

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2019**

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 June 25, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 14 Klinker, Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto (7:02), Cazares, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Absent: 0

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer
Cary Horvath, City Attorney
Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from June 25, 2019.

Ayes: 11 Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares,
Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech,
Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Bilotto

Abstention: 2 Klinker, Slattery

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ron Young commented that the ordinance about Rules & Procedures was inappropriate and asked that public hearings be held before voting on this item. He also expressed his concern about the Metro South Hospital closure.

Shamus Murphy introduced himself as the new Head Coach at Eisenhower High School and announced that there will be a Golf Outing Saturday August 3rd.

Marsha Lee thanked Alderman Mech for following up with Public Works about the potholes on her street and asked what the status of the resurfacing projects.

Carol DiPace-Greene echoed Mr Young's concerns about the Rules & Procedures being presented. She also had concerns about the repairs needed at the Rec Center.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas asked that Attorney Horvath introduce Kelly Burke who will be taking over as the Attorney for the City.

Mayor Vargas read a Proclamation celebrating the American Legion Post 50 One Hundredth Birthday.

Mayor Vargas announced that National Night Out will be on August 6, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Mayor Vargas announced that there would be a Summit on July 11th to come up with an action plan with impacts and solution for the Metro South Hospital closure, and that the City has reached out to Federal Elected Officials for their support. He also informed the Council that there are negotiations in the works with a buyer for Metro South.

Mayor Vargas also announced that St Benedict Fest and St Donatus Fest were coming up

CITY CLERK:

Motion to approve a block party for Neighborhood Watch Group #37 on July 27, 2019 from 11:00am – 4:00pm on the South-East Corner of the Metra Lot at 119th Street Train Station (Spaces #73-116)

Motion to approve Block Party by Ald. Hill, seconded by Ald. Johnson.

Ayes: 14 Klinker, Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto (7:02),
Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley,
Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-
Zylman, Slattery

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Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being Eleven (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Monthly Treasurer Report

Ayes: 13 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto (7:02), Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Carr to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts.

Ayes: 13 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto (7:02), Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

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1. **Ordinance No. 2019-024-027** Ordinances Restricting Portions of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 1831 York Street, 2132 W 121st Place, 2625 York Street and 2626 New Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Motion to approve Ordinances 2019-024-027 by Ald. Slattery, seconded by Ald. Rita.

Ayes: 14 Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto (7:02),
Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

2. **Ordinance No. 2019-028** An Ordinance Rescinding Handicap Parking Restrictions at 12838 Lincoln Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois

Motion to table Ordinance 2019-028 by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita.

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion tabled.

3. **Resolution 2019-027** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Blue Island and the Blue Island Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local #3547 for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

Motion to table Resolution 2019-027 by Ald. Rita, seconded by Ald. Bilotto.

Ayes: 5 Klinker, Bilotto, Rita, Hill, Carr

Nays: 9 Johnson, Alexander, Cazares, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman,
Slattery

Absent: 0

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Abstain: 0

There being Five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-027 by Ald. Slattery, seconded by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto,
Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Hill, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 2 Carr, Klinker

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 Bilotto

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

4. Resolution No. 2019-028 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Agreement with Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board for Mobile Device Terminals.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-028 by Ald. Slattery, seconded by Ald. Klinker.

Ayes: 14 Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto (7:02),
Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

4. Resolution No. 2019-029 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Purchase of Tasers and Taser Equipment.

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Ayes: 14 Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto (7:02),
Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting July 17, 2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting Monday July 22, 2019

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Payroll for June 28, 2019 for \$354,665.09

Ayes: 13 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita,
Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech,
Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Donahue did not call the Accounts Payable due to lack of descriptions of expenses.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting July 16

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting August 13

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting August 20

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

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Alderman Rita read a statement that she was unhappy with disrespect shown by some staff members to elected officials and will be calling for a special meeting on July 16, 2019 to bring up the Rules of Order and Procedure for the City Council.

Alderman Johnson asked for the status of the Tahoe investigation. He also asked about when we will be doing a procedural audit.

Alderman Cantelo-Zylman asked when the last day to buy City Stickers without penalty.

Alderman Donahue asked about vacant property grass cutting.

Alderman Fahrenwald informed the Council that on July 31st to inform the City about the services being offered by Cook County Hospital Systems.

Alderman Klinker wanted to make sure that everyone understands that he has nothing against the Fire Department, just that the Council wasn't aware of some of the items in the contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Attorney Horvath announced that we discussed a pending litigation with Haro v. City of Blue Island

Motion to authorize the payment to a mediator in the case of Haro v. City of Blue Island in the amount of \$7,000 by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Donahue.

Ayes:	13	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto , Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Johnson

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

Attorney Horvath also stated that we discussed the status of the Unfair Labor Practice filed by AFSCME.

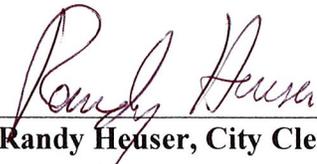
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Slattery to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
23rd DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor