

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 2018.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to have a Special Meeting regarding Island Bar and Grill on June 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the East Annex.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Poulos to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from May 22, 2018.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

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SWEARING IN

Firefighter James Evans was sworn in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Kuehner, 2250 Orchard Street, and Carol Di Pace-Greene, 2731 Orchard Street, spoke against the water rate increase that is back on the table. They also wanted the open meetings act violations of the meeting of June 6, 2018 to be addressed.

Blue Island residents, the owner of Island Sports Bar and Grill, relatives of Mr. Shorter, employees of Mr. Shorter, and elected officials spoke in favor of the Island Bar and Grill: Rachel Orozco (11957 Longwood), Linda Brown (Matteson), Carol Di Pace-Greene (2731 Orchard), Patricia Jetter (Lynwood), Cheree Morton (Matteson), Cassandra Matz (Olympia Fields), Cliff Taylor (Country Club Hills), Summer Maxwell (Summit), Melvin Jetter (Lynwood), Annette Austin (Richton Park), Yumeka Brown (Matteson), Adam Shorter (Matteson), and Blake Horwitz (Chicago). They spoke in defense of Mr. Shorter's character and of the unfairness in which he was treated. They spoke of the business bringing diversification to the city and also its patrons supporting the neighboring businesses. They asked the council to do what is right and to give the business another chance. Mr. Shorter stated he is fighting because he was threatened and also for what he fought to give others. Mr. Horwitz also addressed the appearance of impropriety.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

No business.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Ostling to approve a request from MetroSouth Medical Center to hold their Summer Family Picnic on September 29, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. They would like to have York Street from Western Avenue to Gregory Street closed from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

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BIDS: No bids.

CITY TREASURER: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY: No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Payroll for May 18, 2018 for \$330,786.38.

Ayes:	13	Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman
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Nays:	0	
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Absent:	1	Fahrenwald
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Abstain:	0	
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There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Payroll for June 1, 2018 for \$330,413.69.

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

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for June 13, 2018 for \$466,634.74.

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

Nays: 1 Slattery

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 2 Rita, Donahue

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for June 5, 2018 for \$2,736.50.

Ayes: 12 Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 1 Donahue

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

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

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Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to have the administration set a priority list, using available data to formulate street resurfacing strategy and schedule of all the streets in Blue Island incorporating condition, possible funding and execution date/schedule for public knowledge and distribution.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, June 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Thompson expressed her disappointment at the Mayor and City Attorney for their treatment of Mr. Shorter

Al. Donahue asked about the termination of Lori Brown. He also asked to have a special meeting to approve payroll.

Ald. Rita asked for a resolution naming a person authorized to be able to transfer funds into accounts so payroll can be paid out.

Ald. Hawley asked that it be clarified that the money had been transferred and that payroll would be paid.

Ald. Johnson said he had several issues to address. There are dogs running around in his ward. He believes there are a few employees that should've come in front of council to be voted on for those positions. He asked that things be done in a righteous manner including the situation with Adam Shorter.

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Ald. Carr announced that Tom Mailhiot resigned from his position.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in a Workers Compensation lawsuit. Discussion and consideration of matters concerning Collective Bargaining and negotiation between the City and its employee representatives for the Metropolitan Alliance of Police and the Blue Island Professional Firefighters Association.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Johnson to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Non-Precedential Side Letter Agreement with Blue Island Professional Firefighters Association changing schedule for Probationary Firefighters pending negotiations for successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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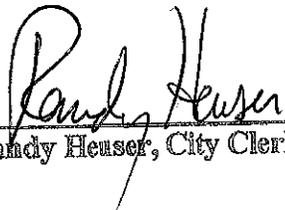
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
26TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

