

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Carr, Ostling, Pittman,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Hawley,
Vieyra, Bilotto

Absent: 3 Ald. Stone, Johanson, Buckner

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2015 is accepted as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stone, Johanson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Joan Davis, 2945 Everett St, expressed her concerns over the hiring of a convicted felon to run the Recreation Center. Ms. Davis asked about his qualifications and who would be responsible for hiring staff at the Rec Center.

The Mayor stated that the council will be responsible for hiring staff.

Julie Sklom, 12024 Artesian Ave, a trustee of the library requested action by the Mayor on the appointments of trustees. The board is down from nine trustees to three and therefore cannot reach a quorum. Trustees and the director have requested that an appointment be made several times in the last two years.

Carol DiPace-Greene, 2731 Orchard St, asked for a correction on the city council minutes for the meeting of March 24 under citizens addressing the council to reflect specifically that an increase to a 9% sales tax would cause sales to not be made in Blue Island but instead go to Will County. Therefore, Blue Island would lose the whole 9% instead of gaining 1%. Ms. DiPace-Greene also brought up the appointment to the Recreation Center.

City Attorney Raines stated that consideration of criminal records and history are not permissible.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**MAYOR:**

Plaques presented to the Police Officer (Cris Connors), Firefighter (Ken Dompeling), and Dispatcher of the Year (Tina Nedved).

Firefighter Ken Dompeling announced his retirement.

Resolution Honoring the Accomplishments and Legacy of Dr. Peter V. Contreras

Proclamation – Arbor Day – April 24, 2015

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve a request from St. Benedicts to host a classic car show on Saturday on New St. They need streets blocked off from Gregory to the City lot from 4-6 pm.

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

Nays: 0

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Absent: 3 Stone, Johanson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church to sponsor a Back-to-School Festival on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stone, Johanson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the Financial Report ending on March 31, 2015.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stone, Johanson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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CITY ATTORNEY: No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – T.B.A.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: Ald. Frausto thanked Rev. Contreras for his service and commitment to the city. He invited everyone to attend the Ike Hike on Saturday, April 25. He also asked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for former Ald. Carlee Jackson who suffered a stroke. Ald. Pittman announced that Mission Covenant Church will be hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 25th.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stone, Johanson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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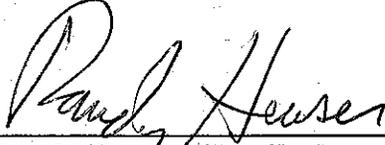
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

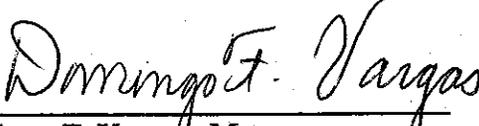
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

