

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:03p.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	Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares (7:10), Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Absent:	1	Mech
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from May 26, 2020.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Kuehner stated that the murder of George Floyd is a systemic problem and stated that police misconduct in Blue Island has cost the taxpayers Millions of Dollars and asked for change in the Police Department.

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Carol Greene announced that there would be a mask and food giveaway on June 13, 2020 at Eisenhower High School.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas made the following Appointments:

Library Board – New/Replacement Appointment, Karen Jackson is being appointed to take over for Samara Elam who was appointed at the last council meeting -Term Ending 6/21

Motion to Approve by appointments by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Zylman.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Mech

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-020 A Resolution Honoring and Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Harry George Robertson

Motion to Approve by appointments by Ald. Hawley, seconded by Ald. Stevo.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Mech

Abstention: 0

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

Mayor Vargas wished all Fathers a Happy Father's Day. He also read off the projects that are currently underway in Blue Island, those being:

East Portion of the Cal Sag Trail
 Western Ave Bridge reconstruction
 Olde Western resurfacing South of Broadway

We are in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan and the Mayor asked that all business continue to follow the State Guidelines as we prepare to enter Phase 4 in the coming weeks.

Mayor Vargas thanked the volunteers who helped plant flowers in the new flower containers along Western Avenue.

CITY CLERK:

No Business

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes:	11	Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	2	Stevo, Johnson
Absent:	1	Mech
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 Treasurers Report.

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Next meeting, July 8, 2020

Ordinance No. 2020-020 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Regional Transportation Authority and the City of Blue Island regarding Use of Funds from a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for Improvements to Irving Avenue.

Motion to Approve by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Zylman

Ayes: 10 Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr

Nays: 3 Stevo, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 1 Mech

Abstention: 0

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting, June 29, 2020

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Payroll for May 29, 2020 for \$333,060.08.

Ayes: 12 Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Mech

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Accounts Payable for June 10, 2020 for \$411,313.17.

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

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

Motion to reconsider Resolution 2020-017, a Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing a Moratorium on Personal Hiring and Replacement, which was vetoed by Mayor Domingo Vargas, on May 26, 2020.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita

Ayes:	7	Zylman, Alexander, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Hill, Carr
Nays:	7	Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Vargas
Absent:	1	Mech
Abstention:	0	

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Motion to reconsider Ordinance 2020-017, an Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, Illinois, amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois, and establishing a Monthly Retainer for Payment to the City Attorney for the performance of General Corporate Matters for the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, Illinois, which was vetoed by Mayor Domingo Vargas, on May 26, 2020.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita

Ayes:	9	Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hill, Carr
Nays:	5	Stevo, Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Vargas
Absent:	1	Mech

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Abstention: 0

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

Motion to approve, notwithstanding the Mayor's veto, an Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, Illinois, amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois, and establishing a Monthly Retainer for Payment to the City Attorney for the performance of General Corporate Matters for the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, Illinois, which was vetoed by Mayor Domingo Vargas, on May 26, 2020.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita

Ayes: 9 Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hill, Carr

Nays: 5 Stevo, Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Vargas

Absent: 1 Mech

Abstention: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the override failed.

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting is July 14, 2020

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting is July 21, 2020

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Johnson asked if there was a second in charge at Public Works for emergency response.

Alderman Zylman thanked the City Staff for their work during this pandemic.

Alderman Klinker reported that there was a big hole near the Metra tracks at Vermont and asked that it be fixed.

Alderman Fahrenwald reminded the City that Carol Greene was spearheading another food and mask giveaway on June 13th, he also thanked Val Kehoe and her volunteers for planting flowers on Western Avenue.

Alderman Alexander commented that police brutality and racism is prevalent in our country and asked that we consider a social justice committee to ensure that this doesn't happen in Blue Island.

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Aldermen Hill, Carr and Rita made statements about the recent happenings after the George Floyd death and that we should all be proud of how the community has stuck together and that there is no room for hatred in Blue Island.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ald. Zylman, second by Ald. Cazares to go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Upon a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Attorney Horvath informed the Council that we discussed Collective Bargaining Matters and that no final action would be taken.

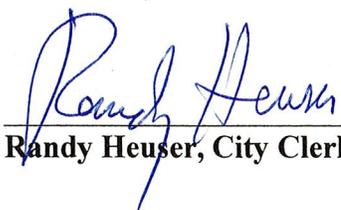
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor

