

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
MARCH 10, 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 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 2 Ald. Vieyra, Buckner

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Willie Scott, 11917 Longwood Drive, invited the candidates who will be running in the next election to participate in a candidate speak night that will be held in the Recreation Center. Mr. Scott spoke about his FOI request regarding employees in the city. He also stated that a recreation center should be provided for the people who live in that area.

Paul Keeler, GEC Illinois, stated that he helps public sector, NFP, and businesses save money on their energy costs.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Presentation from MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulus regarding the Thornton Reservoir is rescheduled for the City Council meeting on May 12.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to accept the Financial Report for the period ending on February 28, 2015.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS**Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman****RESOLUTION 2015-008**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Resolution 2015-008.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION 2015-007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SCOPE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING AND ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Resolution 2015-007.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE 2015-011

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND IMPOSING A RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX, SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX AND HOTEL OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX THEREIN.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to table Ordinance 2015-011 until the March 24th City Council Meeting and to set up a meeting for business owners during this time period.

Ayes: 7 Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Thompson

Nays: 5 Bilotto, Donahue, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 8:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for February 27, 2015 for \$347,317.51.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve
Accounts Payable for March 4, 2015 for \$534,058.95.**

Ayes:	12	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Vieyra, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of February 4th, 2015**

Present were Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman Leticia Vieyra, and myself. Also present were Alderman Marcia Stone, and City Clerk Randy Heuser. Absent were Director John Rita, Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, Don Marchbanks, Alderman James Johanson. The meeting was called to order at 7:05. There was not a quorum but the reports were read.

Citizens Concerns

There were no citizens present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 304 calls in January, 207 were EMS calls
177 Patients were treated
157 Patients were transported
49 Patients refused transport

They responded to 26 general fire alarms, and 23 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 23 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

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They had 23 calls to man the station.

They received 2 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.8 minutes.

There were several fires in February, including four structure fires, a CSX engine fire, two cooking fires, and one trailer fire. There were no injuries involved in any of these fires. The Fire Department was also called out on a full arrest. The victim survived.

Medical Reimbursement Services for February was \$34,626.36

Fire Recovery collected \$475.20 in the month of February.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$100.00

General

Firefighter Richard Whitlock has been assigned to 3rd shift effective February 22nd.

Part time Firefighter Ron Cheadle resigned from the Department effective February 27th.

Administrative Assistant Ware completed writing a Fire Department Administrative Assistant manual.

Maintenance

Ambulances 2152 and 2162 were inspected by IDPH on 02/11/15. Both passed inspection.

Ambulance 2162: The City Mechanic Tom Kissel replaced the center support bearing for a cost of \$58.42

Ambulance 2182: Out of service, needs major engine repair.

Engine 2123: Back in service 02/10/15, air leak issues repaired by Certified Fleet for \$1304.55

Training

The training division has completed 588.79 hours of training for the month of February.

Firefighter Duffy passed the OSFM (Office of State Fire Marshal) Advanced Firefighter exam.

Firefighter Adlington is registered to take the OSFM Advanced Firefighter exam in March.

Grants

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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. No response yet.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors. No response yet.

Police Department Report

There was a brief discussion of the Overnight Parking Ordinance. No action was taken.

Deputy Chief Cornell said that policy on overdue parking tickets will be changed. Currently cars with 10 tickets are boot eligible, the Police Department will be changing the policy to 5 tickets being boot eligible.

The Police Department is planning on buying one new vehicle.

The Police Department answered 1850 calls including 272 business premise checks, 76 were liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

108 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
2 Armed Robberies
5 Burglaries (1 unfounded)
4 Residential Burglaries (3 unfounded)
8 Shots Fired (6 unfounded)
69 Domestic Disputes
260 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of January \$38,582.89

16,427 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

On February 11th officers responded to a shots fired call in the alley in the 2600 block of 122nd Street. The vehicle was seen fleeing the area by the victims. The officers were given a description of the vehicle. The vehicle was found at Broadway and California by the Patrol Division. Four people were taken into custody. The gun was found in the trunk of the car. Two people were charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

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On February 17th officers responded to an Armed Robbery at La Unica Foods, located at 12824 Mozart. Detectives learned that the suspect may be involved in the Armed Robbery at Discount Tobacco. The suspect was charged with one count of Armed Robbery and is currently awaiting trial.

Liquor Establishment Calls

2 batteries, 2 fights, 1 domestic dispute, and 2 disturbances in the month of February.

Training

Officer Murray is scheduled to attend the 40 hour Sokolov Field Training Course in June of 2015.

Officer Maratea completed the field training program.

Officers Gonzalez, Nunez and Jones are currently in the Field Training Program.

Resumes have been submitted for candidates interested in the squad leader position.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

CPU answered several calls regarding seniors.

The CPU began a series of meetings to get the Calumet Township/City of Blue Island Adult Protective Services Committee up and running.

CPU received several public nuisance complaints regarding the condition of various properties.

Detective Division

34 cases were assigned in February, 29 cases were cleared.

911 Center

The new 911 board needs to be appointed.

The 911 Center received 11,596 calls in February.

The Code Red application on the City web page has been modified to make it more user friendly.

Don Marchbanks, Director of BIHSOEM observed 911 operations, earning continuing education time required by the IDPH

Tornado sirens were tested on Tuesday, March 3rd.

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BIEMA

No report submitted.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of February 25 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done.

Restaurante Tenochtitlan experienced a small fire in the apartment above their location, they are now re-opened.

Aldermen's Concerns

Alderman Vieyra commented about the parking situation at Bread and Bottle Liquor Store on 119th Street, and the signage covered windows at the Corner Store on Maple Avenue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 8, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: Ald. Donahue announced that Paul Revere Intermediate School is in a nationwide contest to win \$10,000. Everyone can vote once a day every day. To vote you can go to kidsmartz.votigo.com

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Pittman to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes:	12	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Vieyra, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

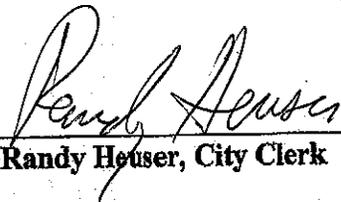
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

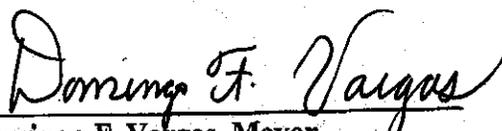
The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



 Randy Hetser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.



 Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor