

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015**

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 13, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Pittman, Johnson, Frausto (7:16),
Thompson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on December 9, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Pittman, Johnson, Thompson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Frausto, Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Carol DePace-Green, 2731 Orchard St, states that she hoped there would be some resolution regarding the Robbie Silva pending lawsuit. She also spoke regarding the fees related to Marcia Stone's petition. Ms. DePace-Greene spoke about the appointment of Alderman Fred Bilotto. She stated that she felt he should have ran and it should have been up to the voters.

Kevin Yates, 1520 Broadway St, spoke on behalf of the residents at Fay's Point regarding the marina and surrounding land that was donated to the City of Blue Island. He inquired about the city's vision for the marina.

The Mayor stated that nothing has been decided.

GLWC's Women of Worship, 12654 Maple Ave, introduced themselves and spoke about some of the things they have done in the City of Blue Island. They thanked the Mayor and Aldermen who attended their last function and presented the Mayor, Ald. Hawley, and Ald. Thompson with a Heart that Cares Award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for December 5, 2014 for \$353,511.28.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Carr to approve Payroll for December 19, 2014 for \$338,906.96.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Payroll for January 2, 2015 for \$355,527.20.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Accounts Payable for December 17, 2014 for \$251,721.11.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Accounts Payable for January 7, 2015 for \$194,159.30.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTANT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES RELATED TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT WITHIN BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution 2015-001.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 7:30 – East Annex

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Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of January 7th, 2015**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Comell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Chief Don Marchbanks, Alderman Leticia Vieyra, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Also present were Alderman Marcia Stone. Absent were Alderman Buckner and Alderman Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Citizens Concerns

There were no citizens present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 348 calls in December, 231 were EMS calls
193 Patients were treated
179 Patients were transported
49 Patients refused transport

They responded to 18 general fire alarms, and 30 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 24 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 42 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls. 1 fire call, 2 ambulance calls.
Average response time was 5.3 minutes.

There were several small fires in December, none were significant.

Medical Reimbursement Services for December was \$25,002.78. \$419,079.19 collected for 2015.

Fire Recovery collected \$435.00 in the month of December. \$10,081.68 collected year to date.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$0.00 \$1680.00 collected since inception earlier this year.

General

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Probationary Firefighter Joseph Pinnick completed his day shift training month. He was assigned to 1st Shift effective 12/22/14.

Candidate Richard Whitlock is being processed to fill the vacancy of Firefighter Lichtenfeld who is currently waiting for a duty disability hearing with the pension board. This will bring our staff to 21 full time men, which is the amount required by the current collective bargaining agreement.

The Fire Department assisted with the Holiday Light Parade.

The Fire Department assisted with Rock Around the Clock.

Jackie Mathis retired from the Fire Department. Mr. Undra' Ware started on Monday December 15th, 2014.

The Fire Department hosted the fourth part of a Situational Awareness Class presented by Cook County Homeland Security and MABAS 22 on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014. This was at no cost to the City.

Chief Klinker thanked Mike Mech, the Bungalow Chef for providing meals for the Fire Department and 911 Center on Christmas Day.

Maintenance

Ambulance 2162: Still needs water pump replaced by City mechanic.
Still needs AC repair.

Ambulance 2152: City Mechanic replaced bad Alternator at no cost.

Engine 2103: Needs a new Starter. This is a Reserve Engine

Training

The training division has completed 591.6 hours of training for the month of December.

No State Certification Tests were given this month.

Firefighters Duffy, Guarascio, and Evans are scheduled to take the State Firefighter III tests on February 7th 2015.

Grants

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Air Pack Grant update. Airpacks were delivered 12/17/14. The Fire Department is currently training on them, labeling them, mounting them on the rigs and having members fit tested. They will be in service ASAP.

Small Equipment Grant Illinois OSFM – The Fire Department received a rejection letter from OSFM. \$6.9 million was requested by Illinois Departments and only \$1 million was allotted.

2014 AFG Grant – Application was sent in on December 5th, 2014. We have applied for two ambulances along with a micro grant request for Thermal Imaging Cameras and Multi-Gas Detectors.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors.

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement

Last month, Chief Klinker gave a short explanation of the MABAS Agreement Addendum. This was an update to keep us in compliance with Federal Law. A motion was made by Alderman Vieyra, second by Alderman Johanson. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

Police Department Report

In 2014 the Police Department was able to accomplish the following:

- Implemented the Adult Protective Service program.
- Utilized Officers to write Building Code violations.
- Worked with EMA to take on more responsibilities at special events.
- Forged a relationship with the Blue Island Park District to address issues that impact the quality of life in neighborhoods adjacent to the parks.
- Directed Officers during their patrol shift to exit the squad cars and walk in residential neighborhoods.
- Officers are utilizing grants to
 - Patrol on bicycles
 - Conduct Tactical patrols
 - Conduct traffic safety stops
 - Conduct underage alcohol compliance
 - Conduct tobacco compliance

In 2014, the City of Blue Island saw noticeable reductions in Sex Crimes, Robberies, Residential Burglaries, Motor Vehicle Thefts, and Thefts.

For 2015 the Police Department hopes to accomplish the following:

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- Create a Business Education Action Team (BEAT) to provide security and training to local businesses in order to reduce business related crimes, provide open communication, and educate employees on senior exploitation, abuse, and dementia. This will complement the Adult Protective Service program.
- The Police Department will implement a comprehensive in house training program that covers the following topics
 - Use of Force
 - Pursuits
 - Legal Updates
 - Search and Seizure
 - Policies

The goal of the program is to address the most common lawsuit against police departments which is failure to train. The program will ensure that all Officers have the most up to date information and training.

Our goal is to become a community policing model for all Police Departments by developing a rapport with the community and forming relationships with all the institutions within Blue Island.

The Police Department answered 2001 calls including 351 business/premise checks, and 72 liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

114 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
 2 Armed Robberies (both unfounded)
 1 Robbery
 6 Burglary (2 unfounded)
 5 Residential Burglaries
 3 Shots Fired (all unfounded)
 88 Domestic Disputes
 6 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods
 364 Traffic and Investigative Stops

Total money collected for the month of December \$32,966.50

20,566 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

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On 12/2/14 Officers responded to 127th and Lincoln for an 11 year old child struck by a Metra train. The call was handed over to Metra Police Department.

Liquor Establishment Calls

1 disturbance calls, 3 suspicious persons, 3 suspicious persons, 2 calls to disburse a crowd were received in December on liquor establishments.

Training

December 4th two officers attended a Use of Force Workshop for Patrol Officers.

In this workshop emphasis is placed on imparting and using informed judgments in practical situations that arise in patrol.

The Blue Island Community Policing Unit completed Field Training Part Time Officer Vega for STEP 3 of the Field Training Program.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

Several senior checks were conducted throughout the City. The Community Policing Unit responded to a call of Senior Exploitation, wherein a senior had withdrawn over \$20,000 from the bank while in the company of an uncertified caretaker.

CPU answered several calls by area grade schools regarding child abuse and behavioral issues.

The School Resource Officer took an Eisenhower student into custody for attempting to disarm a Police Officer. The juvenile has been expelled. The incident was captured on video.

The CPU has reached out to Metra Police to jointly teach "Operation Life Saver" in the schools.

Part Time Officer Ordinance

Deputy Chief Cornell gave an overview of the Amendment to the Part Time Officer Ordinance. This Amendment is necessary to put Blue Island in compliance with State Training Board and State Law. A motion for approval was made by Alderman Johanson, second by Alderman Vieyra. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

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911 Center

The 911 Center received 12,287 calls in December.

911 Cell calls are going up. Our call center does not have the capability of tracing these calls. Supervisor McGeever will have an action plan next month.

Supervisor McGeever supplied a comparison of 911 Center call totals for 2013/2014.

There was a discussion of the 911 Board. Revisions are in the process of being made to the current ordinance.

Two dispatchers will be sent to the MABAS Conference in February at no charge to the City.

The PACE warming bus agreement was discussed. No vote was taken.

BIEMA

In the month of December, BIEMA logged a total of 262 hours. Value to the City of \$6075.78. Highlights for the month of December include the Christmas Light Parade, Rock Around the Clock, 2 requests to assist the Blue Island Police Department and Blue Island Fire Department. The officers are in the process of developing a training program including FEMA requirements for all public agencies.

BIEMA (ESDA) Name Change and Functions Ordinance

The purpose of the Amendment is a name change to include reference to Homeland Security. The name change will bring additional responsibilities and may allow for additional funding for the Agency. Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Johanson. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of December 21 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Tom Mailhiot provided a list of the 266 Health and Sanitations that were done in 2015. Food related businesses in Blue Island re cleaner and following better sanitation practices than they did in prior years. We had no major food borne illness breakouts in 2014.

Aldermen Concerns

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There was a question about Tom Mailhiot's coding of reports.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Vieyra.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be February 4th at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4th Ward Alderman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-001

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH FEMA RECOVERY POLICY AND APPROVING ADDENDUM TO MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT.

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Ordinance 2015-001.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-253 GOVERNING THE REORGANIZATION, STRUCTURE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Ordinance 2015-003.

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Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER AGENCY
AND BLUE ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF BLUE
ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hawley to approve
Ordinance 2015-002.**

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

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Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-004

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2253 119TH PLACE FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to approve Ordinance 2015-004.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 2441 GROVE STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-005.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor wished everybody a Happy New Year.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Moved by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from the Blue Island Little League to have their annual opening day parade on Saturday, April 25, 2015 starting at 12:00 p.m.

Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Pittman to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2015.

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Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY: No business.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Ald. Johnson asked if it would be possible to set aside funds for the training of aldermen in the appropriations. He also asked if there was any new information on the Jewel property and if there was a court date set for the Recreation Center.

Ald. Thompson announced that Thursday, January 15 there will be a meeting regarding the Flood Control Project in the Seventh Ward. It will be held at Evangelical Community Church from 7-9 pm.

Ald. Pittman announced Mission Covenant Church will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 17 from 7 am.-12 pm.

~~CLOSED SESSION~~ Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Frausto to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

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

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Ayes: 11 Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

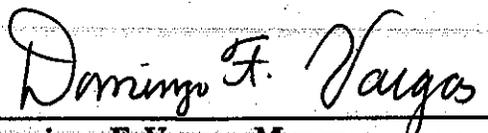
The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor