

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
MARCH 13, 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 7:20 p.m. on March 13, 2018.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Slattery to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from February 27, 2018.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol DiPace-Greene, 2731 Orchard Street, hoped that someone from the council would ask about the large line item on the accounts payable on tonight's agenda.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor proclaimed March 23, 2018 as Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Day.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to accept the proclamation.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from American Legion Post 50 to have their annual "Poppy Days" on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, 2018 with a rain date of Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, 2018.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

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BIDS: No bids.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending on February 28, 2018.

Ayes:	12	Donahue, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	1	Fahrenwald
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to approve inter-fund transfers from unrestricted and restricted accounts.

Ayes:	12	Donahue, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	1	Fahrenwald
Abstain:	0	

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

Treasurer's Announcements: Stated that the treasurer checks the money coming in and check money going out. The treasurer provides suggestions and opinions when he's asked on things such as appropriations or financial decisions. He also stated that constituents are paying for water they receive not the golf course water. He stated the appropriations this year are a wish list based on what the departments need. He stated his concerns and would have hoped to have a balanced budget.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATALIE CREEK TRAIL.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Resolution No. 2018-009.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development -- Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting -- Thursday, April 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m. -- East Annex

Finance Committee -- Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for March 14, 2018 for \$749,639.77.

Ayes: 10 Donahue, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 3 Slattery, Johnson, Rita

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

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Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for February 23, 2018 for \$384,885.16.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

There was much discussion about many different line items on the appropriations. Mike Marzal answered the questions posed by the council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-014

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2018-014.

Ayes: 6 Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson,
Vieyra, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 8 Donahue, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos,
Frausto, Bilotto, Rita

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

There being Five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Pittman congratulated Ald. Bilotto on being named Man of the Year. Ald. Rita gave a shout out to the Eisenhower students in attendance. Ald. Frausto stated that there were personal reasons as to why he couldn't make the meeting on the 20th and that he is not far off from the numbers provided in the appropriations. Ald. Ostling stated her frustrations over the nine aldermen who chose not attend the February 20 meeting. Several aldermen stated why they were not able to attend that meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Carr to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

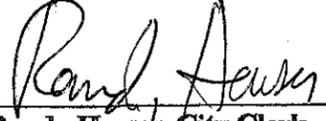
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DJOURNMENT

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

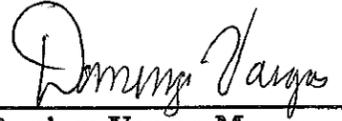
The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

