

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

**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 February 11, 2020.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	12	Alexander, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley (7:06), Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson
Absent:	2	Bilotto, Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Kelly Burke, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from January 28, 2020.**

Ayes:	9	Alexander, Cazares, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Bilotto, Hawley, Slattery
Abstention:	2	Rita, Donahue

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT;**

Rachelle Orozco informed the City Council that one of the Women of Worship, Barbara Ennis had passed away. She also stated the Black History celebration would be on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the East Annex.

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Black History celebration at the John D. Rita Recreation Center will be on February 29, 2020  
5:00pm – 8:00pm

Alderman Cazares asked about the inflated water bills especially in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Clerk Heuser informed him that there was a Reader error and that Betty Harmeyer, Linda Ortiz and Jim Poelsterl had identified the issue and are addressing it.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas asked for City Council to support his appointment of Tapeca Carthan as Finance Director

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Hawley to affirm Mayor Vargas' appointment of Tapeca Carthan as Finance Director.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

Mayor Vargas had visitors from Michoacán Mexico and stated that they would like to be a Sister to the City of Blue Island.

### **CITY CLERK:**

Motion to approve a request from Blue Island Little League to have their parade on Saturday, April 25, 2020 starting at 12:00 pm. They are also asking for police escort and a fire truck.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

**BIDS:**

No Bids

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the Monthly Treasurer Report.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

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

Ayes: 11 Alexander, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention: 0

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

No Business

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting February 17, 2020

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting February 17, 2020

**Resolution No. 2020-007** A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving an Inspection and Maintenance Services Agreement with Crawford Roofing Experts, LLC.

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Klinker to approve Resolution No. 2020-007**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Payroll for January 24, 2020 for \$352,653.01.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Farhenwald to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for February 12, 2020 for \$524,417.86.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

**Resolution No. 2020-004** A Resolution Instructing the Cook County Clerk to use a New Loss Factor in Calculating the 2019 and Subsequent Years Tax Levy Extensions for Debt Services on Bonds for the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Mech to approve Resolution No. 2020-004.**

Ayes: 10 Alexander, Cazares, Rita,  
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Cantelo-  
Zylman, Klinker, Vargas

Nays: 3 Donahue, Carr, Johnson

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting February 18, 2020

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting March 10, 2020

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**Ordinance 2020-005** An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12501 Highland Avenue within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Rita to approve  
Ordinance No. 2020-005**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Slattery

Abstention:

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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting February 18, 2020

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Donahue wished Alderman Carr a Happy Birthday

Alderman Rita thanked Jim Poelsterl and his crew for a great job with the recent snow storm.

Alderman Fahrenwald announced that there will be a job fair on February 27, 2020 at the East Annex by Cook County Health System and other employers for displaced Metro South workers as well as any others that might be interested in employment.

Alderman Klinker announced that there will be a Mostaccioli Dinner on February 29, from 4-8 pm for the Fire Museum at the Double Play.

Mayor Vargas congratulated his parents on their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Hill to go into Executive Session to discuss:**

1. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
2. Discussion of Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Upon a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Alexander, second by Ald. Cazares to reconvene the Regular Meeting.**

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

Attorney Burke informed the Audience that in closed session, we discussed:

Pending Negotiations with AFSCME  
Pending Bankruptcy Litigation – Affordable Housing

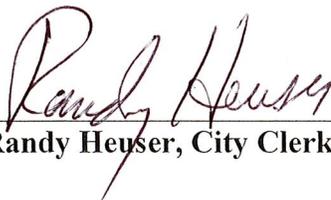
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Mech, second by Ald. Hill to adjourn the meeting.**

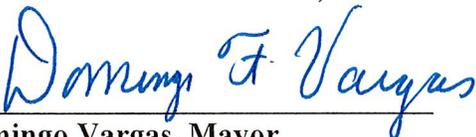
Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor

