

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018**

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 January 9, 2018.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Absent: 1 Poulos

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
 Cary Horvath, City Attorney
 Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from December 12, 2017 and the Special Meeting from December 19, 2017.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronald Young, 12440 Maple Avenue, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Ald. Fahrenwald and Ald. Carr for helping resolve the worry and concerns of several citizens. He urged the citizens to be concerned regarding the JAWA.

Rachel Orozco, gave a report from Neighborhood Watch 37. She also thanked Bob Jackson for the Christmas party that was held at the recreation center. She announced next month is Black History Month and they will be having their program.

Michael Wilson introduced himself as a business man and one his detective agencies has been working in the city at no charge to the city. He also gave protection to the Mayor at no cost to the city.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Report on Removal of Director of Public Health and Safety – John Rita

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to approve the Appointment of the Interim Chief of Police – LaSalle King.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-001

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve Ordinance No. 2018-001.

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Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor removed the Appointment of Civil Service Commissioners as he would like more time to review the requirements.

Mayor's Announcements: Thornton Road is now open.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on December 31, 2017.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Carr, Pittman,
Slattery

Nays: 2 Thompson, Johnson

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

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

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CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for December 15, 2017 for \$356,643.15.

Ayes:	13	Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Poulos
Abstain:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Accounts Payable for December 20, 2017 for \$493,590.14.

Ayes:	13	Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Poulos
Abstain:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-001

A RESOLUTION FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DIVISION STREET PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING (PHASE I AND PHASE II) AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution No. 2018-001.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002

A RESOLUTION FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBINSON ENGINEERING AND THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE DIVISION STREET PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT (PHASE I AND PHASE II) AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Resolution No. 2018-002.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Accounts Payable Manual Check – December 27, 2017 for \$62,921.02.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof – January 10, 2018 for \$326,733.83.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for December 29, 2017 for \$367,337.97.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to approve the 2018 Sanitary/Combination Sewer Cleaning and Televising Bid Recommendation.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-003

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND POSEN-ROBBINS SCHOOL DISTRICT 143 ½ CONCERNING THE ROLE OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION SITE.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2018-003.

Ayes: 13 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Poulos

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, January 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Pittman commended Jim Poelsterl on a great job on the sidewalk on the 127th bridge.

Ald. Johnson thanked everyone who came out and made the Christmas event at the recreation center possible.

Ald. Thompson was overjoyed to see an African American Police Chief appointed.

Ald. Fahrenwald spoke about the ongoing efforts to plant at least ten trees in every ward. He invited everyone who would like to help to go to Gofundme.

Ald. Hawley thanked everyone who supported the Christmas parade and everyone who was a part of the committee.

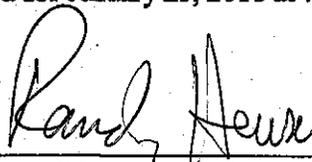
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

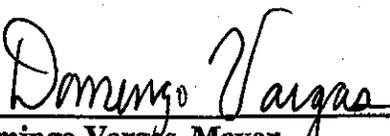
The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor