

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 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 July 23, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	9	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley(7:05), Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker
Absent:	5	Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer Cary Horvath, City Attorney Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from July 9, 2019.

Ayes:	8	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker
Nays:	0	
Absent:	6	Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Thomas Madrigal wanted to honor a couple residents who passed away last week, Herman Ruiz and Al Riley, both men were involved in scouting in Blue Island.

Dave Helsley thanked the City for the upcoming paving of his street.

Marsha Lee asked for a formal plan for street repairs.

Carol DiPace-Greene expressed her concern about the hospital closing and asked that we all work together to get Safety Net Status so the hospital will not be closed. She also expressed concern that the Council needs their own legal counsel and asked for better transparency.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas asked for participation in the Metro South summit on Wednesday, July 10th.

Mayor Vargas asked for concurrence on the appointment of Chief Rzaab and re-appointment of Tom Walsh to the Police Pension Board.

Alderman Bilotto asked to Suspend the Rules that require items go to 2 committees for items 2, 3 and 4 seconded by Alderman Hawley

Ayes:	9	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas again asked for concurrence on the appointment of Chief Rzaab and re-appointment of Tom Walsh to the Police Pension Board.

Motion for concurrence by Ald. Hawley, seconded by Ald. Donahue.

Ayes:	9	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas asked for concurrence on the appointment of Chief Reda to the Fire Pension Board. Alderman Klinker asked who he would be replacing.

Motion to table until clarification on who Chief Read will be replacing by Alderman Donahue, second by Alderman Bilotto

Ayes: 8 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker

Nays: 1 Hawley

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion tabled.

Mayor Vargas asked for concurrence on the appointment of Carol DiPace-Greene to the Library Board.

Motion for concurrence by Ald. Hawley, seconded by Ald. Klinker.

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas read a veto message for Ordinance 2019-029 and stated that he would not sign Resolution 2019-030. Alderman Donahue asked the procedure for reconsideration. Attorney Horvath stated that it would need to be placed on the next agenda as a Motion to reconsider.

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CITY CLERK:

Motion to approve a block party on Maple Avenue between 119th & 120th Street on July 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Block Party by Ald. Klinker seconded by Ald. Donahue.

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a block party on half a block only between Canal Street and alley on Irving Street on August 3, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Block Party by Ald. Bilotto seconded by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman.

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery, Klinker

Nays: 0

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Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting Wednesday August 14, 2019

Alderman Bilotto read into the minutes that the Façade improvement grant will temporarily raise the match from 50% to 75% for projects up to \$10,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting Monday August 12, 2019

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for July 10, 2019 in the amount of \$133,423.47 and July 24, 2019 in the amount of 438,119.29

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,
Hawley, Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery,
Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Klinker to approve Payroll for July 12, in the amount of \$367,971.15

Ayes: 9 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,
Hawley, Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Slattery,
Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting August 20

Motion to approve appointment of 3 new Lieutenants by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Cazares

Ayes:	5	Alexander, Cazares, Hawley, Hill, Slattery,
Nays:	4	Bilotto, Donahue, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker
Absent:	5	Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting August 13

Motion by Ald. Slattery, seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve Resolution 2019-031 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Green Plumb for Landscaping Maintenance.

Ayes:	8	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley, Hill, Slattery, Klinker
Nays:	1	Cantelo-Zylman
Absent:	5	Rita, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting August 21

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Cantelo-Zylman reminded residents to purchase city stickers and dog tags.

Alderman Bilotto reminded residents that the city has an overnight parking ordinance requiring current city sticker be displayed.

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Mayor Vargas asked that the public not set off illegal fireworks.

Alderman Alexander commended the Police and Fire Departments for their response to a recent tragedy in her neighborhood.

Alderman Cazares announced that the Park District is holding a back to school supply drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Hawley 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. Cazares, second by Ald. Alexander to reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Attorney Horvath announced that we discussed the following:

Pending litigation in the case of Haro v. City of Blue Island,

Finding of Probable or imminent litigation with the City and Metro South Hospital

Discussion of acquisition of real property by the City of Blue Island

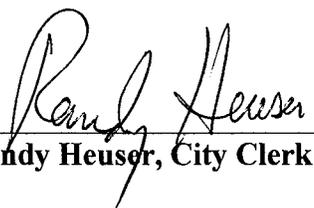
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman to adjourn the meeting.

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

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor

