

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 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 October 22, 2013.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman.

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto.

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

City Attorney Raines reminded citizens the city council meetings are for the deliberations of the mayor and council regarding city business and governance. Citizens are to approach the podium once recognized by the mayor, announce their name and address, limit their comments to that evening's business, and direct their comments to the mayor and city council members. If comments

require a response, they may be forwarded to the appropriate person for follow-up.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union St requested a written legal opinion from council regarding the former city clerk/collector. Mr. Stevo asked when a Police Chief would be appointed. He also wanted to know what the CPA, John Kasperek, had discovered during the forensic audit and asked for his findings to be reported at city council.

The Mayor did not provide a date for when a Police Chief would be appointed but stated it is in discussion and all options are being reviewed. The Mayor agreed to have John Kasperek announce his findings when they are complete.

Mr. Stevo asked for what Juan Quevedo Law was getting paid out \$19,500.00.

The Mayor stated it is litigation.

Carol DePace-Green of 2731 Orchard St expressed her concerns over JAWA and the financial resources going towards it.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **Mayor**

#### **Think BIGG Presentation**

The Mayor presented on Think BIGG (Blue Island Goes Green).

The Mayor congratulated Blue Island and all those who worked to get the Illinois Coastal Grant from the Department of Natural Resources that the city was awarded.

CSX will be performing maintenance improvements at the crossing on 123<sup>rd</sup> Street just east of Kedzie from October 24 to October 30.

**Waterfront Presentation by Jason Berry and Eric Nehgu**  
Presentation on Waterfront Planning Process that was initiated in Blue Island.

Ald. Johnson asked Mr. Nehgu if the City was funding his group. Mr. Nehgu affirmed that they are under contract with the City.

Ald. Johnson asked if they are looking into any businesses in or out of state in order to match our BIGG project plan for now and in the future.

Mr. Nehgu answered yes; economic development is a critical component.

Ald. Johnson stated it is often talked about developing homes, but if there are no jobs then how are we able to maintain homes and things of that nature.

Mr. Nehgu agreed that you have to have both.

Citizens are invited to attend a community meeting on backyard sustainability practices. The meeting will be held at Evangelical Community Church (2237 W 120<sup>th</sup> Street) on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Ald. Carr reminded everyone that the Angel's Touch Benefit will be Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 8:00pm. Anyone who is interested in attending can purchase tickets from herself, Deputy Chief Cornell, or Jude Coyle.

### **BIDS**

No Bids.

### **CITY CLERK**

No business.

### **CITY TREASURER**

Treasurer Bilotto thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his family.

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 to be placed on file.**

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Ayes: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley,  
Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto

Abstain: 0

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

Treasurer Bilotto wanted it to be clear that the City is not spending any more money than was allotted prior administration regarding JAWA. He asked that any questions be directed towards him.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-245**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION TO FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT OF STANDING, PARKING, COMPLIANCE OR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve as submitted.**

Ayes: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley,  
Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto

Abstain: 0

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-246**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS OF THE CITY OF**

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**BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH WARRANTS, AND RELATED MATTERS, pending attorney review and execution of applicable legal documents.**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to table until next regularly scheduled or special meeting of city council.**

Ayes: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto

Abstain: 0

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Alderman Hawley, Vieyra, Carr, Ostling, Thompson

Absent: Alderman Bilotto, Frausto

Also Present: Alderman Stone and Rita, Nick Crite, Deputy Fire Chief Jim Klinker, Attorney Patrick Ward, Business Owners Douglas Burton, Andrea Ratliff and Elizabeth Chavez

Business Fun and Cocktails and Get A Plate were withdrawn from the agenda due to inspection issues. Motion made by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Vieyra to approve the change to the agenda. Motion passed.

**Skyline Restoration, 13821 Harrison** – Approved pending final inspections and any signage would need to be approved.

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**Xklusive Hair Salon, 12756 Western Ave** – Fire inspections and building inspections have happened and passed. Variance requested was approved.

**Curves, 13039 Western Ave** – Special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:50 pm in the City Council Conference Room to approve this business.

Building Department Report for September 2013:

• Building Permits Issued	115
• Apartment Inspections	33
• Residential Inspections	28
• Commercial Inspections	7
• Letter of Conditions	12
• Demand Notices	-
• Court Summons Issued	2
• Complaints Checked	75
• Not Approved for Occupancy	8
• Code Violation door tags	55
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	-
• Stop Work Notices	-
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$1,750.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	9
• Vacant Properties Inspected	3

Nick Crite gave a status update on the Business Application and Information Booklet.

Ald. Frausto gave a copy of a petition signed by a number of businesses on Olde Western Ave asking for the business directory signage to be returned to the area.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

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

The meeting was called to order October 22 at 6:38 pm.

Present: Alderman Thompson, Hawley, Donahue

Absent: Alderman Buckner

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Also Present: Director John Rita, Treasurer Bilotto, Attorney Raines, Finance Supervisor Matt Anastasia, Alderman Johanson, and Mary Poulsen

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Donahue to authorize payment for October 11, 2013 Payroll in the amount of \$370,377.90. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to authorize payment for October 16, 2013 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$507,778.59. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Thompson to authorize payment for Southwest Suburban Mayors and Managers Dues.

Motion by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Donahue to table the tax anticipation warrant until the next regularly scheduled meeting unless a special meeting is needed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Present: Director John Rita, Deputy Chief Michael Cornell, Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johnson, and Candace Carr.

Also Present: Joe Heitz AFSCME, Dick Crofton AFSCME, Ken Anderson AFSCME, Patricia Carter, Samantha Crofton, Christine Papierski, Keri Lozano, and Jacqueline Aguirre.

Absent: Ald. Buckner, Johnson

Ken Anderson with AFSCME presented the Grievance case that the City has refused to fill the vacant Desk Clerk Position.

Director John Rita and Deputy Chief Michael Cornell explained that the Police Department is changing the work schedule as allowed under management rights.

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The alderman present agreed to go into closed session to discuss the grievance.

The grievance was denied.

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman**

No Report.

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

No Report.

Next Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Rita to include under the Consent Agenda the committee reports as presented, payroll for 10/11/13 in the amount of \$370, 377.90, accounts payable for 10/16/13 in the amount of \$507,778.59, and AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

On the question: Ald. Donahue asked the streets for the ordinance.

The locations will be Broadway St, High St, and Ann St.

Ald. Donahue asked for the address for the one on High St.

Attorney Raines stated it is 2320 High St.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Ayes: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto

Abstain: 0

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

**REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Stone to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Johnson, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Buckner, Bilotto

Abstain: 0

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

No action needed in closed Session.

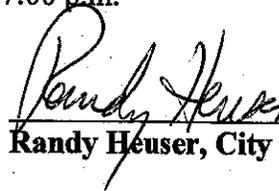
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**ADJOURNMENT**

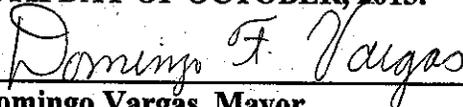
Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor