

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, April 14, 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	Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson (7:07), Alexander (7:15), Bilotto, Cazares, Rita
Absent:	1	Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from March 10, 2020, March 24, 2020, and Emergency Meeting March 22, 2020.

Ayes:	11	Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Slattery, Johnson, Alexander
Abstention:	0	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT; No public Comment

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas informed the public of several projects starting. The Western Ave Bridge Re-Construction will begin on April 15, 2020. The canopy at the Gas Station at Lewis & Western will be coming down. Collins Street CDBG project is about ready to start and the City is still seeking funding for demolition of the remaining building at the 119th & Vincennes site.

CITY CLERK:

No Business

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes:	11	Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	2	Slattery, Alexander
Abstention:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report

Ayes:	11	Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	2	Slattery, Alexander
Abstention:	0	

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CITY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Horvath informed the Council that we have acquired insurance for the Metra parking lots as required by our agreement with Metra.

Attorney Burke informed the Council about pending changes in Worker's Comp as related to COVID-19 exposure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2020-014 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Asset Disposition Services Agreement with PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Table by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Johnson

Ayes: 5 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr, Johnson

Nays: 8 Donahue, Hill, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

There being Five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

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

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

Nays: 2 Fahrenwald, Johnson

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for April 15, 2020 for \$268,104.74.

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

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. Rita to approve Payroll for March 20, 2020 for \$334,337.21.

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-011 A Resolution Approving an Agreement with John Kasperek Co., for Audit Services for the City of Blue Island for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution No. 2020-011.

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

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Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-012 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Foster & Foster for Pension Actuarial Services to prepare GASB Statement No. 67 and GASB No. 68 Financial Disclosure Information of the City of Blue Island Fire and Police Pension Funds for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Resolution No. 2020-012.

Ayes: 13 Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-013 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board for the Loan of Handheld Radios for use by the Blue Island Police Department.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Resolution No. 2020-013.

Ayes: 13 Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is April 21, 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting is April 23, 2020

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting is cancelled

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Hill asked about employment opportunities at the former Metro South facility. He also verified with the Mayor that the shooter at the Shell gas station incident has been apprehended.

Alderman Johnson asked if the City has applied for Disaster Assistance with FEMA. Chief Reda brought the Council up to date with the status and stated that we are looking for additional funding.

Alderman Alexander asked about the status of Blue Island employees who tested positive for COVID. Chief Reda informed the Council that 4 employees have tested positive and have recovered and are back at work.

Alderman Klinker asked again about the timeline for the closure of the Police Department. Mayor Vargas informed him that he has had family matters that he had been taking care of. Also, one of the BIHSEMA employees who has had health issues.

Alderman Klinker asked about the status of the investigation of Alderman Slattery's Aldermanic seat.

Alderman Klinker asked about the pay raises given to certain employees without Council approval. Attorney Horvath stated that that would be a topic for a future Closed Session.

Alderman Klinker asked about the Capital Funding for the Fire Department

Alderman Klinker asked about the possibility of obstruction of justice changes in the Haro case.

Alderman Johnson also asked about Alderman Slattery's absence. Attorney Horvath stated that the City is following the law in this regards.

Alderman Carr thanked Chief Reda for his COVID response work.

Alderman Bilotto asked that we All support the local restaurants by ordering Take Out food to support them during this Stay at Home order.

ADJOURNMENT

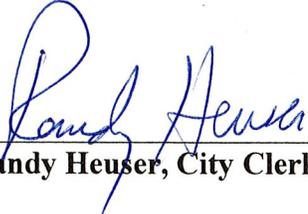
Motion by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman, second by Ald. Rita to adjourn the meeting.

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

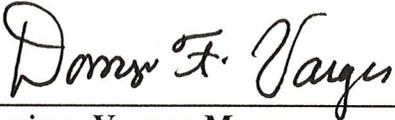
The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

