

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
MARCH 25, 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 March 25, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Stone the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on March 11, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Mark Kuehner of 2250 Orchard St asked the Mayor and council to get contracts from the JAWA and make them available for public viewing, set up a 30 day period where citizens can make comments, and to have a public hearing regarding the matter. He proposed that a public hearing be set up for May 6th.

Ronald Young of 12440 Maple Ave spoke of his concerns regarding JAWA. He urged the council to vote to withhold action on any funding and to consider withdrawing Blue Island from the JAWA.

Kevin Yates of 1520 Broadway announced that as of yesterday the Ashland Ave bridge is open. He thanked Ald. Johanson and Ald. Carr for their support. Mr. Yates believed the partnership with the City in that effort to be very successful and asked what the status of the Chatham and Division bridges was.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Yates and the residents who participated in the efforts to open the Ashland bridge. He also announced that there is a tentative timeline regarding the rehabilitation of Division St bridge.

Marilyn Murray of 3136 141st Street asked if there is anything being done to bring in stores into Blue Island. She also expressed concerns over the potholes in the City.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Chief Mike Cornell presented Jason Slattery with a plaque for Police Officer of the Year.

Chief Luety presented William MacDonald with a plaque for Firefighter of the Year.

The Mayor proclaimed April 2014 as National Fair Housing Month in the City of Blue Island.

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BIDS:

No Bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a request from the American Legion Post 50 to have their Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 8th that will begin at 11:00 a.m. at 123rd and Western and will be following the same route as previous years and a ceremony at Veterans Plaza on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Thompson to approve a request from Affordable Recovery Housing to host a "Professional Wrestling Show" in June. This will be a fundraising event for the homeless veterans which will be held at Mothers of Sorrows. They will notify the City Clerk once a date has been finalized.

On the question: Ald. Ostling asked if there was going to be security.

Attorney Raines explained that they do not have a lot of the information that is required. She recommended a motion to lay this item on the table or to postpone it indefinitely for various reasons.

After discussion Ald. Carr withdrew her motion.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Pittman to postpone this item indefinitely.

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER:

No Report.

Ald. Stone stated that she believes the 911 dispatchers should also be honored along with the Police Officers and Firefighters.

CITY ATTORNEY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXUNCTION OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF ILLINOIS AND INDIANA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CABLE SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS.

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

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-015

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE AND FINE SCHEDULE IN

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to
approve.**

Ayes:	7	Stone, Carr, Ostling, Thompson, Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto
Nays:	3	Donahue, Pittman, Frausto
Absent:	4	Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita
Abstain:	0	

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

**Community Development Committee Report
for Meeting on March 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Vieyra, Carr, Ostling, Thompson, and Frausto

Absent: Alderman Bilotto

Also Present: Supervisor Nic Crite

The committee started with a discussion about Islands Bar on Olde Western. Supervisor Crite reported that they had a hearing with the Liquor Commissioner. Neither their business license nor Liquor License were suspended, but there were restrictions put on them. Their capacity was reduced from 300 to 200, the minimum age for entering was raised to 30 years old after 8 pm and they went from a 4 am license to closing at 2:15 am. DC Cornell is making sure the police are patrolling there and around the City at other problem areas more on the weekends. Things have been better at all of the areas as far as we have heard. There is a petition from residents asking to close them down as they have been given a lot of opportunities to rectify the situation. Ald. Ostling expressed some concern that this has happened before and she's not sure that this will work. This was the first step in a process that is needing to be followed in the process of dealing with a problem business.

Mr. Crite then went through his report.

PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

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· Review of Sign Ordinance

The Plan Commission is working on a Sign Ordinance for the entire City. Once it is in its final form, it will be brought to this Committee for discussion. There is discussion as to how it will be adopted. Whether it will replace all other sign ordinances and be a separate stand-alone ordinance, or will it be part of the Zoning Ordinance.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA ITEMS

· Variation - 12851 Clinton: Applicant will be seeking a variation of the property lot line to allow for the construction of an addition to the home within the rear yard of the property.

APPROVED BUSINESS LICENSES

Manufactures Depot: 2218 W 138th St

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT located in the I-1: Limited Industry District. The business has received a special use recommendation by both Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. As of Monday March 3, 2014 all inspections have been completed. City Council approved the special use recommendation at the Tuesday March 11, 2014 meeting and is approved to open.

Dos Brothers: 2426 Vermont

The business as presented is a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (restaurant) located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. As of Monday March 3, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

Stylez R Us: 12841 S Western Ave

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT (clothing) located in the C-1: Central Area Commercial District. Upon inspection of the premises, the location was found to be in compliant with all applicable codes and ordinances. As of Thursday March 6, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

Taco Mex: 12739 S Sacramento

The business as presented is a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (restaurant) located in the R-1: Single Family Residential District. As of Tuesday February 18, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

PENDING BUSINESS LICENSES

Vintage Hair Boutique: 12149 S Western Ave

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. Upon inspection of the premises, the business owner was given a list of items that must be completed from the building and fire inspectors prior to the issuance of a business license. As of the date of this report no reinspection has been requested by the business owner.

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It Takes a Village: 1843 Oak St

The home business as presented is a HOME DAY CARE located in the R-1: Single Family Residential District. Per the zoning ordinance as written this is a permitted business and must comply with the rules as established by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. As of the date of this report, the owner has not received authorization to from the Department of Children and Family Services to open.

Allied Cleaning Services, Inc.: 12761-63 Western Ave

The business as presented is a PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT: PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (pest control cleaning) located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. The owner will be performing a building out of the space.

Ald. Hawley reported that the Lyric rehab is coming along. He will be using the theater part for presentations during open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. An insurance office will be open in the small office on the north side of the building. He will be having performances on the weekends where tickets will be sold.

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department Report of Fees charged for February and Year to Date:

	February 2014 Activity		Year to Date	
	Qty	Revenue	Qty	Revenue
Building Permits	40	\$ 4,900.00	83	\$ 8,610.00
Planning Permits	6	\$ 570.00	14	\$ 560.00
Electrical Permits	9	\$ 2,040.00	20	\$ 2,950.00
Penalties	3	\$ 175.00	13	\$ 1,275.00
Stop Work Orders	0	\$ 0.00	10	\$ 0.00
Apartment Inspections	21	\$ 600.00	89	\$ 1,495.00
Residential Inspections	8	\$ 1,130.00	40	\$ 3,215.00
Commercial Inspections	2	\$ 0.00	3	\$ 0.00
Health/License Inspections	20	\$ 0.00	85	\$ 0.00
Elevator Inspections	2	\$ 250.00	5	\$ 375.00
Not Approved for Occupancy	6	\$ 0.00	6	\$ 0.00
Code Violations (See Entry)	38	\$ 0.00	79	\$ 0.00
Court Summons Issued	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Building Court Fines Issued	2	\$ 150.00	4	\$ 300.00
Vacant Properties Registered	14	\$ 2,800.00	32	\$ 5,600.00
Vacant Properties Inspected	5	\$ 250.00	10	\$ 500.00
Contractor Registrations	12	\$ 2,200.00	45	\$ 4,500.00
Street Cleanings	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Parkway Cleanings	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Missed on order	16	\$ 5,580.00	30	\$ 11,150.00
Sever Permits	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Board up	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Change Site	0	\$ 500.00	0	\$ 500.00
Business Licenses Issued	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Penalties	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 18,721.00		\$ 32,345.00

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Mr. Crite presented the Building Department report for February 2014:

• Building Permits Issued	40
• Apartment Inspections	44
• Residential Inspections	19
• Health / License Inspections	20
• Commercial Inspections	-
• Letter of Conditions	-
• Demand Notices	-
• Court Summons Issued	-
• Complaints Checked	15
• Not Approved for Occupancy	6
• Code Violation door tags	38
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	4
• Stop Work Notices	8
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$-
• Vacant Properties Registered	14
• Vacant Properties Inspected	5

The Business License Handbook was discussed. Ald. Hawley and Frausto brought up possibly taking out the copies of the ordinances in the back of the handbook. Maybe replace them with references to the Ordinances and people can look them up. We should have printed copies of the ordinances available at the Clerk's Office and anywhere else the packets will be in case people ask for that. The part on signage should reference the new Sign Ordinance and cross reference. We should also make sure fees and fines are put into the Fees and Fines Ordinance and referenced to that new ordinance that is currently being worked on for the City.

New Business:

Request from Affordable Housing to have a fund raising event at their location. John Dunleavy represented. They are bringing in a Wrestling organization that will put on a show open to the public. They want to have it in June. It takes a few months to promote the show. The promoters have put on shows at Catholic High Schools and other institutions in the area. They usually like to confirm 3 events at once. D'Masti's will be providing catering and any liquor that would be sold. The Fire Inspector is coming in the next week to give an attendance limit. After much discussion, it was moved by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Thompson to recommend approval by the City Council for Affordable Housing to have this event subject to restrictions by the Fire Inspector. Motion passed. After this first event and we see how it goes, we can approve future events.

Ald. Ostling asked as to whether or not the Religious Order that owns Mother of Sorrows has a business license to rent out the facility as a banquet hall. We're not sure if a Not-for-Profit needs to do that or not. Supervisor Nic Crite will look into it and report back.

Ald. Frausto reported that there was a meeting with Olde Western Business owners, Ald. Johnson and Ald. Hawley regarding the sign at the entrance to the district. The designs that had been shown to the Committee were shown to the business owners. They would be paying for their business to be listed on

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the sign. They discussed a possible lottery to see which business would be listed at the top. The four businesses present were on board with the plans.

Under Alderman concerns, Ald. Ostling asked about the Tobacco shop. Their application said they would be a tobacco retail store with tobacco products. There are other things being sold, but they all seem to be tobacco related items.

Ald. Frausto asked about parking on 139th. Nic asked Mark Miller to follow up and he will check with him again.

Ald. Ostling asked about Dotty's. They went in for sign approval. The inside is done. They are waiting for approval from the state for the gambling machines. When they get the approvals, they should be able to open.

Ald. Vieyra asked about the Jewel property and some other businesses.

Ald. Ostling asked about Richie's Too and the Auction on March 14th. There has been someone who has expressed interest in the location in opening another restaurant there.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Carr to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hawley, Chairman

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

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Next Meeting – Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

Committee Restructuring Sub-Committee

Committee Restructuring Sub-Committee Report for Meeting on February 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Ostling, Carr, Johanson and Rita

Also present: Director Robert Houlf

Alderman Hawley opened the meeting with the goals for the meeting. That included discussing whether the current committees in place are adequate and assigning different departments to particular committees. The hope was to have this information sent to the City Attorney to draft a sample ordinance to be reviewed at the next meeting. At that next meeting, we would also discuss guidelines as to what things needed to go through committee, how it would get there, etc. A recommendation would then be given to the Mayor with the sample ordinance and our thoughts and he would make any adjustments he felt were necessary.

Each committee was then discussed and departments that were to present reports to the various committees were identified.

The idea of forming a new committee/resurrecting an old committee called: Recreation and Human Services Committee was discussed. After discussion, everyone thought this was a good idea given the addition of the Boat Slips and the Trail. This new committee would oversee: Golf Course, Boat Slips, Calumet-Sag Trail, Rec Center (if applicable) and Youth and Seniors. The departments that would report to them would be: Golf and Marketing/TV. If the Mayor does not want to start another committee, this could be merged with the Community Development Committee.

Finance Committee: The information included in the sample ordinance is fine. No changes.

Judiciary Committee: The information included in the sample ordinance is fine. Risk Management and the City Attorney report to this committee. We request the City Attorney be present at the meetings and that the schedule for the City Attorney be altered so that it would not be an additional expense for them to be present (no additional hours). There was discussion about handicapped parking. Should it go directly to City Council or through Judiciary. It was boiled down to have applications taken by the City Clerk's Office and to make sure all of the required paperwork (placard, doctor's note and the application). An ordinance is drafted and goes directly to Judiciary and then to City Council.

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Public Health and Safety Committee: The information included in the sample ordinance is fine. We believe 911 should be added here. It is not specifically mentioned Section 4.2. There was discussion and decided that the Health Inspector would fall under this Committee.

Municipal Services Committee: The information included in the sample ordinance is fine.

Community Development and Human Services Committee: Recommendation: Rename to just Community Development Committee.

The Community Development Committee shall have general jurisdiction over subject matters relating to economic development, zoning and planning regulation, community affairs and special projects, and grants. The committee shall have general jurisdiction of the aforementioned matters, unless such matters are more appropriately considered by another standing committee based on the nature of the matter.

Section 6.2 Reports and other duties

The committee shall receive reports from the building and planning department regarding the status of projects or initiatives. The committee shall report the same to City Council.

The Community Development Committee shall collect information to identify challenges and opportunities presented, and to recommend municipal policies and action which support and promote sustainable community and economic development. The Community Development and Human Services Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the City Council regarding land development, including the use of economic incentives and grant funds. The committee shall be responsible for the regulation of business permits and licensing.

Recommendation: Ald. Ostling suggested that since the scope of this committee has changed with the new Business Licensing Ordinance, there isn't any reason to have one alderman from each ward on it. This could be reduced in size and the members could be placed on the new Recreation Committee discussed above.

Discussion about whether there should be a restriction on two aldermen from the same ward being on the same committee. Consensus was that was not necessary.

There was discussion about a common starting time for committees. Consensus was that was not necessary. Each committee should set a time and date that works for the members of the committee.

There was also discussion about the concept of the Committee of the Whole. Consensus was that was basically a City Council meeting. If a special meeting is requested by aldermen, do we need to have a provision in the ordinance that allows for that?

In addition to this, in the ordinance, everyone thought that Olympia Fields Ordinance that puts in every committee's description of duties that they would work with the Department Heads on the budget was a good idea. This way they are aware of what is being requested and can have input into the development of the budget/appropriation.

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The wording could be:

The Committee shall prepare a detailed annual budget for the **** department of the City of Blue Island for the fiscal year and submit same to the Finance Committee not later than 1 month prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Committee will review the draft of the new ordinance at their next meeting and discuss how and what things should move through the Committees and what things do not have to go through Committees. The next meeting was set for 7 pm on Monday, March 31, 2014 in the East Annex Conference Room.

It was moved by Ald. Rita and seconded by Ald. Carr to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hawley, Chairman

MOTIONS

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

- 1. Payroll for March 14, 2014 in the amount of \$340,366.55**
- 2. Accounts Payable for March 19, 2014 in the amount of \$560,309.78**
- 3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented**

Ayes:	10	Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita
Abstain:	0	

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

The Meeting was reconvened at 8:18 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Pittman to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Hawley, Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

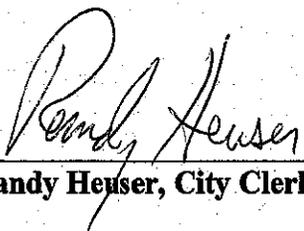
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

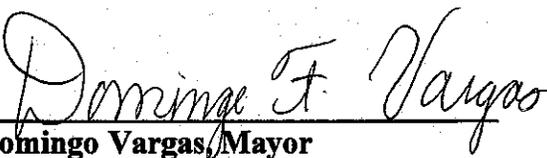
The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
8th DAY OF APRIL, 2014.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

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