

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 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 8:05 p.m. on August 11, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 14 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 0

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Cary Horvath, City Attorney

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Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Zylman to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from July 28, 2020.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 1 Rita

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marsha Lee is still having problems with loud noise from her next door neighbor and asked for the Ordinance relating to noise.

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Dave Helsley had several concerns about the actions of the City Council Committees. He also asked about the Chevy Tahoes and asked that we all pick up our own trash throughout the City.

Carol DiPace-Greene stated that the COVID pandemic is not going away and asked that everyone wear face covering. She also announced that there will be a Face Mask, Hand Sanitizer & Food giveaway at Eisenhower High School on Saturday, August 15, 2020 from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Ray Thomas asked that there be a meeting with the Mayor, Municipal Services and himself to discuss Resident Only Parking around The Vault and Ravens.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas asked for a motion to approve the Appointment of Jeannette Hoyt to the Civil Service Commission. Term Expires 2021

Motion by Ald. Stevo, seconded by Alderman Fahrenwald.

Ayes:	14	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstention:	0	

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion to approve a request from the K9s for Veterans to solicit funds on Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th. Proceeds are providing service dogs for veterans suffering from PTSD.

Motion by Ald. Rita, seconded by Alderman Zylman.

Ayes:	14	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	

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Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas thanked Public Works for their work removing downed branches and that ComEd is working to restore power throughout the City. He also thanked Airline Towing for offering a generator for Senior Suites.

Mayor Vargas stated that the City is on top of any possible Social Unrest that might occur, he also announced that he should be having the Mayor’s Advisory Board up and running soon.

Mayor Vargas announced that we were accepting Bids for the demolition of the former Formold Plastics building at 119th & Vincennes.

Mayor Vargas thanked Julie Sklom, Maria Almazan and James Amato & Ald. Stevo for their help cleaning the rain gardens.

Mayor Vargas thanked Municipal Services for moving forward toward becoming ALS certified.

Governor Pritzker put forth new CDC guidelines for mask and social distancing with possible misdemeanor charges and fines up to \$2,500

Census volunteers will be going door to door to finalize the 2020 Census and asked that all participate.

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Monthly Treasurer’s Report

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

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

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

Nays: 2 Johnson, Stevo

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting Wednesday August 12, 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting Monday August 17, 2020

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bi-lotto to approve Payroll for July 24, 2020 in the amount of \$342,541.11

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for August 12, 2020 in the amount of \$680,571.07.

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-027 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the City of Blue Island (Blue Island Fire Department) in Connection with Enhanced Rates for Ambulance Services

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita to approve Ordinance 2020-027.

Ayes: 14 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-031 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Agreement for Services with Grizz Pest Management, Inc.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita to approve Resolution 2020-031.

Ayes: 14 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-032 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Green Plumb for Ecological Care of the Four City Rain Gardens and Native Plant Installations.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Hill to approve Resolution 2020-032.

Ayes:	14	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstention:	0	

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-033 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with H.W. Lochner, Inc. for Inspection of the Chatham Street Bridge.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita to approve Resolution 2020-033.

Ayes:	14	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstention:	0	

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-034 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with H.W. Lochner, Inc. for Inspection of the Division Street Bridge.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita to approve Resolution 2020-034.

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Ayes: 14 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-035 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Metropolitan Pump Company for Installation of New Equipment at the Vincennes Road Pump Station.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution 2020-035.

Ayes: 14 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting August 18, 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting August 11, 2020

Ordinance Nos. 2020-024 and 2020-025 Ordinances Restricting a Portion of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12506 Highland Avenue and 12506 Elm Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Hill to approve Ordinances 2020-024 and 2020-025.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-028 An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2951 Edison Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2020-028.

Ayes: 12 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley,
Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Klinker, Stevo,
Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Donahue, Zylman

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-029 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Blue Island and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Blue Island 119th Place Bioswale and Permeable Alley.

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2020-029.

Ayes: 12 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley,
Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Klinker, Stevo,
Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Donahue, Zylman

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Abstention: 0

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting August 18, 2020

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Hill thanked Public Works for their work as a result of the storm

Alderman Rita asked that the rat abatement program get started ASAP and thanked Public Works for their work as a result of the storm.

Alderman Alexander thanked everyone for their support for her shred event. And that is a mask give away on Thursday, August

Alderman Fahrenwald reminded everyone of the mask giveaway Saturday at Eisenhower High School.

Alderman Bilotto thanked those who supported St. Donatus during their Pizzarama.

Alderman Johnson thanked the Mayor’s office for keeping ComEd in the loop about where the power outages are in Blue Island.

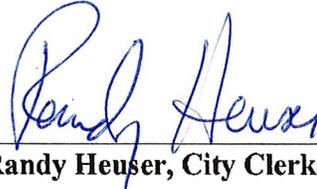
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a roll call vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
25th DAY OF August 2020.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

