

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

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**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 9, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:           9           Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto  
(7:11), Vieyra, Hawley

Absent:            5           Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the City Council Minutes from March 26, 2019.**

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

Nays:            0

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

Abstain:        0

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked Chief Lasalle King for his years of service.

Bob Jackson announced that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt at the John D. Rita Recreation Center April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 4pm.

Thomas Madrigal thanked Chief Lasalle King for his years of service to the City.

Jackie Murphy from Three Sisters Antiques is hoping that the new City Council will work together and support the Blue Island businesses.

Marcia Stone thanked Lasalle King for his years of service to the City and asked that Candace Carr not be reappointed to the Public Health & Safety Committee.

Rochelle Orozco thanked Public Works for taking care of problems before needing to report them. She proceeded to thank Lasalle King for his service to the City and also asked that Candace Carr be removed from the Public Health & Safety Committee.

Barbara Ennis invited all to attend a seminar on Domestic Violence against Senior Citizens on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12PM.

Teddy Aguilera, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Benedicts School, presented Lasalle King with a Poster Board created by fellow students to commemorate his years with the City.

Reverend Peter Contreras thanked Chief Lasalle King for his years of service to the City of Blue Island and asked that we all start working together.

Alderman Carr apologized to Chief Lasalle King if she made him feel any less of a Chief.

Lasalle King accepted Alderman Carr's apology and thanked everyone for their support over his 21 years serving Blue Island.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE CHIEF LASALLE KING FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.**

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Resolution No. 2019-012.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

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Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Life Saving Medal Awards were presented to Officers Daniel Ramos and Brian Holwell for saving the life of a man with severe bleeding by applying a tourniquet to his arm before the EMT unit arrived thereby saving his life.

Mayor Vargas informed the Council that the bunting was up on City Hall for the Secretary to three Police Chiefs, Gerry Kirschner, had passed away last weekend.

**CITY CLERK:**

Motion to approve a request from Park Lawn for their annual Tag and Candy Day Fundraiser on Friday & Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday & Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:00am until 8:00pm or dusk.

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

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve a request from St. Benedict's Catholic Church to have their fourth annual "Living Stations of the Cross" on April 19, 2019 from 12:00pm until roughly 1:30pm

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Hawley to approve request.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

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Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve a request from the Blue Island Little League for their annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 12:00pm. They are also requesting to use the Annex from 7:00am until 11:00am to have their pictures taken.

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Thompson to approve request.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve a request from the Blue Island American Legion Post 50 to hold their annual Poppy Days on Friday and Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with rain dates on Friday and Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Thompson to approve request.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve a request from California Gardens Christian Love Baptist Church to sponsor a Back-to-School Festival on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10:00am – 6:00pm

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve request.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve a request from Cook County School District 130 (Kerr Middle School) to have their annual block party on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 9:00am until 2:00pm

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Frausto to approve request.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY TREASURER:**

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**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-007**

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 12738 LINCOLN STREET, 12755 HOYNE AVENUE AND 13046 HONORE STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Ordinance 2019-007**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-008**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 12727 ELM STREET AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Ordinance 2019-008**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-011**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CHEM CHECK, INC. AND THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF RENEW PROGRAM FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 2427 W. 127<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BLUE ISLAND ILLINOIS.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Resolution 2019-011**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,

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Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, 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 – Wednesday April 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman****Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for April 10, 2019 for \$463,000.53.**Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Payroll for March 22, 2019 for \$343,480.93.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,

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Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Payroll for April 5, 2019 for \$337,826.51.**

Ayes: 9 Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,  
Carr, Pittman, Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra,  
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

### ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Fahrenwald recognized the newly elected aldermen in the audience and encouraged anyone interested in running in two years to do so.

Attorney Horvath said that enjoyed working with Chief Lasalle King and he will miss him.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Poulos to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and labor negotiations.**

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

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Pittman to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

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

Attorney Horvath stated that in closed session we discussed status of pending litigation. He also updated the council on the status of labor negotiations with the AFSCME bargaining unit.

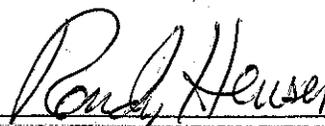
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Vieyra to adjourn the meeting.**

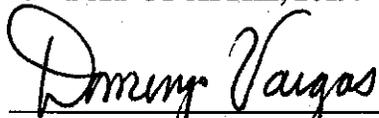
Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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

  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

  
Domingo Vargas, Mayor