

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
May 27, 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 7:15 p.m. on May 27, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

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

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Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Pittman the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2014 is accepted as printed.

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

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**

Reverend Reinhart invited all to attend the “Annual Day of Prayer for the Environment” on June 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the waterfall at the Reclamation Station.

Mark Kuehner of 2250 Orchard would like the City to reconsider its course of action regarding the eviction proceedings for the Recreation Center.

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood stated that he felt the City should be responsible for making sure the community is addressed as the Recreation Center is concerned.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union asked several questions regarding JAWA. Mr. Stevo also inquired about the results of the forensic audit. He would also like the written legal opinion on city clerk collector that he requested year ago.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

1. The Mayor announced his recommended appointments for the coming year:

City Attorney - Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP
 City Engineers - Robinson Engineering
 Director of Public Safety - John Rita
 Director of Finance & Administration - Matt Anastasia
 Director of Municipal Services - Robert Houlf
 Fire Chief - Mark Luety
 Deputy Fire Chief - Jim Klinker
 Deputy Police Chief - Michael Cornell

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Carr to approve the appointments.

Ayes:	11	Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson, Buckner
Abstain:	1	Rita

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2. Dylan McMurray, an 8th grade student at St. Walter School, received a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Blue Island for his outstanding accomplishment at the Junior History Expo for his project "Up a Lazy River: The Calumet River System"

3. The Mayor proclaimed June 2014 to be BIKE MONTH.

BIDS:

No Bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a request from District 130 Kerr Middle School to host an end of the year block party outside of the school on June 5, 2014 from 8:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Frausto to approve a request from the Blue Island Park District to hold their first annual BBQ Rib Cook Off on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

On the question: Ald. Stone asked if they needed a special temporary liquor license.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

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Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve a request from Erich Wennberg of the Maple Tree to block off the street side parking at Canal & Olde Western to hold their NOLA Fest on Sunday, July 6, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and their BBB Fest on Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

No Business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-029

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to bring to the floor.

On the question: Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Pittman to increase Police Department line item 40-6505 Community Promotions from \$100 to \$500.

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

Nays: 1 Donahue

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Absent: 0 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2014-029 as amended to increase the \$100 to \$500 for Community Promotion Events for Police Department.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-028

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PITNEY BOWES AND CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

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**Community Development Committee Report
for Meeting on May 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

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

Absent: Alderman Bilotto

Also Present: Nicholas Crite, Building Department; Treasurer Bilotto and Alderman Stone

Public Comment: Ald. Stone asked about Island Bar and Grill. She is concerned about incidents happening down there. Mr. Crite said he hasn't heard of any police activity, but they did just have a health inspection. Ald. Frausto said there have been a couple of incidents, one which required help from additional police departments and one which was an altercation that required just Blue Island. Ald. Frausto said he has received complaints about a lot of cars parking down Broadway to Rexford which raises questions on if they are following the occupancy limits. People could be coming alone in a car and that could account for a lot of cars. Ald. Vieyra asked about the noise from music. No one has heard any complaints. It was noted that the police have been stepping up patrols on Western Ave. with all of the bars. Treasurer Bilotto said the Mayor has been working with the owner and they have an off duty officer there in the evenings. He suggested someone should contact Director Rita to make sure he is aware of the concerns. Ald. Hawley will contact the Mayor, Director Rita, City Attorney Raines and Deputy Chief Cornell asking at what point the next step would be taken. He will email them and cc everyone here.

The committee then reviewed the Building Department report for March.

PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

They will be reviewing the Sign Ordinance and will be considering a Special Use for Core Impex Group, Inc.: 2840 Vermont St. The Applicant is seeking a special use permit for Auto Body dismantling and recycling.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA ITEMS

They will be considering a variation for 12851 Clinton: Applicant is 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. They are also considering a Special Use for Blue Island Beer Co: 13357 Olde Western Ave. Applicant will be seeking a special use for Artisan Manufacturing of beer. Also on the agenda is consideration of a lot subdivision: 2435 New St. Applicant is requesting to subdivide the original property into two separate lots.

APPROVED BUSINESS LICENSES

Cold Steel Professional Services, Inc.: 12757 S Western Ave, #117

The business is a Personal Service Establishment: Professional Office. They will be doing classroom training for conceal carry licensing. There will be no guns being brought into the establishments. It is located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. Upon inspection of the premises, the property was deemed in compliance.

Fun and Cocktails: 1859 Burr Oak Ave

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The business is an Eating and Drinking Establishment located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. Upon various inspections of the premises, the property was deemed in compliance by all inspectors and the business has been reissued their liquor and business licenses.

Vintage Hair Boutique: 12149 S Western Ave

The business is a Retail Establishment located in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. They sell hair accessories and some clothing. All inspections have been completed and the business license has been issued.

PENDING BUSINESS LICENSES**All Area W&W Towing, Inc.: 2217 W 135th Pl, Suite 3E**

The business will be a vehicle impound/towing lot located in the I1: Limited Industry District. Inspections are pending. Ald. Frausto asked about another business on 135th Pl that is storing large spools. Can we ask they be cleaned up and possibly construct a fence that would hide the materials a little more. Nicholas Crite will pay a visit to them down there.

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. Owner anticipates construction to be completed and the office space opened by June 1, 2014.

Best Buy Auto: 12960 Ashland Ave

The existing business located in the I-1: Limited Industry District is interested in adding the warehousing of automobile parts as part of their current license. Per Ordinance #2152, Blue Island Zoning Code, "warehousing with no retail sale permitted on the premises" is a permitted use in the zoning district.

Blue Island Beer Company 13357 S Olde Western Ave

The business as presented is a **MANUFACTURING (ARTISAN)** use which will consist of brewery manufacturing of beer for wholesale distribution and retail sales in taproom located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. The owner will be performing a building out of the space. The business received special use approval from the Plan Commission on April 16, 2014 and will be presenting at the next scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

The BoCa Bar: 12748 Western Ave

The business is an Eating and Drinking Establishment (bar and lounge) located in the C-1: Central Area Commercial District. Inspection for the property is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2014.

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.

Latin Rhythym Lounge: 13308 Olde Western Ave

The business is a Full Service: Eating and Drinking Establishment (Latin food and liquor restaurant) located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. Due to fire damage to the building

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and pending construction, the department has not scheduled an inspection of the property for the operation of the business.

Old Town Barbershop: 12352 Western Ave

The business is a Personal Service Establishment (barbershop) located in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. Inspections have been completed, however, the department is waiting on additional materials from the business owner.

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department report for April 2014. This month includes the full amount of the fee increases. Their revenues for April were \$41,790.68. Their total revenues from FYE 5/30/14 were just over \$47,000.00. Nic Crite said there have been some grumbling, but they understand it's a cost of doing business.

Ald. Hawley asked about Vacant Properties Registered. Mr. Crite said they get a list of all foreclosed homes and there is a fee that the banks pay.

Ald. Thompson asked about tagging or ticketing for grass mowing. She said there are a lot properties that aren't being mowed on a regular basis. Mr. Crite said they are going through different areas two days after garbage day in an area and tag as many properties as possible in that period.

	April 2014 Activity		Year to Date	
	QTY	Revenue	QTY	Revenue
Building Permits	83	\$ 13,946.68	193	\$ 23,641.68
Plumbing Permits	13	\$ 3,285.00	36	\$ 5,110.00
Electrical Permits	14	\$ 4,575.00	41	\$ 8,485.00
Penalties	3	\$ 300.00	17	\$ 1,875.00
Stop Work Orders	11		37	\$ -
Apartment Inspections	18	\$ 725.00	90	\$ 3,355.00
Residential Inspections	17	\$ 1,915.00	78	\$ 8,530.00
Commercial Inspections	5		13	\$ -
Healthy/License Inspections	23		108	\$ -
Elevator Inspections	3	\$ 384.00	24	\$ 3,200.00
Not Approved for Occupancy	45		52	\$ -
Code Violations (Door Tags)	109		299	\$ -
Court Summons Issued	1		1	\$ -
Housing Court Fines Issued	1	\$ 50.00	6	\$ 350.00
Vacant Properties Registered	10	\$ 2,000.00	52	\$ 10,500.00
Vacant Properties Inspected	7	\$ 3,500.00	26	\$ 12,900.00
Contractor Registrations	44	\$ 4,400.00	119	\$ 12,015.00
Street Openings			1	\$ 175.00
Parkway Openings			0	\$ -
Misc/Wrecking	21	\$ 6,350.00	67	\$ 17,345.00
Sewer Permit			0	\$ -
Board-Up	1	\$ 125.00	1	\$ 125.00
Garage Sale	7	\$ 35.00	8	\$ 40.00
Business Licenses Issued			0	\$ -
Zoning	1	\$ 200.00	1	\$ 200.00
Total		\$ 41,790.68		\$ 107,846.68

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The new Business Packet has had the final changes made to it and can be put into use immediately. A small number of copies will be printed so that it can be changed with the final Sign Ordinance. Ald. Hawley asked for an update next month on what steps are remaining to get it passed.

We discussed the Safe Parks Ordinance. Ald. Carr said that this would affect areas around parks. Fines would double around parks with the additional amounts charged going to the Park District. The money would be used for better signage and other improvements to make the areas surrounding the parks safer. Ald. Thompson expressed concern that there are no park facilities in the 7th Ward. As with any ordinance, it is only as good as enforcement allows. Ald. Vieyra moved to send it to Judiciary for consideration. It was seconded by Ald. Frausto. All in favor, motion passed.

A fence variation at 2312 Broadway was then discussed. The applicant wants to replace a 6' wood fence with another 6' wood fence in the same location. Ald. Vieyra clarified that it would not go past the back of the house. Work was stopped because they did not have a permit. It was moved by Ald. Vieyra and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the variation. All in favor, motion passed.

It was moved by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Vieyra to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes 5-20-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with Alderman Kevin Donahue, Alderman Tom Hawley and Alderman Nancy Thompson present. Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Finance Director Matt Anastasia, Director Robert Haulf, Director John Rita, Jr., Treasurer Carmine Billotto and Alderman Jairo Frausto.

Discussed and agreed to change the finance meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

Discussed and agreed to move \$38,000 for Machinery and Equipment from the contingency Appropriation to the Operating Appropriation, Line Item No. 6920 to allow Public Works to purchase small machinery to assist with grass cutting and snow removal as well as \$23,000 for a plow and salt spreader attachment from the Contingency Appropriation to the Operating Appropriation, Line Item No. 6920 in the Water Department for finalization of the Appropriation Ordinance to be passed to the full council for approval.

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Discussed and agreed upon the 911 Maintenance Contract and Liebert UPS Battery Back-up Contract for the 911 Center.

Service Scape discussion for the golf course -no action taken.
 Parking Meters or City Pay to Park discussion- no action taken.
 Discussion regarding various Grants – no action taken.

Discussion noting the \$300.00 a month savings with the new phone service for the City.
 Discussion noting the \$11,870.58 revenue from Illinois Gaming Report for March 2014 to the City.

Accounts Payable for May 21, 2014 in the amount of \$408,599.29 authorized by Alderman Nancy Thompson and 2nd by Alderman Kevin Donahue. Voice vote all in favor to approve. Motion carried.

Payroll for May 9, 2014 with a motion to authorize by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to approve the total payroll liability in the amount of \$349,180.09 Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at at 7:57 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

MOTIONS

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

- 1. Approval of Payroll – May 9, 2014 for \$349,180.09**

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2. Approval of Accounts Payable – May 21, 2014 for \$408,599.29
3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
4. An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2700 New Street And 13043 Honore Street

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

State of City Address by Mayor Vargas – The Mayor gave an update on the City initiative “Think BIGG.” Some areas of focus include: implementation of the comprehensive plan, Division Street bridge, Western/Gregory two way operation, and properties located on 119th.

ADJOURNMENT

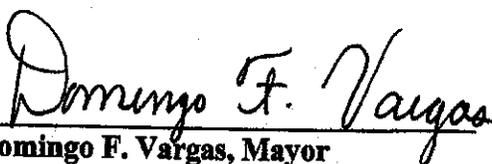
Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Pittman to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.


Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
10th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.


Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor



**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION HEARING
May 27, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Appropriation Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-2 for the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on May 27, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Johnson, Buckner

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPROPRIATION DOCUMENT

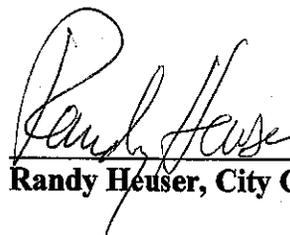
Allan Stevo of 2324 Union asked the Mayor several questions including: what percent increase was there from last year, would there be an increase on fees and taxes, is the expense for a police chief covered in the appropriations, why have the dates for the fiscal year been changed, what line items have been increased, and how much real estate revenue will be appropriated for the Recreation Center.

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood asked if funds had been appropriated for the Recreation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

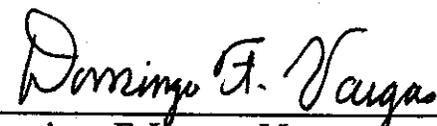
Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

