



Regular Meeting – September 25, 2018

Leslie Kennedy, City Attorney for Blue Island, talked about the public comment ordinance and why there is a need for one. An ordinance for public comment is required per the Open Meetings Act.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Silver, Community Advocacy Center, informed the council that the policy violates the Open Meetings Act and first amendment protection of free speech.

Mary Jo Dunleavy, Affordable Recovery Housing, stated that after litigation the judge ruled their facility is licensed through the state and the city does not need to regulate their organization. She says they now received a cease and desist operation letter which goes against what the judge ruled in November 2014. She stated she does not what to go through the same thing with the Libby building.

Thomas Madrigal, 13427 Mozart Street, stated that it is Hispanic Heritage Month. He also announced Bethel Church is celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and welcomed everyone to the services Saturday and Sunday. He stated some concerns he has with neighbors.

Rose Baker asked where she can read the full ordinance. She also asked how she would get a concern on the agenda.

Mark Kuehner spoke on behalf of Mary Jo and John Dunleavy. He stated they are pillars in the community and have done a lot to improve the neighborhood. He also addressed the public comment ordinance. He asked that the city council not pass the ordinance tonight and put it back on the drawing board.

Rachel Orozco asked that the issue regarding homeless people be addressed. She also stated the ordinance would not keep her quiet.

### REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

#### **MAYOR:**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Halloween Hours – 10/31/18 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

Ayes:	14	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue
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Nays:	0	
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Absent:	0	
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Abstain:	0	
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There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor announced 59 trees were planted over the weekend bringing the total to almost 90 trees planted this year in town.

**CITY CLERK:**

No business.

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts.**

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

Nays: 1      Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-048**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 30, CITY COUNCIL, OF THE BLUE ISLAND MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NONOFFICIAL RECORDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.**

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**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Johnson to Table Ordinance No. 2018-048.**

Ayes: 14      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson,  
Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-049**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PERTAINING TO GAMBLING – LICENSING OF RAFFLES AND VIDEO GAMES.**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve Ordinance No. 2018-049.**

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

Nays: 1      Thompson

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-050**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING NO PARKING ON COOPER'S GROVE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**ORDINANCES NO. 2018-051,052,053**

**ORDINANCES RESTRICTING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY AT 2815 MINNESOTA AVENUE, 12244 ANN**

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**STREET AND 13427 REXFORD STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**ORDINANCES NO. 2018-054**

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 2025 UNION STREET, 2165 123<sup>RD</sup> STREET, 2239 123<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND 2822 MINNESOTA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

**ORDINANCES NO. 2018-047**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING UPON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. (MINNESOTA AVENUE)**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinances No. 2018-047, 050, 051, 052, 053 and 054.**

Ayes:	14	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES NO. 2018-055**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO 2RD ENTERPRISES, INC. TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT UNIT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL/RETAIL BUILDING LOCATED AT 13057 S. WESTERN AVENUE, WHICH IS IN A UTOD ZONING DISTRICT IN BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2018-055.**

Ayes:	14	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
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Carr, J  
Fraust

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) A  
the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES NO. 2018-**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION OF TI  
CODE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12001  
ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to appr**

Ayes: 14      Hawle  
Carr, J  
Fraust

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) A  
the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
APPOINTMENT OF IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT  
ISLAND.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to**

Ayes: 14      Hawle  
Carr,  
Fraus

Nays: 0

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Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-028**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN THE CONTRACT.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Resolution No. 2018-028.**

Ayes: 14      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson,  
Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-029**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BENEFIT PROGRAM APPLICATION (“BPA”) WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION.**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Resolution No. 2018-029.**

Ayes: 14      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson,  
Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m. – East Annex

### **Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for September 26, 2018 for \$534,289.42.**

Ayes: 6      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Poulos,  
Frausto, Vieyra

Nays: 8      Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery,  
Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for September 7, 2018 for \$330,032.34.**

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

Nays: 1      Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Attorney Horvath announced regarding JAWA the appellate court affirmed the dismissal of the entire lawsuit and litigation has now ended.

Ald. Ostling stated every council member gets the accounts payable and payroll and never before had she seen a council vote no on accounts payable or payroll.

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Ald. Thompson stated that she is still listed under the 7<sup>th</sup> ward on the website and asked that it be changed to the 5<sup>th</sup> ward.

Ald. Carr announced Veterans Memorial is having Hispanic Heritage Night on Thursday from 5p.m. until 7 p.m.

Ald. Fahrenwald stated they have planted 97 trees this year and he suggested to moving to a goal of 500 trees in the next 5 years. He said they are looking into putting a committee together.

Ald. Johnson announced Blue Island Untouchables is celebrating 60 years of football and cheer. This Friday there will be a meet and great at Burr Oak Bowl. There will be a parade on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. and Sunday is homecoming at Memorial Park.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

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**REGULAR MEETING****Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Pittman to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:            10            Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Bilotto, Vieyra,  
Rita, Donahue

Absent:            4            Thompson, Slattery, Johnson, Frausto

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable with the exception of the Odelson & Sterk bill.**

Ayes:            9            Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Carr, Pittman,  
Poulos, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue

Nays:            1            Bilotto

Absent:           4            Thompson, Slattery, Johnson, Frausto

Abstain:        0

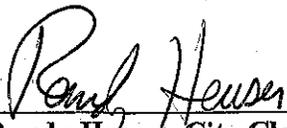
There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT****Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Poulos to adjourn the meeting.**

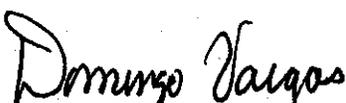
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor