

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 7:02 p.m. on September 3, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	11	Ald. Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Absent:	3	Ald. Thompson, Poulos, Johnson
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Pittman to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from August 23, 2016.

Ayes:	11	Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Thompson, Poulos, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol DiPace-Green, 2731 Orchard Street, stated the first accountant for the JAWA is no longer with us and the JAWA chair, David Webb, is under investigation. Taxes being too high are a direct result of plans such as JAWA.

Joe Gatrell, 12607 Artesian, spoke about two corner stones at city hall. He recommended that the original corner stone on the northwest corner by the building department be restored. He also noted that the names are so worn they need to be enhanced. Also, the date could be added without doing a disservice to history. The next cornerstone is at the southeast corner and it is in pristine shape. There is foliage that needs to be cut back in order to see the piece. Mr. Gatrell suggested adding lights so it can be seen at night. There is also a large stone in the back of First Midwest bank. He believes that stone would be out of context at city hall; he suggested it possibly go in the triangle by the bridges since it is its original spot or by the canal with a plaque about Henry Seyfarth since he was the chairman of the canal widening project.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Safe Route to School project will be starting on September 19, 2016 and will be completed by October 17, 2016. This will improve the safety for the children by replacing sidewalks on 123rd Street at the intersections of Maple, Ann, Gregory and Artesian.

The Blue Cap Fundraiser, Bucket of Balls, was held on July 31st at the Meadows Golf Course. Over one thousand dollars have been raised for Blue Cap in the three years hosting this event.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Slattery to approve a request from Veterans Memorial Middle School to hold their annual Bike Safety on October 8, 2016.

Ayes:	11	Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from St. Donatus Church to have a procession to welcome Our Lady of San Juan de Los Lagos who is visiting from Mexico on Monday, September 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on August 31, 2016.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Settlement Agreement regarding Administration Appeal.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll for August 26, 2016 for \$371,039.17.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Accounts Payable for September 7, 2016 for \$921,386.28.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CERTAIN TIF DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution No. 2016-027.

Ayes: 11 Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Thompson, Poulos, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-028

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 12608 S. GREENWOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Slattery to approve Ordinance 2016-028.

Ayes:	11	Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Thompson, Poulos, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7:00 – East Annex

Redistricting Committee – Ald. Bilotto, Chairman

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-029

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS FOR THE WARDS OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Slattery to approve Ordinance 2016-029.

Ayes:	11	Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Thompson, Poulos, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Bilotto addressed Mr. Gatrell's concerns regarding the safeguard stone. First Midwest would not give permission to move the stone.

Ald. Johanson announced the community garden work day and potato harvest will be Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at 141st and Sacramento. They are looking for help.

Ald. Carr thanked Christian Life Center for the service they held on August 28th honoring the city officials, police department, fire department, and teachers. She also thanked Father Ken for the Blue Mass he held on September 11th. She announced that September 17th is thank a police officer day.

Ald. Hawley announced the Angel's Touch fundraiser is Saturday at Doubleplay starting at 5 p.m. Also, Sunday is the Historical Society House Walk from 12 – 4 p.m.

Ald. Frausto announced the mural redrawing began on Labor Day. He also announced he is still working at meeting his donation goal for Team Salute as he runs as a charity runner at the Chicago marathon; any donations are greatly appreciated.

The Mayor announced St. Benedicts Fest will be on Saturday.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

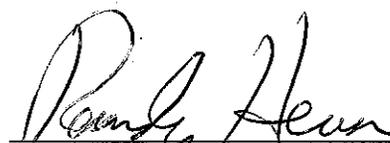
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

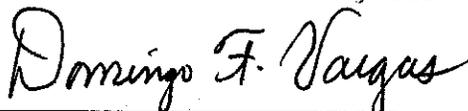
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for September 27, 2016 at 7:00
p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor