells them they can't hold the picnic because of not having the 2 million dollar policy.

Ald. Johnson stated he feels they would negotiate just as well as we negotiate with them with their taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

New Businesses –

T.A.K.E. 5 Experience at 12757 Western Avenue – approved.

Zav's Treasure Chest at 12541 Western Avenue – approved.

Back to Basics Tutoring at 12757 Western Avenue – approved.

Sandy Besiri previous owner of Islands Café came before the Committee in regards to opening a new restaurant in the same location called the Tuscan Grill. She wanted to open by June 1st and want to know what had to be done. No inspections have been done, they aren't done remodeling yet, the signage and awning plans have not been submitted for approval. She was told to get everything done by the June 12th meeting and we can approve business licenses. We talked about the façade painting that still needs to be finished as well.

The time and dates of the Committee Meetings was set to be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers in the East Annex.

The Chair wants to look at the process for opening a business in Blue Island. Working with the members of the Committee, the Building Commissioner Robert Adams, Fire Chief Vrshek, Planning Director Nick Crite, City Clerk Randy Heuser, a representative from the Plan Commission and Jason Berry, they would like to revamp the process and make it easier for someone to follow it. It should be concise and there should not be any doubt in a potential business owner's mind where they are in the process and what they need to do to move on to the next step. The goal is to have a packet put together that will be available at the Mayor's Office, City Clerk's Office, Building Department and the Chamber of Commerce so that no matter where someone goes for the initial contact, they will get the same information and everyone will be made aware of who the main point of contact is for the process so they may tell the potential business owner where to go and who to talk to. Members were asked to think about the process as it is now and think about what works, what doesn't work and how they would like the process to work. Initial discussions will start at the June 12th meeting. Copies of the current Business License Application will be sent to the members of the Committee before the June 12th meeting.

Commissioner Adams presented the Building Department Report for March and April 2013 –

March – 2013

• Building Permits Issued	53
• Apartment Inspections	35
• Commercial Inspections	21
• Letter of Conditions	10
• Demand Notices	0
• Court summons issued	0
• Complaints Checked	60
• Not Approved for Occupancy	4
• Code Violation door tags	30
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	1
• Stop Work Notices	8
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$1,250.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	17
• Vacant Properties Inspected	14

April - 2013

• Building Permits Issues	101
• Apartment Inspections	39
• Residential Inspections	45
• Commercial Inspections	20
• Letter of Conditions	8
• Demand Notices	0
• Court Summons Issued	15
• Complaints Checked	25
• Not Approved for Occupancy	7
• Code Violation door tags	25
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	10
• Stop Work Notices	10
• Housing Court Fines Issued	0
• Vacant Properties Registered	9
• Vacant Properties Inspected	7

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll for April 26, 2013 - Net Pay - \$229,295.54 and Total Gross - \$392,226.77.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable for May 14, 2013 – Grand Total for the amount of \$646,312.04.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

GAMING REPORT

Gaming Report for April – 2013 for the Amount of \$7,579.10.

Ald. Rita announced the Finance Committee will be adopting new procedures regarding the Financial Report, out of ordinary expenses and the three dates for the annual Appropriation and Budget Meetings.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 6:30 pm – East Annex

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve minutes as read.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Ostling to approve an Ordinance to be drafted for Handicapped Parking for the resident at 2254 W. 120th Place.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Buckner, Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Thursday, June 6, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Thursday, June 6, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

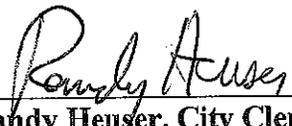
Ald. Stone stated that on the Journal of Proceedings for May 14, 2013 a correction in how many present should be 10 not 12 and how many absent should be 4 not 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson to adjourn.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

