

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 25, 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 June 25, 2013.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita (7:05)  
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,  
Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
Cary Horvath, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2013 is accepted as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Rita, Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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

Ron Reinhardt at 2508 Walnut, a pastor at St. Joseph & St. Aiden Episcopal Church thanked Mayor Vargas, Alderman's Hawley and Carr for attending his annual day of prayer for the environment. He stated their presence is important and to continue their leadership.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

Mayor Vargas stated with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July around the corner he has decided to have a Community Parade for this year. This parade would just be a walk parade, no watching starting at from Memorial Park at noon. The Mayor announced for next year, CSX as committed to sponsor the fireworks show and reminded everybody that fireworks are illegal and to be safe.

Mayor Vargas announced the air emergency sirens went off the other night when the weather was severe.

Mayor Vargas announced he had received a letter from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District regarding reporting any flood damage and July 9, 2013 is the deadline to apply.

**BIDS**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK**

**BLOCK PARTY REQUEST**

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Stone to approve a request for a Block Party at 3320 W. Edison Street on July 4, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**BLOCK PARTY REQUEST**

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request for a Block Party on Elm Street between Union and High Streets on July 4, 2013 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**CITY TREASURER**

No Report.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-231**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Location: 2528 Orchard Street.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-232**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2013 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-233**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PREVAILING WAGE STANDARDS IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

New Business's –

Body Craft and Rebuild at 13830 Harrison Street – referred to the Plan Commission.

Tuscan Grill at 13000 Western Avenue – No Show.

Dotty's at 12601 Western Avenue – Tabled.

New Look Hair Salon at 13046 Western Avenue – Approved pending final Building and Fire inspections, getting final signage approved, a sales tax number and scavenger information.

Power Cutz at 12832 Western Avenue – decided not to open.

La Dolce Bakery at 13442 Western Avenue – Approved pending final Building, Health and Fire inspections.

Sold After Staging at 12906 Maple Avenue – Approved.

ARM Marketing, solicitors – Did not attend.

Dream Bags at 13636 Western Avenue – Approve to extend their temporary license for 30 more days.

Fun & Cocktails at 1859 W. 127<sup>th</sup> Street – Final extension to August 14, 2013 for all final inspections.

La Finka at 1964 Vermont Street – A temporary license granted until July 10, 2013.

BIPC, LLC at 13403 Ann Street – Approved.

George Crosby at 2157 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> Street has submitted a fence plan for his home. He is going with a 6 ft. chain-link fence replacing a 4 ft. existing chain-link fence. His property abuts Vincennes Avenue and will have slats in it. The fence will be close to the sidewalk and will not go beyond the front of his house – Approved.

Chief Vrshek brought up the building at 2830 Vermont Street owned by Mr. Simborg. The building is in bad shape and needs some problems addressed. Mitch Simborg or the property manager is to be asked to come back to committee regarding this property.

Building Department Report for May 2013 –

• Building Permits Issued	137
• Apartment Inspections	41
• Residential Inspections	55
• Commercial Inspections	16
• Letter of Conditions	7
• Demand Notices	0
• Court Summons Issued	12
• Complaints Checked	45
• Not Approved for Occupancy	30
• Code Violation Door Tags	60
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	0
• Stop Work Notices	0
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$1,750.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	12
• Vacant Properties Inspected	9

The revision of the Business Application Process discussion was tabled until the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Ald. Johnson stated in regards to Dream Bags, he has received phone calls implying they are doing unfair practices as far as paying under minimum wages and even not getting paid at all.

Ald. Hawley stated that it was brought to his attention that day and they will be looking into it.

**Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Accounts Payable for May 28, 2013 for \$548,692.48.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Accounts Payable for June 11, 2013 for \$172,081.62.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**PAYROLL**

No Report.

Ald. Rita announced that Finance Director Anastasia provided dates to change the close out dates to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. July 16, 2013 City Council Meeting will be the first time Accounts Payable and Payroll will be approved by the full Council before any checks are prepared. John Cusparik, CPA had been retained by the Finance Committee to give a snap shot of the City's finances to assist with budget purposes.

The meeting of the whole Appropriation Meeting is set for Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 6:30 has been cancelled; the Finance Committee will use this date and time to further discuss Appropriation and Budget revisions.

Next Meeting -- Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 6:30 pm -- East Annex

**Public Health & Safety Committee -- Ald. Carr, Chairman**

No Report.

Next Meeting -- Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 7:00 pm -- East Annex.

**Municipal Services Committee -- Ald. Janko, Chairman**

No Report.

Next Meeting -- Monday, July 15, 2013, 6:30 pm -- East Annex.

**Judiciary Committee -- Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

No Report.

Next Meeting -- Monday, July 1, 2013, 6:00 pm -- East Annex.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Johanson to go into Executive Session.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
Cary Horvath, City Attorney

**REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to close Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**SETTLEMENT**

Attorney Cary Horvath reported that a settlement had been reached in the case of Cornelio Delgado versus City of Blue Island. A settlement in the amount of \$133,000 was agreed upon to be paid in two installments of \$66,500 due August 30, 2013 and October 30, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Carr to approve settlement.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

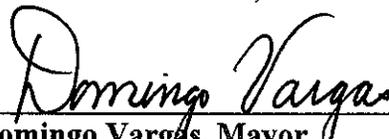
Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
3RD DAY OF JULY, 2013.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor