

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 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 7:01 p.m. on February 24, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone,
Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Absent: 4 Ald. Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Stone the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2015 is accepted with the addition of Alderman Stone's statement under Aldermanic Announcements/Comments and a change to the time for the Finance Committee Meeting.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

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

Rachel Orozco, 11957 Longwood Drive, thanked everyone who attended Black Culture Night.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked about the items on the agenda regarding the abatement of taxes. Mr. Stevo also asked why there was not an RFP done for the engineering on the bridges, whether a complete bridge will be built, and where the money came from to print the postcards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

ORDINANCE 2015-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-008 OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-010.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for February 13, 2015 for \$359,990.82.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

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Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Accounts Payable for February 18, 2015 for \$602,224.63.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve an Abatement of \$399,537.50 of Real Estate Taxes Levied Pursuant to Ordinance 06-046.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve an Abatement of \$96,205.00 of Real Estate Taxes Levied Pursuant to Ordinance 12-189.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve A Resolution Approving Engineer for Phase III Construction of the Division Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project and Authorizing Execution of Related Documents.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 7:45 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

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

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Committee report for February 20, 2015

Members present: Alderman Stone, Pittman, Frausto, Bilotto, Ostling
Also Present: Attorney Raines, Ald. Thompson, Treasurer Bilotto, City Clerk

Handicap parking at 2451 Collins tabled for further documents motion Ald. Stone 2nd Ald. Bilotto motion carried.

Discussion on B-6 resident parking only. Motion to amend ordinance 13-217 to include area north of 119th place Motion by Ald. Bilotto 2nd Pittman motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2015-009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-217 OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2015

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to approve Ordinance 2015-009.

Ayes:	10	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

Discussion of review of ordinance for next committee meeting Title I General Provisions & Title III Administration.

Alderman Concerns:

Ald. Frausto asked if we could enforce 2 inches of snow or more sidewalks should be cleared by business owner.

Ald. Frausto received a request for handicap parking that he is researching

No further business motion to adjourn Ald. Bilotto 2nd Pittman motion carried adjourned at 6:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Alderman Jan Ostling

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor announced that beginning March 3rd at 10 am. The tornado warning testing will start. It will be the first Tuesday of every month.

RESOLUTION 2015-004

A RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH CLARA HERMA JEBSEN RICKHOFF ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Rita to approve a Special Event Agreement with Double Play Saloon.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

RESOLUTION 2015-005

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CERTAIN PENDING LITIGATION IN COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Moved by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling to approve.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION 2015-006

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CERTAIN PENDING LITIGATION IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

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Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

Ayes:	10	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
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Nays:	0	
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Absent:	4	Donahue, Pittman, Johnson, Buckner
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Abstain:	0	
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There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: No comments.

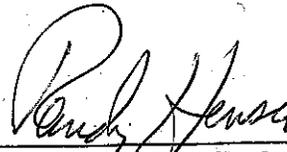
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

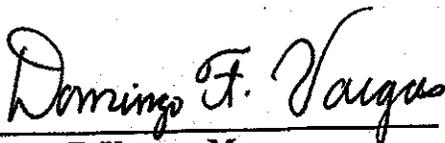
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

