



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

**City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois
2434 Vermont Street
August 9, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

City of Blue Island
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Blue Island, IL 60406
www.blueisland.org

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**Community
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Public Works

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Blue Island, IL 60406
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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**
Motion to approve City Council Minutes from July 26, 2016
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

Mayor: 1. A Resolution in Support of the Restoration of "The History of the Mexican-American Worker" Mural in the 6th Ward.

Bids:

City Clerk: 1. Motion to approve a block party to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 on Oak Street between Greenwood and Maple from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

2. Motion to approve a request from Christian Life Center to hold an outdoor Service and picnic on August 28, 2016. They are requesting to have York Street blocked off between Gregory Street and Western Avenue. Times of the event are being discussed.

City Treasurer:

City Attorney:

7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Community Development Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Public Health and Safety Committee – Minutes from July 12, 2016
 - d. Municipal Services Committee

e. Judiciary Committee

8. **Aldermanic Announcements/Comments.**
9. **Motion to Retire to Closed Session for consideration of:**
 - a. Discussion of Pending Litigation
10. **Motion to Reconvene Regular Session**
11. **Motion for Adjournment**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
JULY 26, 2016**

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 July 26, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	10	Ald. Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita (7:04), Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Absent:	4	Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney Carmin Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Poulos to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from July 12, 2016.

Ayes:	9	Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Raeanne Zylman, 12057 Artesian Avenue, announced that this year the council will get to pick the date and park to volunteer for the Santa House. Ms. Zylman also asked for volunteers to play pickle ball at the recreation center.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

John Rita, Director of Public Safety, gave an update on last Sunday's storm and the resulting damage. According to the National Weather service, on Sunday evening, Blue Island suffered significant damage as a result of a strong microburst. The city suffered hundreds of downed trees, a number of utility poles, flooding, and damage to several residential homes. The fire department, police department, 911 center, municipal services, and emergency management all responded. The city continues to clean up the damage left by the storm.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Jeff Atwell and Vonda Hardy – Term expiring on 4/30/17
 Clifford Griffith and Joseph Martin – Term expiring on 4/30/18
 William Klein – Term expiring on 4/30/19
 Brandon Richardella – Term expiring on 4/30/20
 Eric Frausto – Term expiring on 4/30/21

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Rita to approve the following persons to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes:	10	Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
Abstain:	0	

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

Civil Service Commission:

John Rauch – Term Expiring on 4/30/17
 Ron Murray – Term expiring on 4/30/18
 Roland Libby – Term expiring on 4/30/19

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Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the following persons to the Civil Service Commission.

Ayes:	10	Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
Abstain:	0	

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

Reminders: Blue Cap Fundraiser, “Bucket of Balls” will be on Sunday, July 31st at 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Also, City of Blue Island is hosting “National Night Out” at the John D. Rita Recreation Center on August 2, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from the Blue Island Fire Fighters to hold a make up rain date “Fill the Boot” Tag Day for Muscular Dystrophy on August 26th at the intersections of 127th & Kedzie, 119th & Western and Vermont & Western.

Ayes:	10	Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson
Abstain:	0	

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

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Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Poulos to approve a request from St. Benedict Catholic Church to hold their St. Benedict Fest on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Street closing at 8:00 a.m. for set-up.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Payroll for July 1, 2016 for \$344,074.90.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

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Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for July 6, 2016 for \$1,239,797.47.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Accounts Payable for July 20, 2016 for \$612,718.46

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 6:30 – East Annex

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Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Denial of Damage Claim 2016-6236.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue thanked all the city departments for their efforts during the storm clean up. He also announced that August 4th will be the grand opening of the Division Street bridge at 5:30 p.m.

Ald. Bilotto announced St. Donatus 107th Anniversary will be from August 3-7 opening at 6 p.m. except Sunday at 1 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a procession on the streets after 10 a.m. mass.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Pittman to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor

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

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2016-022**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION
OF THE HISTORY OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WORKER
MURAL IN THE 6TH WARD.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	TOM HAWLEY	GEORGE POULOS
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	FRED BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	CANDACE CARR	ALECIA SLATTERY
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-022

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF
THE HISTORY OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WORKER MURAL
IN THE 6TH WARD**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island wish to support *The History of the Mexican-American Worker* mural that was originally created in 1974 - 75; and

WHEREAS, this mural was originally commissioned by Blue Island resident and President of the Latin American Advisory Council, August Sallas and created in 1974 - 75 by artists Ray Patlán, Vicente Mendoza, and Jose Nario and

WHEREAS, *The History of the Mexican-American Worker* mural that was created in 1974 - 75 has since been white-washed and is no longer visible; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island support the restoration and update of *The History of the Mexican-American Worker* mural created in 1974 - 75; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island support members of La C.A.U.S.A. Laura De Los Santos, Miguel Salgado, Jason Berry, Mark Patoska, and Jairo Frausto in their efforts to restore the mural *The History of the Mexican-American Worker*; and

WHEREAS, this mural brought to light the Mexican presence and participation in the histories and economies of the Midwest and United States through images of meat factory workers, railroad workers, steel workers and farmworkers; and

WHEREAS, the restored and updated mural will document and publicly proclaim the presence of the working class Mexican community of Blue Island;

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 offer our support for the new *History of the Mexican-American Worker* mural.

ADOPTED this 9th day of August, 2016, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman POULOS					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman SLATTERY					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 9th day of August, 2016.

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

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
9th day of August, 2016.

CITY CLERK

BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

City of Blue Island
13051 S. Greenwood, Blue Island, IL 60406
708-597-8603

Representative: MICHAEL TWOREK Title: _____

Address: 2526 OAK STREET

Daytime Phone: 708-646-5290 Nighttime Phone: _____

E-mail MTWOREK708@AOL.COM

Organization (if any): NONE

Secondary Representative: Richard Mineetti Title: _____

Address: 2519 Oak St

Daytime Phone: 708-825-3037 Nighttime Phone: _____

E-mail rdmineetti@yahoo.com

Specific Location of Block Party: middle of oak st. between greenwood + maple

Requested Date: 8/13/10 Time - Beginning: 1200 End: 1000 pm

City Services:

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Police Officer to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: 3:00 pm

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Fire Engine to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: 3:00 pm

The Blue Island Public Works will deliver barricades as prescribed in the guidelines.

The applicants are responsible for any injury, damage to property or illegal actions during the Block Party. In the event that there should be a directive, written or oral, from the police department to discontinue the party for proper reasons, then the applicants must comply.

Michael Tworek
Signature of Representative

MICHAEL TWOREK
Printed Name

Jessica Robinson
Signature of Secondary Representative

Jessica Robinson
Printed Name

Richard Mineetti

Rich mineetti

**BLOCK PARTY PETITION
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND**

The City of Blue Island is proud of it's neighborhoods - a community of citizens who work and play together. A neighborhood Block Party is one good way to get together with those on your block and reminisce about things, or meet the "new kids" on the block. Your

neighbors, Michael Yurek, residing at _____

(Name of representative)

2526 OAK STREET

(Address of representative)

are planning a Block Party on 8/13/16, from 1200 to 1000

Please be advised that during the party, it will be necessary to temporarily close your street to through traffic.

If you are in support of this Block Party, the City of Blue Island is asking that you add your name, address and signature below to indicate that you have been informed of the event, and also, please indicate whether you will be in attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) ADDRESS ATTENDING? SIGNATURE

Jessica Robinson 2519 oakst Yes Jessica Robinson

~~John Decker 2515 Oak St Blue Island YES John Decker~~

Nino Efron 12757 Maple Ave. YES Nino Efron

Yna Jimenez Yna Jimenez

Therese Young 2532 Oak Yes Therese Young

Brian Magallon 2526 OAKST YES Brian Magallon

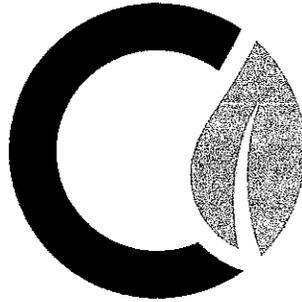
Michael Z 2522 OAK ST YES Michael Z

Jamie Gonzalez 2534 Oak St. Jamie Gonzalez

Erik Nagel 2539 Oak St. Erik Nagel

Betty Nagel 12801 Maple Ave Betty Nagel

~~Michael 2535 Oak Street Michael~~



CHRISTIANLIFECENTER
Blue Island

8/2/2016

Randy Heuser, City Clerk
13051 Greenwood Ave
Blue Island, IL 60406

Dear Mr. Heuser,

On Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Christian Life Center – Blue Island will be hosting an outdoor Service and picnic on the court yard of Metro South Medical Center to celebrate the start of the school year and also acknowledge Blue Island’s First responders as well as our city officials. We would like to request to have York Street blocked off between Gregory Street and Western Ave. during that time to allow our guests and children to move around safely.

As always, we appreciate your willingness to support CLC - BI in our efforts to partner with the City to help make Blue Island a much better place to live under our “I am for Blue Island” campaign.

Sincerely,

Kenesa Debela
CLC – BI Outreach Director
773 485 0715

2552 135th St
Blue Island, IL 60406
(708) 429-7729

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of July 12th, 2016**

Present were Chief James Klinker, Deputy Chief Michael Cornell, Commander Kevin Sisk, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Absent were Director John Rita, Alderman Dexter Johnson, Alderman George Poulos and Alderman Nancy Thompson. The meeting was called to order at 6:07p.m.

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Citizens' Concerns

There were no citizens present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 339 calls in June, 228 were EMS calls
197 Patients were treated
170 Patients were transported
59 Patients refused transport

They responded to 23 general fire alarms, and 27 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 30 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 26 calls to man the station.

They received 5 mutual aid response calls, including 1 boat response.

Average response time was 5.3 minutes.

Medical Reimbursement Services for June was \$48,995.10

Fire Recovery paid \$0.00 in June.

False Fire Alarms Fees collected in June \$0.00

During the month of June, the Fire Department was called out on one partial building collapse at 13340 Olde Western Avenue, one stove fire, one structure fire in Calumet Park, one electrical issue, one box alarm in Robbins, and a body recovery in Robbins.

General

Firefighter Andrew Walsh passed his probationary period.

Firefighter Ray Houlihan was terminated.

New Firefighter Candidate Jordan Boyce started the pre-employment testing process.

The next date for Fill the Boot Drive is July 29, 2016.

The Fire Department attended Kid Community Day June 11, 2016 at Bethel Pentecostal Church.

The Fire Department attended Open Streets Blue Island on June, 2016.

Maintenance

Truck 2104 had hydraulic motor repair done by Fire Service Inc. for a cost of \$1155.00
Engine 2123 had locked brakes repaired by Fire Service Inc. for a cost of \$183.75

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Inspectors inspected 5 fire alarm system, 3 sprinkler systems, 24 annual inspections and re-inspections, 4 license inspections, 0 complaint inspection, and 2 plan reviews during the month of June.

Training

The training division completed 460.69 hours of training for the month of June 2016.
Firefighter McClement passed the Public School Inspection Class
Firefighter Adlington is scheduled for Haz Mat Ops Class on 9/3/16 at Moraine Valley.
Firefighter Staszewski and Firefighter MacDonald need to reschedule state tests.

Grants

2015 AFG Grant – Sean Halloran submitted the 2015 AFG Grant Application.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors. No response yet.

IDPH EMS Grant - AED's

Police Department

The Police Department answered 2697 calls for service including 381 business premise checks, 78 were liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

125 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)

1 Armed Robberies

0 Robberies

5 Residential Burglaries

Multiple shots fired calls at the end of June. All were considered unfounded. Most likely fireworks.

86 Domestic Disputes

422 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of June \$29,325.49

19,445 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

On June 23, 2016 Midlothian received a call from a delivery person that was trying to drop off car parts to Advance Auto Parts at 14445 S. Cicero. The delivery person related that the manager was acting odd and would

not open the door. She realized there was a problem and drove a half block away and called police. As Midlothian Police arrived, the offender that was holding the sales manager at gun point, fled the building, The offender tied up the victim and attempted to rob the store. Several surrounding police agencies arrived to assist Midlothian Police Department, including Blue Island. Midlothian observed the offender run into a residential area. Officers set up a perimeter and Blue Island and other assisting agencies took the offender into custody without incident.

On June 19, 2016 Officers were checking on two suspicious vehicles at the Water Reclamation District waterfall. While checking on the vehicles' registration, officers discovered one vehicle was stolen out of Chicago. Officers canvassed the waterfall park and found seven people drinking alcohol. Officers spoke to the people and learned that the vehicles belonged to them. Officers and the offenders walked back to the vehicles to get I.D. cards. One of the offenders attempted to get into the vehicle after being told to stop. Officers stopped him and found him carrying a loaded .45 caliber pistol in his waistband. Officers took all the offenders into custody for minors in possession of alcohol. A search of the vehicle was conducted and officers found a second loaded handgun inside one of the vehicles.

Liquor Establishment Calls

There were four fight calls, two domestic disturbance calls, and one disturbance call in the month of June.

Injuries

On June 8, 2016 an Officer was bit in the finger while attempting to take a person into custody. The offender was HIV positive.

Training

At the end of August there will be De-Escalation Training for the entire department.

Upcoming events

August 2nd, 2016 is National Night Out

August 13th, 2016 is Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival

911 Center

In June, the 911 Center answered a total of 10,886 calls.

The 911 Center will have three Supervisors as of July 24th.

We have ten full time dispatchers, and two part-time dispatchers.

Gabe Caponera has been hired as an administrative assistant.

Starting in July the 911 Center will be using Power Phone training.

The supervisor area and filing system is being updated.

The UPS (uninterruptable power system) back up battery system has been updated to insure that the 911 Center never loses power.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of June 22 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Tom Mailhiot has been following up on business licenses and vending machine licenses.

Aldermen's Concerns

Alderman Carr mentioned street signs that had been tagged with gang signs.

There was a short discussion of National Night Out events, and the Blessing of the Water Ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be September 13th, at 6:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman