

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS
July 9, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – June 25, 2013

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR: A RESOLUTION HONORING CARLEE AND DAISY JACKSON ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO HAVE COOPERS GROVE ROAD BLOCKED OFF FROM 139TH STREET TO 140TH STREET ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
2. MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR AT 2609 135TH PLACE ON JULY 20TH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NO CASH BID (Vacant, undeveloped residential land – Orchard Street)
2. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NO CASH BID (Vacant Commercial and Industrial Land – Northeast District)
3. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NO CASH BID (Abandoned Commercial and Industrial Buildings – Northeast District)
4. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, NAMELY:
DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUTENT SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLOSED SESSION:

1. PENDING LITIGATION
2. NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING ACQUISITION AND LEASE OF REAL
PROPERTY FROM MWRD

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
OFFICES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island is an Illinois municipal corporation operating under and pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of Blue Island have determined the restructuring of the existing organization of municipal government for the City of Blue Island is necessary to more efficiently serve the residents of the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code at 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5(a) provides the mayor by and with the advice and consent of the city council, may appoint any officers necessary to carry into effect the powers conferred upon municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Blue Island have deemed it necessary to establish additional appointed offices in order to effectively carry out the powers, duties and responsibilities conferred upon the City of Blue Island, a municipality within the meaning of the Illinois Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are incorporated herein by this reference as if specifically stated in full.

Section 2. **Creation of Offices.** The City Code shall be amended to create the following offices:

- A. **Director of Municipal Services.** The office of Director of Municipal Services for the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois is created and established with the duties and responsibilities as set forth below.

- (i) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Director of Municipal Services shall assist and advise the Mayor as to the efficacy of, as well as have primary control, management of and operation of, the Departments of Finance, Risk Management, Senior Citizens, Planning and Marketing. The Director shall further evaluate, assist and advise the Mayor on what form these Departments will continue to operate, including whether any efficiencies and/or consolidations can be made within the Departments for the benefit of the City. The Director shall have such further duties of office and responsibilities concerning City services as may further be given by the Mayor.
- (ii) *Salary and Compensation.* The Director of Municipal Services shall receive such salary and compensation as the City Council from time to time may allow; payable in equal bi-weekly installments.

B. Director of Constituent Services. The office of Director of Constituent Services for the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois is created and established with the duties and responsibilities as set forth below.

- (i) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Director of Constituent Services shall assist and advise the Mayor as to the efficacy of, as well as have primary control, management of and operation of, the Departments of Water, Public Works, Buildings, and the Golf Course. The Director shall further evaluate, assist and advise the Mayor on what form these Departments will continue to operate, including whether any efficiencies and/or consolidations can be made within the Departments for the benefit of the City. The Director shall have such further duties of office and responsibilities concerning constituent services as may further be given by the Mayor.
- (ii) *Salary and Compensation.* The Director of Constituent Services shall receive such salary and compensation as the City Council from time to time may allow; payable in equal bi-weekly installments.

C. Director of Public Safety. The office of Director of Public Safety for the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois is created and established with the duties and responsibilities as set forth below.

- (i) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Director of Public Safety shall assist and advise the Mayor as to the efficacy of, as well as have primary control, management of and operation of, the Departments of Police, Fire/B.I.E.M.A., 911, Inspections, Housing Courts and Parking Courts. The Director shall further evaluate, assist and

advise the Mayor on what form these Departments will continue to operate, including whether any efficiencies and/or consolidations can be made within the Departments for the benefit of the City. The Director shall have such further duties of office and responsibilities concerning public safety as may further be given by the Mayor.

- (ii) *Salary and Compensation.* Director of Public Safety shall receive such salary and compensation as the City Council from time to time may allow; payable in equal bi-weekly installments.

Section 5. Severability. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repeal and Savings Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, action, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the City prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as corporate authorities.

SO ORDAINED this 9th day of July, at the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013

**CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

VOTING AYE:

VOTING NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
_____ day of _____, 2013

CITY CLERK

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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION HONORING
CARLEE AND DAISY JACKSON
ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, CARLEE JACKSON and **DAISY ROBINSON** were married on July 19, 1953 at the home of Daisy's parents in Chicago Heights, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE JACKSON was born in Weldon, Arkansas on September 8, 1930 to Carlee, Sr. and Dovie Jackson; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE is a Veteran of the Korean War and has been a member of the American Legion for 56 years; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE worked as a Safety Inspector and other various positions at Bliss & Laughlin Steel Company in Harvey, Illinois for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE was the first African-American Alderman elected in 1997 and served the residents of the Sixth Ward until May, 2009. During this time **CARLEE** helped initiate improvements in the sixth ward including installation of new sewers, street reconstruction, street lighting and repaired sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE is a loving husband, father, grandfather and law abiding citizen of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, DAISY JACKSON nee **ROBINSON** was born in Chicago Heights, Illinois on May 1, 1929 to Oscar and Callie Robinson; and

WHEREAS, DAISY was a telephone operator for Illinois Bell for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, DAISY is well known among family and friends for her homemade desserts, crocheted afghans and other crafts; and

WHEREAS, DAISY is a loving wife, mother, grandmother and law abiding citizen; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE and DAISY have lived in Blue Island for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, CARLEE and DAISY raised three children; Carl (Linda) Jackson, Anita (Derrick) Hall and Candace Jackson. **CARLEE and DAISY** are also the proud grandparents of one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby wish to extend to **CARLEE and DAISY** our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. We would also like to offer our best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness to **CARLEE and DAISY**.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

**CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

VOTING AYE: _____

VOTING NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

APPROVED: this _____ day of _____, 2013.

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLNOIS**

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CITY CLERK

Christine Buckner-Cheatle, Alderman

Tom Hawley, Alderman

Leticia Veyra, Alderman

Charissa Bilotto, Alderman

Nancy Rita, Alderman

Kevin Donahue, Alderman

Marcia Stone, Alderman

Candace Carr, Alderman

Janice Ostling, Alderman

Mike Janko, Alderman

Dexter Johnson, Alderman

Jairo Frausto, Alderman

Nancy Thompson, Alderman

James Johanson, Alderman



13911 Coopers Grove Road
Blue Island, IL 60406
Phone (708) 371-7344
Rev. Robert Bond III, Pastor

Linda Seaton - Church Administrator

June 18, 2013

City of Blue Island
13051 S. Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406
(708) 597-1221 Fax

To Whom It May Concern:

Every year our church sponsors a Back-to-School Festival for children of all ages within the neighboring community. This year, we will sponsor a Back-to-School Festival that will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2013 from 10:00am to 6:00pm. This is a time of spiritual fun for the children and the entire family. To assist the families with back to school expenses, we will provide back-to-school bags. The bags will consist of school supplies of all kind. **We are asking for permission to have Coopers Grove Road blocked off from 139th Street to 140th Street.**

To help make this happen, we are asking that you would assist by providing donations of any sort such as book bags, pens, pencils, etc. Any items that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated and shall not go unnoticed. You may address all of your donations to our P.O. Box 871 ~ Midlothian, IL 60445. If you are sending a monetary donation please make all checks payable to California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church. Should you require additional information please contact our administration office at (708) 371-7344.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bond, III

Reverend Robert Bond III, Pastor

Vanessa Smith,
Special Project Coordinator

"A community church where love is the center and Christ is the foundation"

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NO CASH BID

WHEREAS, under the County of Cook's No Cash Bid Program, a unit of government can acquire a tax deed to tax delinquent property, thus eliminating all back taxes, interest, and penalties, and return the property to productive use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island respectfully requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a no cash bid for the following two (2) parcels of real estate:

1. Vol: 247 24-25-408-001-0000
2. Vol: 247 24-25-408-022-0000

WHEREAS, the intended use for the parcels, which will greatly benefit the City of Blue Island, is as follows:

Parcels 1-2: Vacant, undeveloped residential land. The land would be acquired for open space and expanded recreational opportunities. Outdoor physical activity improves the quality of life for residents and public health for all.

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island will file for tax exempt status for the above captioned PINs. The City of Blue Island will retain the PINs for municipal use or maintain the status until tax deeds are conveyed to a third party; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island has not executed an agreement with a Third Party Requestor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island will retain legal counsel to obtain the tax deeds and bear all legal and other costs associated with acquisition of the parcels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island agrees to submit to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, on a form provided by that office, reports on the status of each parcel for five years or until development is complete, whichever occurs last, as required by the Cook County No Cash Bid Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Blue Island to acquire the subject property through participation in the No Cash Bid Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The statements set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are adopted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City of Blue Island requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a No Cash Bid for each of the parcels listed herein.

SECTION 3: The Mayor of the City of Blue Island is authorized and directed to execute all Program documents on behalf of the City of Blue Island, and the Blue Island City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature on those documents, as necessary.

SECTION 4: The City of Blue Island agrees to submit to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development an annual report on the status of the Property for five years or until development is completed, whichever occurs last.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. If any portion of this Resolution is held to be invalid, then that portion of the Resolution shall be stricken and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect to the extent possible.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

**CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
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VOTING AYE: _____

VOTING NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

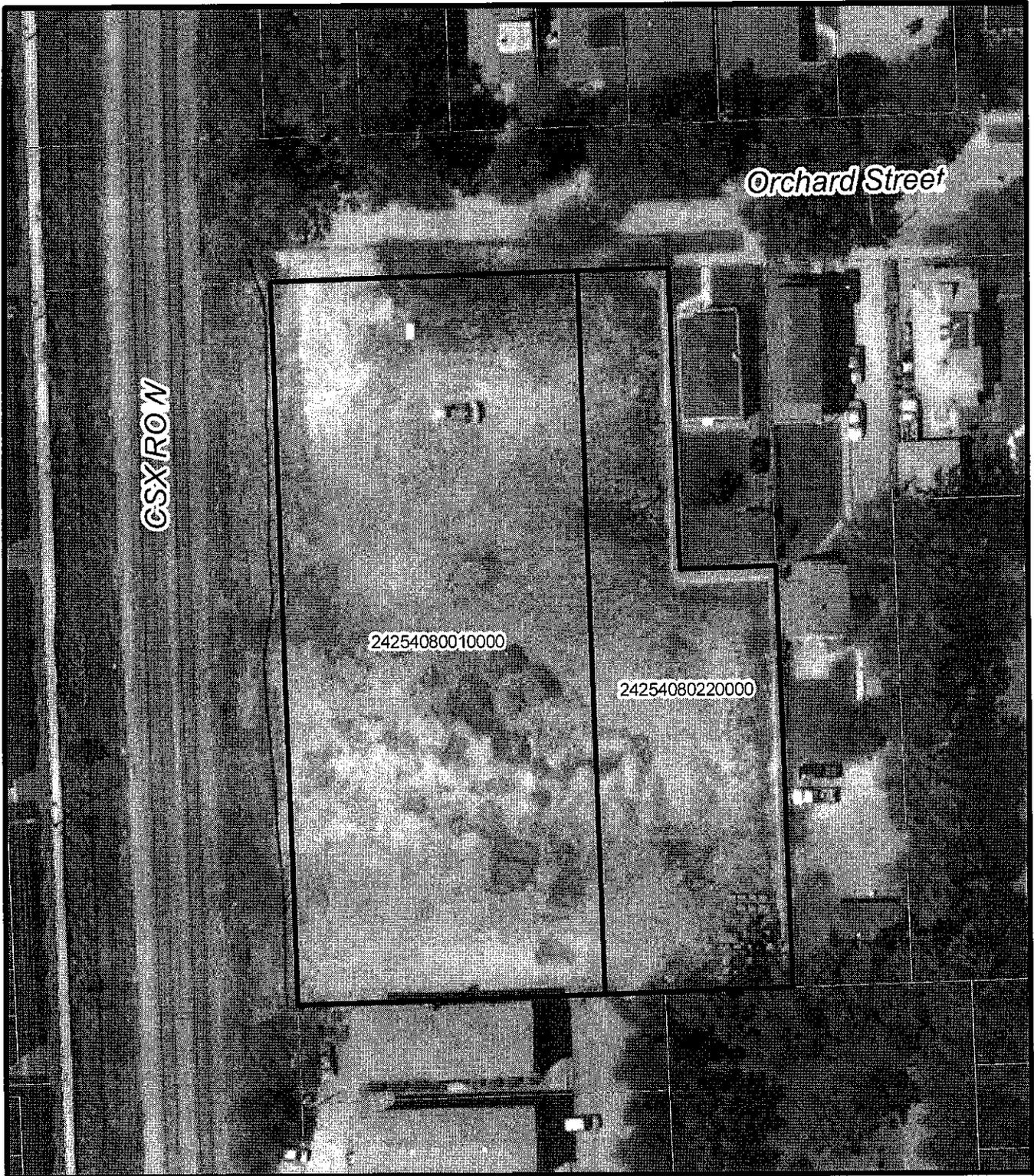
APPROVED: this _____ day of _____, 2013.

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
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ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this

_____ day of _____, 2013.

CITY CLERK



No Cash Bid 2013

 Tax Delinquent Parcels - Orchard St

B&Z: 06/22/2013



RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island respectfully requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a no cash bid for the following eight (8) parcels of vacant real estate:

1. Vol: 037 25-30-105-001-0000
2. Vol: 037 25-30-105-002-0000
3. Vol: 037 25-30-116-003-0000
4. Vol: 037 25-30-116-004-0000
5. Vol: 037 25-30-116-005-0000
6. Vol: 037 25-30-116-016-0000
7. Vol: 037 25-30-116-017-0000
8. Vol: 037 25-30-116-018-0000

WHEREAS, the intended use for the parcels, which will greatly benefit the City of Blue Island, is as follows:

Parcels 1-2: Vacant commercial land formerly used for auto sales. The Southland Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Plan identified this site as a mixed use transit center. Redevelopment will improve neighborhood property values and enhance the commuter rail station.

Parcels 3-8: Vacant industrial land. The Southland Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Plan identified this site as a mixed use transit center. Redevelopment will improve neighborhood property values and enhance the commuter rail station.

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island will file for tax exempt status for the above captioned PINs. The City of Blue Island will retain the PINs for municipal use or maintain the status until tax deeds are conveyed to a third party; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island has not executed an agreement with a Third Party Requestor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island will retain legal counsel to obtain the tax deeds and bear all legal and other costs associated with acquisition of the parcels; and

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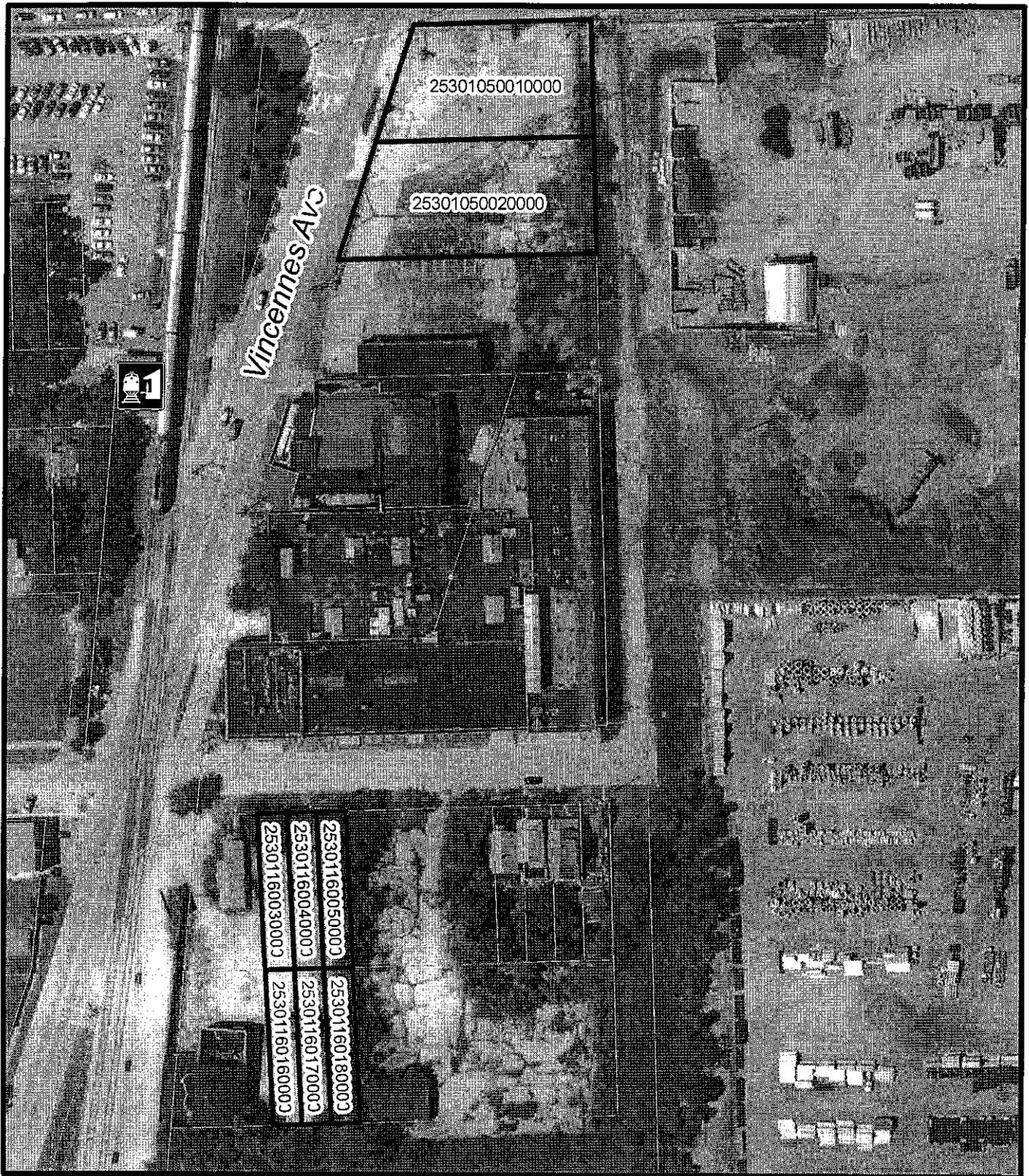
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CITY CLERK



No Cash Bid 2013

 Tax Delinquent Parcels - Vacant Northeast Mixed Use District

B&Z: 06/22/2013



RESOLUTION NO. _____

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NO CASH BID

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island respectfully requests that the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve a no cash bid for the following seven (7) parcels of improved real estate:

1. Vol: 037 25-30-105-003-0000
2. Vol: 037 25-30-105-004-0000
3. Vol: 037 25-30-105-005-0000
4. Vol: 037 25-30-105-006-0000
5. Vol: 037 25-30-116-001-0000
6. Vol: 037 25-30-116-002-0000
7. Vol: 037 25-30-116-015-0000

WHEREAS, the intended use for the parcels, which will greatly benefit the City of Blue Island, is as follows:

Parcels 1-2: Abandoned commercial buildings formerly used for auto sales. The Southland Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Plan identified this site as a mixed use transit center. Redevelopment will improve neighborhood property values and enhance the commuter rail station.

Parcels 3-7: Abandoned industrial buildings formerly used for manufacturing. The Southland Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Plan identified this site as a mixed use transit center. Redevelopment will improve neighborhood property values and enhance the commuter rail station.

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Blue Island to acquire the subject property through participation in the No Cash Bid Program.

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VOTING NAY: _____

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ABSTAIN: _____

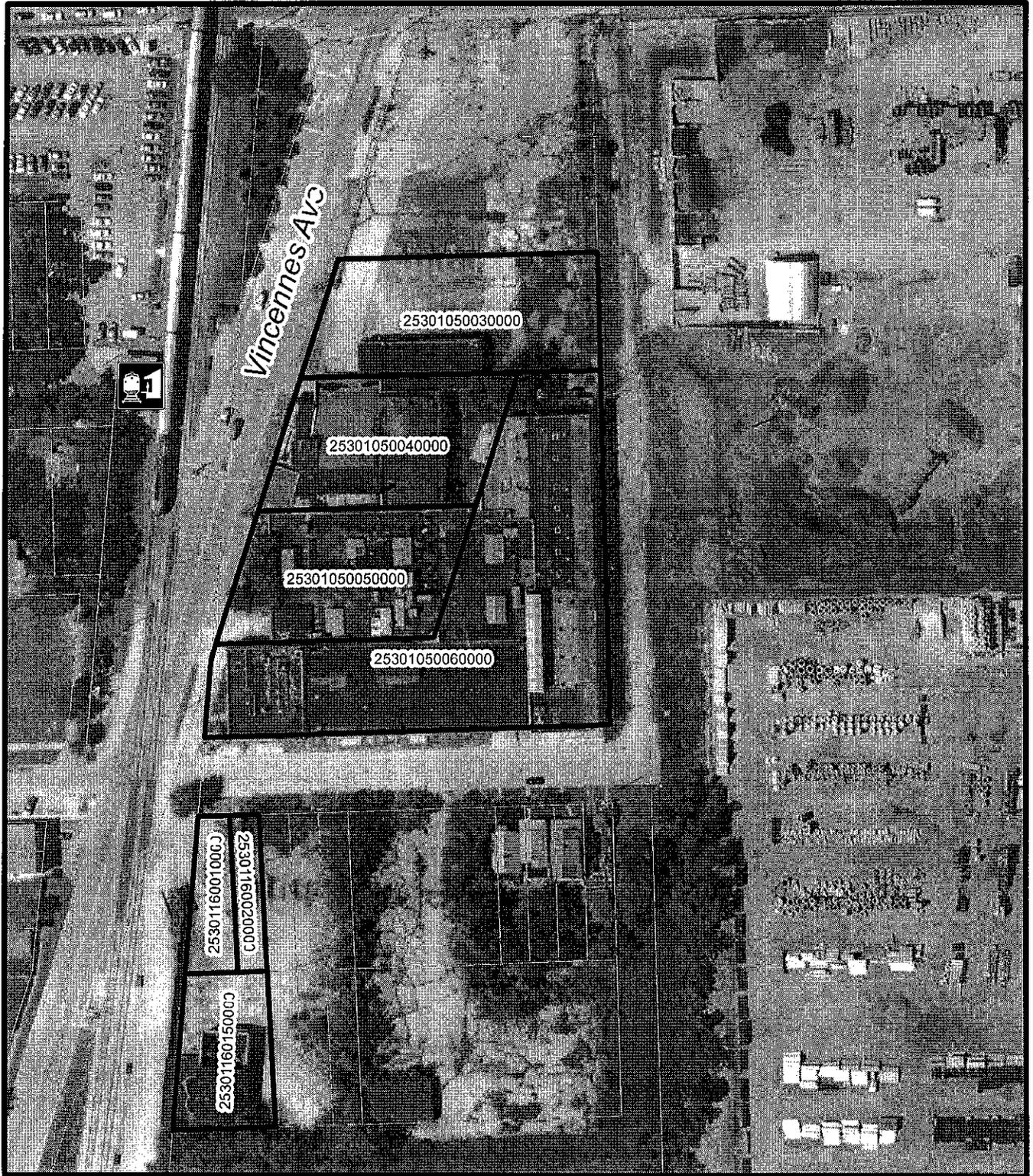
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CITY CLERK



No Cash Bid 2013

 Tax Delinquent Parcels - Improved Northeast Mixed Use District

B&Z: 06/22/2013



**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on June 25, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita (7:05)
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Ald. Rita, Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

BLOCK PARTY REQUEST

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request for a Block Party on Elm Street between Union and High Streets on July 4, 2013 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE NO. 13-231

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Location: 2528 Orchard Street.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to approve.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

New Business's –

Body Craft and Rebuild at 13830 Harrison Street – referred to the Plan Commission.

Tuscan Grill at 13000 Western Avenue – No Show.

Dotty's at 12601 Western Avenue – Tabled.

New Look Hair Salon at 13046 Western Avenue – Approved pending final Building and Fire inspections, getting final signage approved, a sales tax number and scavenger information.

Power Cutz at 12832 Western Avenue – decided not to open.

La Dolce Bakery at 13442 Western Avenue – Approved pending final Building, Health and Fire inspections.

Sold After Staging at 12906 Maple Avenue – Approved.

ARM Marketing, solicitors – Did not attend.

Dream Bags at 13636 Western Avenue – Approve to extend their temporary license for 30 more days.

Fun & Cocktails at 1859 W. 127th Street – Final extension to August 14, 2013 for all final inspections.

La Finka at 1964 Vermont Street – A temporary license granted until July 10, 2013.

BIPC, LLC at 13403 Ann Street – Approved.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Accounts Payable for May 28, 2013 for \$548,692.48.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Accounts Payable for June 11, 2013 for \$172,081.62.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

No Report.

Ald. Rita announced that Finance Director Anastasia provided dates to change the close out dates to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. July 16, 2013 City Council Meeting will be the first time Accounts Payable and Payroll will be approved by the full Council before any checks are prepared. John Cusparik, CPA had been retained by the Finance Committee to give a snap shot of the City's finances to assist with budget purposes.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to close Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

SETTLEMENT

Attorney Cary Horvath reported that a settlement had been reached in the case of Cornelio Delgado versus City of Blue Island. A settlement in the amount of \$133,000 was agreed upon to be paid in two installments of \$66,500 due August 30, 2013 and October 30, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Carr to approve settlement.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

Ron Reinhardt at 2508 Walnut, a pastor at St. Joseph & St. Aiden Episcopal Church thanked Mayor Vargas, Alderman's Hawley and Carr for attending his annual day of prayer for the environment. He stated their presence is important and to continue their leadership.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vargas stated with the 4th of July around the corner he has decided to have a Community Parade for this year. This parade would just be a walk parade, no watching starting at from Memorial Park at noon. The Mayor announced for next year, CSX as committed to sponsor the fireworks show and reminded everybody that fireworks are illegal and to be safe.

Mayor Vargas announced the air emergency sirens went off the other night when the weather was severe.

Mayor Vargas announced he had received a letter from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District regarding reporting any flood damage and July 9, 2013 is the deadline to apply.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

BLOCK PARTY REQUEST

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Stone to approve a request for a Block Party at 3320 W. Edison Street on July 4, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-232

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2013 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling to approve.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-233

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PREVAILING WAGE STANDARDS IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Stone to approve.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

George Crosby at 2157 W. 123rd Street has submitted a fence plan for his home. He is going with a 6 ft. chain-link fence replacing a 4 ft. existing chain-link fence. His property abuts Vincennes Avenue and will have slats in it. The fence will be close to the sidewalk and will not go beyond the front of his house – Approved.

Chief Vrshek brought up the building at 2830 Vermont Street owned by Mr. Simborg. The building is in bad shape and needs some problems addressed. Mitch Simborg or the property manager is to be asked to come back to committee regarding this property.

Building Department Report for May 2013 –

• Building Permits Issued	137
• Apartment Inspections	41
• Residential Inspections	55
• Commercial Inspections	16
• Letter of Conditions	7
• Demand Notices	0
• Court Summons Issued	12
• Complaints Checked	45
• Not Approved for Occupancy	30
• Code Violation Door Tags	60
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	0
• Stop Work Notices	0
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$1,750.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	12
• Vacant Properties Inspected	9

The revision of the Business Application Process discussion was tabled until the July 10th meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Ald. Johnson stated in regards to Dream Bags, he has received phone calls implying they are doing unfair practices as far as paying under minimum wages and even not getting paid at all.

Ald. Hawley stated that it was brought to his attention that day and they will be looking into it.

The meeting of the whole Appropriation Meeting is set for Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 6:30 has been cancelled; the Finance Committee will use this date and time to further discuss Appropriation and Budget revisions.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 6:30 pm – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2013, 6:30 pm – East Annex.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 1, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Johanson to go into Executive Session.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Johanson.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

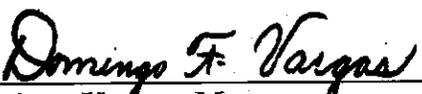
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
3RD DAY OF JULY, 2013.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

Perry Recker
12602 Maple Ave.
Blue Island, IL 60406

June 19, 2013.

Dear Mayor Vargas, Director Cottonaro, President Egert and Members of the Blue Island Library Board and Library Staff.

It is with no little regret, but many fond memories that I am informing you of my intention to resign from the Library Board, effective June 30th, 2013.

It has been a wonderful six plus years, and I will miss our lively and enthusiastic Board meetings.

Our library does Blue Island proud and I am grateful and humbled to have been a part of such a great and dynamic institution, which has been a consistent model of public and community service in the Chicago Southland for many years. The Library staff in particular, with their sense of mission and commitment to cutting edge services for a diverse population, has been marvelous and wonderful to observe, support and stand in awe of!

I also want to assure you that I am not leaving because of any disagreement or displeasure, but simply because I feel I have contributed as much as I am able and feel the need to concentrate my time and attention on other volunteer activities such as the Citizens Climate Lobby, the Blue Island Urban Forestry Board, and Friends of the Calumet Sag Trail. I am also confident that you will have no trouble finding an equally capable and enthusiastic person to fill my seat and help the Library to continue to be a library leader in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Perry Recker

CC:

Mayor Domingo Vargas. City Hall. 13051 S. Greenwood Ave..

Director Sarah Cottonaro, and Library Staff, c/o the Library, 2433 York St.

Board President, Joseph Egert, and members of the Board, c/o the Library, 2433 York St.