

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 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 March 26, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:           9           Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Johnson  
(7:02), Bilotto, Vieyra

Absent:            5           Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Pittman to approve the City Council Minutes from March 12, 2019.

Ayes:            8           Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
                              Carr, Pittman, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays:            0

Absent:          6           Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Rita,  
                              Donahue

Abstain:        0

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

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**SWEARING IN**

Swearing In of Full-Time Firefighters: Frank Batura, Joseph Michaels and Joseph Rialmo

Swearing In of Full-Time Police Officers: David Fox and Raul Rodriguez

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victor Lee, 2957 142<sup>nd</sup> Place, spoke on behalf of his wife Donna Lee regarding her neighborhood watch program for the California Gardens and Deer Point.

Veronica Rodriguez spoke about water bill issues and a complaint against the city clerk.

Carol DiPace-Greene clarified about water rates and increases. She stated the City of Chicago charges \$3.94 per thousand gallons of water. She was also looking for clarification regarding appropriations and looking to reverse all non union wage increases.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

No announcements.

**CITY CLERK:**

No business.

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts.**

Ayes:	8	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Bilotto, Vieyra
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	5	Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to approve Police Retro Wages for \$92,070.69.**

Ayes: 9      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5      Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-008**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2933 W. BURR OAK AVENUE, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS WITH PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER 24-36-101-010-0000, TO CHRIS MESSINO.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2019-008.**

Ayes: 8      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 6      Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Bilotto, Rita,  
Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-009**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND THE CERTIFICATION OF MATCHING FUNDS.

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Resolution No. 2019-009.**

Ayes: 9            Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5            Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-010**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE THORNTON ELEVATED TANK, THE HIGHLAND PUMP STATION AND THE VINCENNES PUMP STATION.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Resolution No. 2019-010.**

Ayes: 8            Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5            Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 1            Bilotto

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-006**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to amend Ordinance No. 2019-006.**

Ayes:	3	Carr, Pittman, Bilotto
Nays:	6	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson, Vieyra
Absent:	5	Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2019-006.**

Ayes:	5	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Vieyra
Nays:	4	Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto
Absent:	5	Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

There being Four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to amend Ordinance No. 2019-006 eliminating raises for non union employees and transferring those funds to street repair.**

Ayes:	4	Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto
Nays:	5	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Vieyra
Absent:	5	Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

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Abstain: 0

There being Four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to amend Ordinance No. 2019-006 with agreed upon amendments and to include the salary schedule as presented by the Finance Department with a 2% COLA increase and eliminating the merit increases.**

Ayes: 9      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5      Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2019-006 as amended.**

Ayes: 9      Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5      Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m. – East Annex

**Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for March 27, 2019 for \$538,288.98.**

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Carr, Pittman, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 5 Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Payroll for March 8, 2019 for \$362,998.90.**

Ayes: 8 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Bilotto, Vieyra

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 5 Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

Next Meeting – TBA

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Ald. Johnson asked if there is a ball park figure for the investigation for the Tahoes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Thompson to approve a settlement agreement between the City and Code Red.

Ayes:	9	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Rita, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

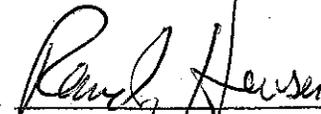
ADJOURNMENT

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

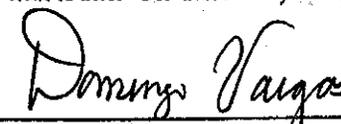
Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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 Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

  
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 Domingo Vargas, Mayor