

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 8, 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 October 8, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita (7:06), Donahue, Hawley (7:03),

Absent: 2 Johnson, Slattery

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from September 22, 2019 and the Special Meeting on September 30, 2019.**

Ayes: 10 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Slattery, Johnson, Rita, Hawley

Abstention: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Anderson, representative from AFSME, asked that the City settle negotiations with the bargaining unit.

Pastor Brittany asked that the City approve the Service of Lament & Closure for Metro South that is on the agenda.

Joseph Martin asked that everyone visit MachI Mentoring and that the City allow Cannabis so that we can get tax revenue and know that the Cannabis is controlled and not lethal.

Nancy Thompson offered to help Nancy Rita with Committee Minutes, and is upset that the Council has voted to hire Sergio Acosta to investigate the Tahoes and asked where the money is coming from and that the City Council work together.

Carol DiPace-Greene asked that the City not approve the sale of water to the Village of Posen. She also pointed out that the Longwood resurfacing project is not completed to satisfaction. She also asked that Cyber Security be a priority. She stated that the City let the FBI investigate the Tahoes.

Alan Stevo asked when the city act to recoup its losses from JAWA and other law suits. He asked that we not spend money on the Tahoe investigation.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas read a Proclamation honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### **Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Delta Theta Sorority Proclamation.**

Ayes:	12	Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Slattery, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

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Christ Memorial Anniversary Proclamation

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Christ Memorial Anniversary Proclamation.**

Ayes:	12	Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Slattery, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

Motion to concur on the appointment of Michael Sinde to the Zoning Board of Appeals

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to concur on the appointment.**

Ayes:	12	Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Slattery, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

Mayor Vargas Announced that Halloween Trick or Treat hours would be 3:00pm – 7:00 pm.

**Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Halloween Hours.**

Ayes:	12	Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley
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Nays: 0  
 Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson  
 Abstention: 0

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

Mayor Vargas announced that the Western Avenue Bridge renovation will be starting soon and that we were able to secure funding for the demolition of properties located at 119<sup>th</sup> & Vincennes.

**CITY CLERK:**

Motion to approve an Interdenominational Christian Service to mourn the closure of MetroSouth on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm at York Street between Western Avenue and Gregory Street. Set-up would begin at 5:00 pm

**Motion by Ald. Klinker, second by Ald. Mech to approve request.**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
 Hawley  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson  
 Abstention: 0

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

**BIDS:**

Chicago Meter Vault Improvements Award Recommendation – Gaskill and Walton Construction Company in the amount of \$334,050.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to approve request.**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
 Hawley  
 Nays: 0

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Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

**CITY TREASURER:**

Reports were unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Permit Fee Reduction for ComEd “Chicagoland Vintage Home Association” Energy Program.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hill to approve**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting Monday October 16, 2019

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Accounts Payable for October 9, 2019 in the amount of \$195,114.11**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

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Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve Paradigm proposal to replace Servers in the amount of \$16,350.00**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Resolution 2019-034 A Resolution Approving a Benefit Program Application (“BPA”) with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to submit the application.**

Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve Resolution 2019-035 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with John Kasperek Co., Certified Public Accountants for Consulting and Advisory Services for the City of Blue Island.**

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Ayes: 12 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve Resolution 2019-033 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPOINTING FORMER ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY SERGIO ACOSTA AND AKERMAN LLP AS A LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE PURCHASE OF TWO CHEVROLET TAHOE MOTOR VEHICLES IN 2018 AND ADVISING THE COUNCIL ON THE LEGALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PURCHASE PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06 OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**Motion to Table Resolution 2019-033 by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Hawley**

Ayes: 3 Fahrenwald, Hawley, Vargas

Nays: 9 Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman,  
Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto,  
Cazares, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 2 Slattery, Johnson

Abstention: 1 Hill

There being Three (3) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

**Motion to Amend Resolution 2019-033 where the City Attorney shall appoint a qualified investigative firm and/or law firm to investigate whether the defendants named in the Ishmael Haro lawsuit should be held liable for costs by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Hawley.**

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Ayes:	5	Fahrenwald, Mech, Klinker, Hawley, Vargas
Nays:	8	Hill, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue
Absent:	2	Slattery, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

**Resolution 2019-033 Appointing Sergio Acosta to investigate the Tahoe purchases.**

Ayes:	10	Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley
Nays:	3	Fahrenwald, Hawley, Vargas
Absent:	2	Slattery, Johnson
Abstention:	0	

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting October 15, 2019

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting November 12, 2019

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting October 15, 2019

**CLOSED SESSION** – It was agreed that all Closed Session items would be discussed in open session.

Attorney Horvath apprised the Council on the proposed settlement of \$1.3 million to settle the Haro lawsuit and would be paid through a bond issue.

Attorney Juan Morado Jr. of Benisch brought the City Council up to date about the Metro South closure. Attorney Horvath advised the City Council as to the details of the proposed agreement between Quorum Health and the City of Blue Island.

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Legislative Counsel Matt Welsh stated that State Rep Bob Rita's office directed him to contact Third Horizon Strategies who is representing a potential buyer for Metro South.

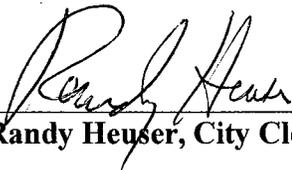
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Cazares 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 October 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.**

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**Domingo Vargas, Mayor**

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