

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 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 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 2015.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,  
Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Absent: 1 Buckner

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 13 Bilotta, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

Bryan Roll, George J Roll & Sons Inc, and Carol DuPace-Green, 2731 Orchard, asked questions and voiced their concerns pertaining to the 1% sales tax.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

Swearing in of Officer Nicholas Babbitt as a Full-Time Police Officer.

Certificate of Gratitude to Mr. Denis Robinson

Certificate of Gratitude to Melissa Serviss, Jill Caldwell, and Tina Nedved

ComEd – smart meter presentation

The Mayor announced an opening day for the Division Street to be in July 2015

Introduction of Bob Jackson, Supervisor of the Rec Center

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling to approve a request from the Salvation Army to have their Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 and June 5-6, 2015. They are also requesting permission to have their Red Kettle Campaign November 6, 2015 thru December 24, 2015 (Monday thru Saturday).**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
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Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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**CITY TREASURER:** No business.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**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. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-011.**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) 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. Donahue to approve Payroll for March 13, 2015 for \$340,436.30.**

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Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for March 18, 2015 for \$420,949.99.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR RAUNER'S PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND (LGDF) REDUCTION THAT WOULD COST THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Resolution.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
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**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

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**Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to approve Ordinance 2015-012.**

Ayes:	13	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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**ORDINANCE 2015-013**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE VII, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 72.08 OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Ordinance 2015-013.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
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Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to go into Executive Session.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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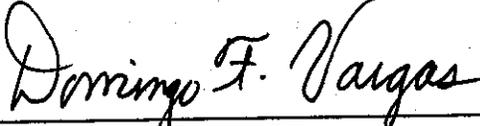
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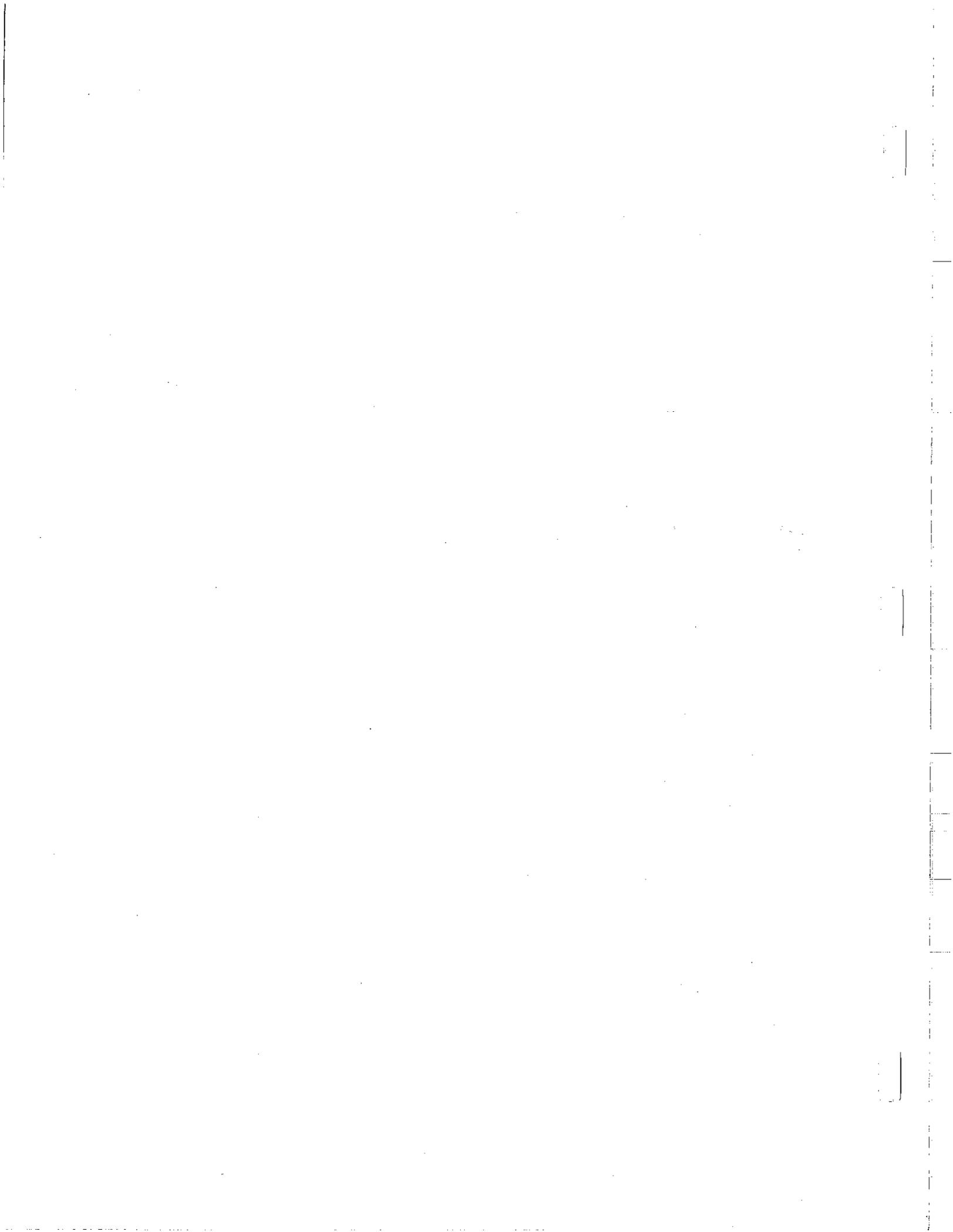
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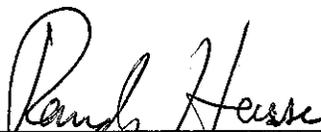
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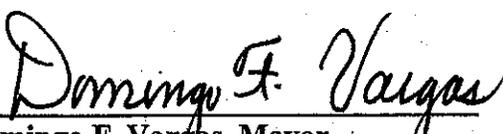
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