

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 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 August 13, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Mech, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from July 23, 2019.

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

SWEARING IN OF POLICE SERGEANT

Mayor Vargas swore in Police Sergeant David Nedved

SWEARING IN OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Vargas swore in Full-Time Police Officers Joseph Doolan and Luis Fragoso

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rochelle Orozco, President of the Library Board, introduced the new Library Director, Anna Wassenaar, to the City Council.

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Stephanie Tony introduced herself as the Community Engagement Liaison for the Blue Island Robbins Neighborhood Network and that there will be a meeting at the Blue Island Library on August 27, 2019.

Tom Madrigal announced that there will be a “Prayers for Schools” celebration at Bethel Pentecostal Church on Sunday, August 18th.

Ron Young expressed his concern that Metro South will be closing and urged citizens to get involved in efforts to keep it open by writing Governor Pritzker.

Victoria (did not say last name) asked that the Blue Island Police further investigate the death of her son.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas read a message from St Benedict Church stating that there would be a Blue Mass for all first responders on September 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Mayor Vargas announced that there are people interested in purchasing Metro South Hospital and that negotiations are still in process.

Mayor Vargas asked for concurrence on the appointment of Chief Reda to the Fire Pension Board, he will be replacing David Haywood

Motion for concurrence by Alderman Cazares, second by Alderman Hawley

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

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

Mayor Vargas read a proclamation recognizing Jeben’s Hardware and declaring May 4th As Art Buhlman & Jeben’s Hardware Day from this day forward.

Motion to approve proclamation by Alderman Bilotto, second by Alderman Cazares

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

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

Jackie Murphy from Three Sisters Antique Mall announced that they are planning to revitalize one of the old Blue Island Traditions “Dog Days” with the first one to be held on August 24, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00pm

CITY CLERK:

Motion to approve a block party on the side lot of building located at 2508 Collins Street on September 1, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Block Party by Ald. Hawley seconded by Ald. Rita.

Ayes:	9	Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander
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 2155-2209 Market Street on August 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

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

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Abstention: 0

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

Motion to approve a block party on the 2700 block of Orchard on August 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

BIDS:

Motion to approve 2019 – 135th Place Street Resurfacing Award Recommendation: Gallagher Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$550,538.90

Motion to approve Bid by Ald. Bilotto seconded by Ald. Carr.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

Motion to approve New Street Reconstruction Award Recommendation: Gallagher Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$331,250.00

Motion to approve Bid by Ald. Bilotto seconded by Ald. Hill.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
 Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
 Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve Monthly Treasurer Report.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
 Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
 Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

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

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
 Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
 Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting Wednesday August 14, 2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting Monday August 26, 2019

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Klinker to approve Accounts Payable for August 14, 2019 in the amount of 696,387.77

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

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

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for July 26, 2019 in the amount of \$331,236.68

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

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

Motion by Alderman Bilotto, seconded by Alderman Rita to approve Ordinance No. 2019-030, An Ordinance Establishing a Local Motor Fuel Tax.

Ayes:	9	Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker
Nays:	0	

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Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting August 20

Motion by Alderman Klinker, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve Ordinance No. 2019-031 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement by and among the City of Chicago, the County of Cook, City of Berwyn, City of Calumet City, City of Chicago Heights, Town of Cicero, City of Harvey, Village of Maywood, Village of Riverdale and the City of Blue Island for the Fiscal Year 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting September 10, 2019

Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Mech to approve Ordinances 2019-032-036 restricting Portions of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 2312 Vernon Street, 2636 Collins Street, 2645 121st Street, 2847 Minnesota and 12230 Artesian within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
Alexander

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Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Rita to approve Ordinance 2019-037 Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 12824 Lincoln Street and 12753 Sacramento in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance 2019-038 Establishing Residential Permit Parking of Motor Vehicles on Olive Street between its Intersection with Vincennes Avenue on the East and its Western Terminus in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson, Alexander

Abstention: 0

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting August 21

Motion by Ald. Rita, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to table Ordinance 2019-029 and send it back to Judiciary Committee.

Ayes: 9 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Hill, Mech,
 Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Donahue, Fahrenwald, Slattery, Johnson,
 Alexander

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion tabled and sent back to committee.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Bilotto expressed his sadness about the Jeben’s closing and that its closing is a huge loss to the City.

Alderman Cantelo-Zylman thanked the Police Department for their sweep to ticket those that haven’t purchased city stickers.

Alderman Mech informed the City Council that First Lutheran was going to be divesting itself from their Cemetery in Alsip.

Alderman Cazares announced that the Park District is holding their back to school event on Sunday.

Mayor Vargas announced that his Aunt will be taking the Mexican Dancing troupe to Springfield to perform at the Illinois State Fair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ald. Rita, 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. Rita to reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

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Attorney Burke informed the Audience that in closed session, we discussed pending litigation.

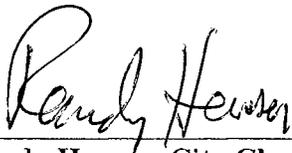
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

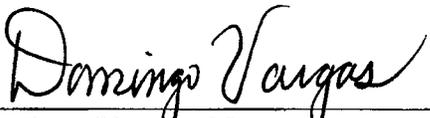
The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor