

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 24, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:02p.m. by Mayor Vargas 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	Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares
Absent:	1	Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Greene suggested that Public Works have the residents read their own water meters. She also expressed concern that there was no notification of the Emergency City Council meeting

Margaret Camp was disappointed in the lack of leadership my Mayor Vargas and asked for him to be replaced.

Ron Bloom said that Mayor Vargas took decisive action by closing the Police Department to ensure the safety of our residents and asked that the political gamesmanship stop.

Allan Stevo stated that the practice of petty politics caused chaos in the Police Department and asked that this practice stop.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Discussion was held about how the City should proceed with scheduling and staffing offices throughout the City during the Corona-19 pandemic. Discussion was had to

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allow Departments to create their own schedules and staff accordingly making sure the City still functions.

Consensus was given for staff to work remotely and allow managers to work with HR and schedule their staff accordingly.

Chief Reda informed the Council that the former Metro South Hospital was going to be used in a Public Private partnership with Chicago Department of Public Health to house COVID-19 positive residents on a temporary basis. Much discussion was had about the logistics and what the City could do to control who lives in the facility.

Chief Reda gave an update on the newly created COVID-19 Task Force. Several Aldermen gave suggestions of information that they would like to see from the Task Force.

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for March 25, 2020 for \$572,364.26.

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

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Payroll for March 6, 2020 for \$358,391.57.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-014 The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

Alderman Donahue presented a balanced budget. After discussion, Alderman Donahue suggested that we appropriate the entire BIHSEMA budget to supplies for safety equipment.

Much discussion was held about appropriations for legal expenses and it was agreed that if needed, a transfer could be made with by the City Council.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2020-014.

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

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ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Donahue thanked all involved for getting the Appropriations Ordinance together.

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Alderman Rita echoed Alderman Donahue's statements and thanked the First Responders for their service.

Alderman Hill thanked the Council for making the right decision about the Appropriations.

Alderman Bilotto asked that everyone stay and support local business during these trying times.

Alderman Klinker asked that we get a monthly Revenue & Expenditure report from Finance Dept.

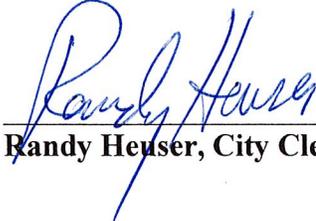
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hill to adjourn the meeting.

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

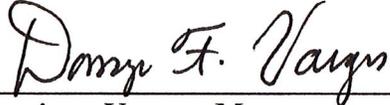
The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



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