

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

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 December 9, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Absent: 2 Ald. Johnson, Buckner

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney

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Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Donahue the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on November 25, 2014 is accepted with a correction on page six for payroll to reflect \$335,610.42.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Rachel Orozco, 11957 Longwood Drive, invited every one to the Black History Program that will be held on February 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex which will feature Maya Angelou.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked which alderman is resigning and if somebody had already been chosen.

The Mayor stated he would soon find out and that he had chosen.

Mr. Stevo asked the Mayor to take a more serious approach and spend more time in the city.

The Mayor said he would make a note of that.

Mr. Stevo asked why they are trying to pass the tax anticipation warrant.

The Mayor said it was needed and a comment would be made on it later.

Mr. Stevo expressed his concerns regarding the class 6(b) real estate tax incentives.

Rev. Reindhart, 2508 Walnut Street, thanked the Mayor, council, and residents who helped make the Annual Charitable Drive for Homeless Veterans the biggest success so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Payroll for November 21, 2014 for \$338,616.88.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to approve
Accounts Payable for December 3, 2014 for \$642,722.49.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 7:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of December 3rd, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman Leticia Vieyra, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Also present were Alderman Marcia Stone, Mr. Allan Stevo arrived late. Absent were Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, and Don Marchbanks, The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Citizens Concerns

There were no citizens present at the start of the meeting.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 290 calls in November, 192 were EMS calls
140 Patients were treated
125 Patients were transported
34 Patients refused transport

They responded to 21 general fire alarms, and 19 minor fire alarms.

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They responded to 28 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 27 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls. All were ambulance calls.

Average response time was 5.17 minutes.

There were several small fires in November, none were significant. There was a garage fire, an space heater fire, and two cooking fires.

On October 30th paramedics Joseph Olson, Matt Stedman, and Joseph Guarascio responded to a “witnessed arrest” at York and Western and have received a letter of commendation from MetroSouth Medical Center.

On November 8th Firefighters Olson, Stedman, and Rauch responded to an Auto Aid Structure Fire in Alsip.

Medical Reimbursement Services for November was \$30,265.33

Fire Recovery collected \$1576.00 in the month of November.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$160.00

General

Probationary Firefighter William Hall started Monday November 3, 2014. Firefighter Hall completed his four weeks of days and has been placed on 2nd shift.

Probationary Firefighter Joseph Pinnick started Monday November 24, 2014. Firefighter Pinnick is currently completing his four weeks of day shifts. He will be assigned to 1st Shift effective December 22nd, 2014.

Jackie Mathis is retiring from the Fire Department.

This brings all shifts up to seven full time men. Firefighter Lichtenfeld is currently undergoing a duty disability pension process.

Maintenance

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Ambulance 2162: Repaired Torque Converter and Flywheel repaired by Rizza.
Fuel Leak repaired by Rizza
Transmission Sensor repaired by Rizza. Total cost of repairs was
\$2702.07

Still needs water pump replaced by City mechanic.
Still needs AC repair.

Ambulance 2152: Shoreline Receptacle replaced in house.

Engine 2103: Needs a new Starter. Lt. Kunz is getting an estimate.

Training

The training division has completed 581 hours of training for the month of November.

No State Certification Tests were given this month.

Grants

Air Pack Grant update. Airpacks should be delivered within two weeks.

Small Equipment Grant Illinois OSFM – The Fire Department has applied for \$22,600 of new Personal Protective Equipment. No reply yet.

2014 AFG Grant – Application period is open through December 5th, 2014. We have applied for new ambulances.

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement

Chief Klinker gave a short explanation of the MABAS Agreement Addendum. This was an update to keep us in compliance with Federal Law. A motion was made by Alderman Vieyra, second by Alderman Johanson. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

Police Department Report

The Police Department answered 2025 calls including 363 business/premise checks, and 101 liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

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90 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
3 Armed Robberies (1 unfounded)
1 Robbery
1 Burglary
12 Residential Burglaries (1 unfounded)
10 Shots Fired (7 unfounded)
99 Domestic Disputes
21 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods
311 Traffic and Investigative Stops

Total money collected for the month of November \$39,135.49

18,736 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

On 11/4/14 there was an armed robbery at the corner store at 2216 Des Plaines.

On 11/15/14 there was an armed robbery at Auto Zone at 12000 Western.

Liquor Establishment Calls

1 disturbance calls, 2 suspicious persons, 1 battery, and 2 fight calls were received in November on liquor establishments.

Training

November 10th eleven officers attended Traffic Stop/Use of Force Training

November 13th sixteen officers attended Traffic Stop/Use of Force Training

This training consisted of two sections:

- 1) Classroom review of use of force and traffic stop procedures.
- 2) Scenario based traffic stop training using live scenarios and simmunition rounds.

November 20th five part-time officers attended Parking Ticket/Local Ordinance Class

This class focused on parking and local ordinance enforcement, snow route enforcement, tow procedures and local court procedures.

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Miscellaneous

The Community Policing Unit forwarded a list of “Heating Centers” to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Police.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

Several senior checks were conducted throughout the City. Assistance was given to a senior who was having heating problems.

CPU answered several calls by area grade schools regarding truancy, child abuse, and mob action.

CPU conducted “Lockdown Drills” at Whittier School, Paul Revere, Paul Revere Intermediate, and Greenwood School. The remaining schools will be checked in December.

Part Time Officer Ordinance

Deputy Chief Cornell gave an overview of the Amendment to the Part Time Officer Ordinance. This Amendment is necessary to put Blue Island in compliance with State Training Board and State Law. A motion for approval was made by Alderman Johanson, second by Alderman Vieyra. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Events

December 6th will be the Fill a Cruiser food drive for Angel’s Touch at Memorial Park

December 6th will also be the Christmas Light Parade.

December 31st will be Rock Around the Clock at Vermont and Western

911 Center

The 911 Center received 12,105 calls in November.

Supervisor McGeever supplied a list of Code Red activations made this year.

There was a discussion of the accident involving a pedestrian at the train crossing at 127th and Winchester.

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BIEMA

In the month of November, BIEMA logged a total of 349.5 hours. Highlights for the month of November include the Veteran's Day Parade, 2 mutual aid responses and a thorough assessment of equipment and facilities to determine what is needed for future operations.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of November 23 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done.

Aldermen Concerns

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be January 7th at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4th Ward Alderman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 7, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-061

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2055 YORK STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Moved by Ald. Ostling second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Ordinance No. 2014-061.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

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Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner
 Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-060

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2155 VERMONT STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to approve Ordinance No. 2014-060.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
 Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Carr to cancel the second City Council Meeting in December.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
 Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner
 Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Frausto to accept the Mayor's proclamation of December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month in Blue Island.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
 Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner
 Abstain: 0

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

BIDS: No bids.

CITY CLERK: No business.

CITY TREASURER: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-059

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve with a change to the maturity date to September 30, 2015.

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Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CERTAIN TIF DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

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

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBSCRIPTION AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ECIVIS RELATING TO GRANT RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT.

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

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Berrini, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-054

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLASS 6(b) REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13827 HARRISON ST, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-055

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLASS 6(b) REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13033 S. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-056

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2217-2219 W. 135th PLACE, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-057

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2219 W. 135th Place, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MAYOR:

Alderman Berrini announced her resignation as second ward alderman.

Moved by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Pittman to Declare Vacancy and accept resignation of an Alderman.

Ayes: 11 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Ostling for Consent and Approval of Appointment of Fred Bilotto for Second Ward Vacant Alderman Seat.

Ayes: 9 Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 2 Thompson, Stone

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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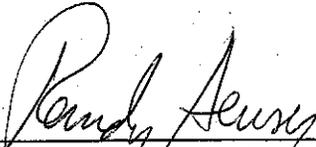
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Vieyra to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

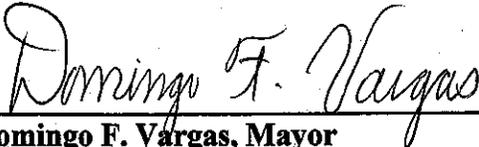
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor