

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING  
March 22, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Emergency meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:16 p.m. on March 22, 2020 as permitted by Executive Order 2020-07 signed by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	13	Cazares (7:21), Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson (7:21), Alexander, Bilotto
Absent:	1	Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney
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**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held as to whether the City has fulfilled its duty under Section 91.06 of the City Code by cooperating fully with the State ESDA and with the Governor in the City's determination to terminate emergency police safety services in the City of Blue Island following the executive orders related to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

Discussion was had about the Closing & Reopening of the Blue Island Police Department.

Many Aldermen expressed their concern about the handling of the Police Department Closing because of a positive test of one of their officers. The failure to notify any elected officials was disheartening.

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Mayor Vargas briefly updated the Council about the timeline of events. He assured the Council that we did have police coverage from the Cook County Police during the shutdown. He also informed the Council that the Police Department was being cleaned at the current moment.

Aldermen expressed frustration about finding out about this on social media and the news.

- C. Consideration of an ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois regarding the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Ordinance.**

Ayes:	12	Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	1	Slattery
Abstention:	0	

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

- D. Consideration of a motion, pursuant to the authority granted under Division 1 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, directing the Chief of Police of the Blue Island Police Department, pursuant to her authority granted under Section 33.040 of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois, to promptly take all necessary and appropriate action to reinstate the provision of police safety services (emergency and non-emergency) through the City of Blue Island Police Department as soon as possible.

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

Ayes:	13	Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Slattery
Abstention:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- E. Motion to appoint the Chief of the Fire Department to direct and manage, in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Corporate Authorities, the City's Continuing Emergency Response to the executive orders issued in relation to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Mech to approve.**

Ayes:	13	Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Slattery
Abstention:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- F. Motion directing the Chief of the Fire Department to provide timely updates to the Corporate Authorities regarding the City preparedness for the provision of safety and emergency services to the residents of the City during the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

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

Ayes:	13	Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Slattery
Abstention:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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- G. Amend or Repeal Ordinance #2015-002. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance relating to the Establishment and Organization of the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency and Blue Island Emergency Management Agency for the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.
- H. Amend or Repeal Ordinance #2336, An Ordinance Creating Services and Disaster Agencies (ESDA) For the City of Blue Island, Cook County Illinois.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to Repeal Ordinances #2016-002 and Ordinance #2336.**

Ayes:	13	Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Slattery
Abstention:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

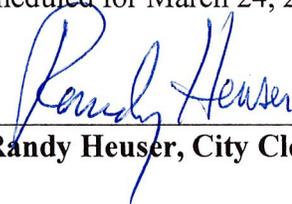
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to adjourn the meeting.**

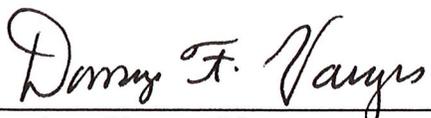
Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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 Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

  
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 Domingo Vargas, Mayor