

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS
January 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – December 13, 2011

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.
2. AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING RESIDENT PARKING ONLY RESTRICTIONS WITH THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
3. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 12001 GREGORY STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.
4. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A SUPPORTER OF WORKSITE BREASTFEEDING ACCOMMODATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Illinois, as enunciated in the State Constitution, that handicapped persons are entitled to enjoy the fruits of a full and meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island hereby declare that it is the public policy of the city to encourage and assist handicapped persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of our community; and

WHEREAS, to implement such policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island recognize it is desirable to restrict certain portions of the public ways within the City of Blue Island for handicapped parking only;

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

SECTION ONE

That these portions of the streets within the City of Blue Island, as hereinafter designated, are hereby restricted for handicapped parking only:

- a) On the south side of 140th Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2837 W. 140th Street. (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)
- b) On the north side of Everett Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2912 Everett Street. (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)
- c) On the north side of 122nd Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2336 W. 122nd Street. (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

- d) On the west side of Artesian Avenue in front of the residence whose common address is 12252 Artesian Avenue. (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

SECTION TWO

Appropriate signs shall be erected by the Superintendent of Public Works on the portions of the streets designated above informing the public that parking thereon is restricted or permitted as hereinabove provided for.

SECTION THREE

The operator of any vehicle violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each offense.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE

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.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

**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 _____, 2012.

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

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING RESIDENT PARKING ONLY RESTRICTIONS
WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois has determined that regulating vehicular parking on public streets presents a unique challenge;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois has determined that “Resident Parking Only” does not adequately address this challenge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois has determined that the public welfare requires the rescinding of “Resident Parking Only” restrictions.

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

SECTION ONE

That the Resident Parking Only restrictions presently in existence within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION TWO

The Superintendent of Public Works shall remove all signs on the portions of any public street within the City of Blue Island that restricts parking for resident parking only.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR

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.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

**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 _____, 2012.

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

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this

_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this

_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE
BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED
FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT
12001 GREGORY STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Jeffrey A. Atwell has filed an application seeking a variation to the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance of 1971 for the purpose of a constructing a six foot vinyl fence from the southwest corner of the lot (Public Alley and Gregory Street) running along the west lot line to the point of intersection with garage driveway; hence east to the southwest corner of the garage.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has held a public hearing in accordance with Article VIII, Section 8.7 of the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance of 1971; and

WHEREAS, the existing zoning classification of the property in question is an R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.13 (2) of the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance prohibits fences in front yards for lots located in a R-1 Zone; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.7 (4) of the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance authorizes variations; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended that the requested variation be granted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Public and the City to permit the construction of the fence; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found that the following conditions have been complied with:

- (a) The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations in the district in which it is located;

- (b) The proposed variation will not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant, but will alleviate some demonstrable and unusual hardship which would result if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out and which is not generally applicable to other property within the same district;
- (c) The alleged hardship has not been created by any person presently having a proprietary interest in the premises;
- (d) The proposed variation will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood;
- (e) The proposed variation will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, substantially increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety;
- (f) The proposed variation will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood;
- (g) The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Zoning Board of Appeals has also recommended that a variation be granted in this specific instance for the property legally described as follows:

THE WEST 15 FEET OF LOT 16 AND ALL OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 5 IN PATTERSON'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3, THE SOUTH 33 FEET OF LOT 2 AND THE NORTH 33 FEET OF LOT 4, ALL IN SOUTH WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE

That the recitals and findings set forth above and in the recommendation of the Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are incorporated herein verbatim and they are adopted as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION TWO

That a variation to the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance of 1971 is hereby granted to Jeffrey A. Atwell to permit construction of a six-foot vinyl fence from the southwest corner of the lot (Public Alley and Gregory Street) running along the west lot line to the point of intersection with the garage driveway; hence east to the southwest corner of the garage.

SECTION THREE

That any and all improvements made to the subject real property shall be completed in accordance with all applicable zoning, building setback, building, fire and safety ordinances of the City of Blue Island and the specific conditions imposed in this ordinance.

SECTION FOUR

Jeffrey A. Atwell will only be permitted to construct a fence in accordance with the attached recommendation of the Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals as amended.

SECTION FIVE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION SIX

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

SECTION SEVEN

The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this ordinance to the aforesaid applicant as notification of its passage and approval.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

**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 _____, 2012.

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

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals

RE: Application of Jeffrey A. Atwell requesting a variation for a fence (Section 5.13(2)) pursuant to Section 8.7(4)g of the Zoning Code for the premises located at 12001 South Gregory Street, Blue Island, Illinois.

A hearing by the Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals was convened on November 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. concerning the above referenced application. The Zoning Board heard testimony and received evidence from the applicant, Jeffrey A. Atwell. Mr. Atwell presented a Plat of Survey, Exhibit "A", showing the legal description and dimensions of a single zoning lot. The subject lot is located in a R-1 Zoning District and contains a single family residence with an attach garage that faces the west lot line.

The subject lot is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 120th Street and Gregory Street. The premises is a corner lot with a front yard abutting 120th Street on the north and a front yard abutting Gregory Street on the east. A public alley abuts the premises on the south. The south lot line currently has a six foot chain link fence. Mr. Atwell is requesting a variance to construct a six foot fence consisting of wood or wood composite from the southwest corner of the lot (Public Alley and Gregory Street) running along the west lot line to the point of intersection with the garage driveway; hence east to the southwest corner of the garage.

The Applicant also testified that a later date he would be seeking a variance to construct a fence from the northwest corner of the residence westerly to the west lot line; hence northerly to the northwest corner of the lot. Applicant could not state with specificity when this part of the project would commence.

Section 5.13(2) of the Zoning Code prohibits fences in front yards for lots locate in a R-1 Zone. Section 8.7(4) of the Zoning Code authorizes variations. After hearing the testimony and

considering the standards for issuing a variations the Zoning Board of Appeals entertained two motions. The first motion was to recommend that a variation be approved as to the Applicant's request for the construction of a six-foot wood or wood composite fence on the west lot line from the public alley to the garage driveway.

The votes were:

Four (4) votes Aye

No (0) votes Nay

Two (2) votes Absent

This motion having carried, we recommend that this part of the application be granted.

The second motion was to table the Applicant's request for a variance for the construction of a fence on the northern half of the west line to the northwest corner of the lot.

The votes were:

Four (4) votes Aye

No (0) votes Nay

Two (2) votes Absent

This motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Clifford Griffin, Chairman

Vonda Hardy

Willie Scott

Daniel Perez

Sue Andrews

Eric Frausto

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A SUPPORTER OF WORKSITE BREASTFEEDING
ACCOMMODATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the City) recognizes that breast milk is optimal food for growth and development of infants; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that breastfeeding is associated with better maternal health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes breastfeeding as an obesity prevention strategy endorsed by the Blue Island Model Community Program; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that both the State of Illinois and United States have passed laws to redress low breastfeeding rates and duration, including the social and workplace factors that can make it difficult for women to breastfeed; and

WHEREAS, the City is on record as promoting and supporting breastfeeding and employees who breastfeed at work.

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

Section 1. That the above recitals are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. That the City will adopt a worksite policy to promote and support breastfeeding among city employees.

Section 3. The City will provide a reasonable amount of time and appropriate space to accommodate an employee desiring to breastfeed.

Section 4. Written complaints of a violation of this Resolution shall be received and investigated by the appropriate department head or supervisor in accordance with such complaint processing procedures established.

Section 5. This Resolution shall not create or form the basis for liability on the part of the City in anyway, by any person, and that reliance by any person or party on any provision herein contained at their own risk, at all times.

Section 6. This Resolution, and its parts, is declared to be severable and any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution that is declared invalid shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

**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 _____, 2012.

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

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this

_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Peloquin at 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
James Brosnahan, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Janko the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on November 22, 2011 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Peloquin requested a moment of silence in recognition of Rose Rita for all she has done for her community and township.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEARS**

Mayor Peloquin wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BOB ADAMS APPOINTED

The Mayor is requesting Council to concur with his appointment of Bob Adams for Building Commissioner taking effect on January 3, 2012. Mayor Peloquin has asked Commissioner Mindeman to assist him in his campaign for congress so he will be stepping down from his position to do so.

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

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked what Mr. Adams qualifications were.

The Mayor stated he is a life long resident with his own private construction business in town. He has years of experience in contracting and rehabbing and has worked with all the Building Commissioners as well as members of the community.

Ald. Johnson asked if Mr. Mindeman would still be on the City's payroll.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would be off the payroll as of Jan. 3, 2011.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Janko asked if Mr. Adams would still be running his business.

The Mayor stated no, he would be stepping down from it to work for the City full time.

JEFF ATWELL APPOINTED

Mayor Peloquin is requesting Council's permission to appoint Jeff Atwell to the position on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.

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

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked who is Mr. Atwell.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Atwell and stated that they volunteer their time to do this.

Ald. Spizzirri asked who's seat would he be taking.

The Mayor stated it was a vacant seat they have been trying to fill.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

WATER RATE INCREASE

Mayor Peloquin informed Council they should have a copy of a letter that Clerk Frasor gave them regarding the City of Chicago water rate increase for the next 4 years starting January 1st of 25%, 15%, 15% & 15%.

PERMISSION

Mayor Peloquin is requesting Council's permission to allow Water Superintendent Werner to publish a "RFP" to change our meter system and upgrading it.

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

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked if it was possible to have a public forum for the different areas that was discussed to inform the public.

Mayor Peloquin stated yes and he would even put it on top of the water bills to inform the public.

Ald. Janko asked on the request for proposal, would they be seeking out more than 1 company.

Mayor Peloquin stated they will be putting it out there and they would have to see who would come through, but there are only a few companies that do it.

The Mayor stated he would figure out a forum to notify the residents.

Ald. Frausto asked along with notification on the water bill could it also be on channel 4 as well.

The Mayor stated it definitely would be.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ALLIED WASTE PROPOSAL

Mayor Peloquin reminded Council he had given them a copy of the proposal from Allied Waste in regards to the contract renewal and will present that to Council in the first meeting in February for approval and will tie this in with the water rate increase and will inform the residents on them both.

F.Y.I.

Mayor Peloquin informed Council they tried to finish most of the ERP streets and sidewalks. Canal Street in the 2nd Ward they have allocated extra funds from the Capital Bill, which is hopefully enough money to do the extra parking.

HOSPITAL SOLD

Mayor Peloquin informed Council that MetroSouth Hospital has accepted an offer to be purchased by Community Health Services Corporation out of Franklin Tennessee. It should be a smooth transition and everything will stay the same as it exists now. Their corporate structure is they own 131 hospitals in 29 states and will inform Council when he has more information. The deal

still has to be brought in front of the Illinois Health Facility Board, which will meet some time in February.

TIF CHECK

The Mayor informed Council that they are currently holding a check from the TIF fund, which was created for the hospital in the amount of \$650,000.00. The check would be held until we figure out where everything is with the new group.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Ald. Vargas asked for an update on the Jewel Property.

The Mayor stated the Ordinances would be passed that night and are still on a timetable of finalizing the deal in mid March based on the corporate structure of Jewel. They are finalizing their agreement with Save-a-lot from the Jewel and negotiating their deal with Walgreens.

Ald. Janko asked if there were any more communications with the ownership and management of Modern Drop Forge.

Mayor Peloquin stated it was his understanding that they were moving ahead with their plans to move to Merriville as far as shutting down the plant and moving he has not had any contact with them as yet.

Ald. Johnson asked in regards to the new owners of the hospital, would their taxes be the same.

The Mayor stated their tax bill would be exactly what it is now. The group that is buying the hospital is a for profit organization.

Ald. Stone requested permission to approach the podium to present Jud Coyle from Angels touch with \$350 from all the Alderwomen of the City.

Jud Coyle thanked the Alderwomen and stated with the economy the way it is, this will make a big difference.

Ald. Thompson thanked everybody who contributed to help the people who were in the fire at the Vincennes Apartments.

Tony Lee thanked Ald. Thompson and stated he was glad to be there to help them.

Ald. Patoska asked if there was an update on Jawa and if any other municipalities joined.

The Mayor stated no, there hadn't been any contact yet.

Mayor Peloquin informed Council that Water Superintendent Werner brought to Mr. Anastasia and his attention that the street problem in front of the Blue Kangaroo Laundromat is a continual problem and IDOT does not seem to be doing anything about it. The Mayor authorized Superintendent Werner to go ahead and contract it out to fix the problem. The money will be coming out of the water fund to fix the problem before winter.

Ald. Patoska informed the Mayor that there are many streetlights that are out on Vermont Street.

The Mayor stated that Superintendent Stachulak is aware of it and has been working on that for the past week trying to figure out what the problem is.

Ald. Janko asked in regards to that repair, is there any way to charge IDOT.

Mayor Peloquin stated they're going to try to work it out.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

Clerk Frasor passed to each Alderman a schedule of all the shows that will be on channel 4 and will be working with the Forum with the schedule running in the newspaper.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Patoska to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2011 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Ald. Ruthenberg, second by Ald. Natalino the headings be read and then a motion for adoption.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 148

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,00 GENERAL OBLIGATION JUDGMENT FUNDING BONDS UNDER THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Natalino to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 149

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE TIF #6 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Vieyra to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING TIF #6 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA OF SAID CITY A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT.

Motion by Ald. Spizzirri, second by Ald. Janko to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR TIF #6 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Ostling to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 152

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2650 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE LICENSING OF PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.” ENACTED ON MARCH 24, 1984.

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Johnson to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 153

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 90-212 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE CITY FOR MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES.” ENACTED ON APRIL 24, 1990.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Frausto to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 154

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

Locations: 2204 W. 121st Street and 2416 Collins Street.

Motion by Ald. Ruthenberg, second by Ald. Stone to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 155

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Ruthenberg, second by Ald. Stone to adopt.

On the Question: Ald. Thompson asked what personal property of the City was being sold.

Mayor Peloquin stated the 2 out of service City vehicles stated in the Ordinance.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Frausto, Vargas,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita,
Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 2 Ald. Johnson, Thompson.

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

Clerk Frasor reminded the Alderman that they went to bid on this at the last Council Meeting and the bid was awarded to the highest bidder so this is just a follow up.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 429

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO JOIN THE SOUTH SUBURBAN GIS CONSORTIUM AND SERVE AS, OR TO APPOINT, THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND TO THE SOUTH SUBURBAN GIS CONSORTIUM STEERING COMMITTEE.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Frausto to adopt.

On the Question: Ald. Stone asked for clarification on this.

The Mayor stated it's a part of a software program that you input all the data and you can constantly up date it. An example is the water department can put all their hydrants, valves and so on.

Ald. Johnson asked if the person representing that position is appointed or voted on.

The Mayor stated it would probably be an appointee most likely somebody from the Planning Department. The Mayor would be happy to appoint Ald. Johnson if he volunteers.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto,
Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra,
Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg,
Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

RECOMMENDATION

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF JEFFREY A. ATWELL REQUESTING A VARIATION FOR A FENCE FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 12001 SOUTH GREGORY STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Janko to adopt.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Janko to amend the recommendation to allow the resident to put up a PBC vinyl fence of choice.

On the Question: Ald. Patoska asked if they were just changing a wooden fence to a PBC fence.

Ald. Johnson asked if the resident could afford it.

The Mayor and Alderman stated it was his choice.

Ald. Stone asked if the approval is just for what the zoning board approved for him to do.

The Mayor stated that all the vote is for now first the motion was to approve the request for the back end of the property the motion now is to allow him to build on the back end using the PBC fence.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Janko asked Attorney Brosnahan about the ordinance regarding handicapped signage for two residents.

The Mayor stated that they passed on one earlier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for the period ending December 13, 2011 for the amount of \$994,773.80.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked on the received monies for the Golf Course that there seems to be a discrepancy between the reports.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would look into it.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

The Mayor asked Ald. Janko if he was talking about the Treasurer’s report differential between the two.

Ald. Janko stated yes.

The Mayor stated that just could be a delay in how it is reported but will verify it.

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for Net Pay - \$253,934.10 - Total Gross - \$410,582.19.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Cheatle.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced the December 27th Finance Committee Meeting is canceled.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

Insurance Loss –
Workmen’s comp paid outs were discussed.

Resident Robin Walls town home is located on the Southside of Fairway Circle by the 8th hole. Her window was broken and repair cost is \$149.32. The Committee agreed to pay it.

Health Insurance Ordinance 90-212 amendment was discussed and was passed at tonight’s meeting.

House Party Request Forms -
The City Attorney is to inquire if Clerk’s Office has implemented changes to existing form. If live music is to be played, resident need to fill out request similar to block party and leave deposit. Time to stop playing all music is 10:30 pm on weekends. Discussion as to playing Sunday thru Thursday and the playing of car stereos continues. Fines to be imposed.

Signage –

Refer to Community Development Committee. A recommendation of what the fee structure and waiver for non-for-profit organization should be.

Parking Issues –

To be referred to Municipal Services Committee.

Second division vehicles and parking of commercial vehicles discussion continues. Committee wants input as to which types of vehicles should be banned from parking on residential streets. Committee will try to develop detailed description of banned vehicles and trailers.

Bridge Funding –

The Committee wants input from all City Officials regarding the allocation of revenue from future City Stickers sale. Possibly a \$2.00 surcharge to go towards the cost of the two city bridges.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

Decembers meet will be canceled.

Next meeting – Monday, January 16, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

Ald. Janko stated at the meeting, Ald. Spizzirri motioned second by Ald. Frausto to have the City Council rescind the current ordinance regarding Marked Resident Only Parking, the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Vargas to rescind the current ordinance regarding resident only parking signs.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

On the Question: Clerk Frasor asked if they are rescinding all residential parking only.

Ald. Janko stated yes and that is not to be confused with residential permit parking.

Clerk Frasor stated if they have considered the area around 119th Street and making that a permit parking only.

Ald. Janko responded that they are looking into making the updates and have discussed this with the Committee and with Superintendent Stachulak for the appropriate signage around the train station and lots.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Frausto to approve an Ordinance to be drafted for handicapped signage for the residents at 2837 W. 140th Street, 2912 Everett Street, 2336 W. 122nd Street and 12252 Artesian Avenue.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Director of Golf, Jerry Vidovic reported that the Golf Course had 2nd best October and November. Irrigation systems were prepped for winter. Tee boxes on #2 and #4 were graded and seeded. #10 has been leveled off and seeded. All fall projects have been completed. Preventative maintenance on equipment are being conducted and budgets are being discussed for next year. Mr. Vidovic reported the receipts reported for the month of November was \$46,949.81.

Water Superintendent Werner reported that catch basin cleanings throughout the city were completed approximately about 120. Equipment is now arriving for booster pump station upgrades. Upgrades to Vincennes station have been made are working extremely well. Highland station should be upgraded within the next two weeks. Data recording equipment will be up graded as well. Hydrant testing throughout the City has been completed (M.E. Simpson). The Superintendent reported that delinquent water accounts have been reduced. He will report back to the Committee on the status of “On Line Bill Pay” as he did not have an update at the time of the meeting. He is working with CSX and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on a project at California and Union Street to handle run off storm water from the railway right of way. He is also working with Robinson Engineering in identifying an area bordered by 119th Longwood Drive and Vincennes to 122nd and providing

an alternate route for storm water run off in a catastrophic storm to relieve storm sewers in that Robinson Engineering has identified this area as a “low grade”. He is working on a grant for pervious paving and rain barrels. This area may be best served by the grant. He reported that EPA requirements for phase 2 water testing. This has been completed and will be a once a year sampling. Water meter replacement is still ongoing; the department is averaging 4-meter changes a day.

Public Works Superintendent Ken Stachulak reported that the department has been through the entire city 4 times with leaf removal. Almost all of the equipment has been converted for snow removal equipment has been received preventative maintenance and is ready to go. They will pick up leaves placed in yard waste containers placed on the parkway. The salt supply stands at 500 tons in the dome and a total of 900 tons on site. Union Street and Deer Point projects have been completed. The 16 block street resurfacing and 7th Ward sidewalks should be completed within the next week. Urban Forestry Board is attending and EAB grant hosted by South Suburban Mayors & Managers in Hazel Crest, they hope get funding for tree replacements. IDOT is going to be working on the Western Avenue bridge they will not be closing the bridge completely. He did indicate that they would also be adding Bike Lanes to the roadway.

Citizens addressing the Committee –

Ron Young addressed the Committee regarding the JAWA project that is being investigated by the City of Blue Island. Superintendent Werner explained to him that it was in its earliest stages of feasibility and that no “hard” information is involved at this earliest of stages. Ald. Spizzirri reported that there was a public hearing. Mr. Young was not aware of it.

A resident living next to Northern Lumber off of 127th Street attended the meeting and asked if there were any provisions made to the parking lot that is going in there. He requested from Ald. Vargas if he can investigate 2 or 3 spots in that parking lot to be assigned the residents there. Ald. Janko told him to contact Ald. Vargas regarding this.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

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

Rachael Orozco of 11957 Longwood Drive she is representing Watch Group # 37 and wished everybody a Merry Christmas. She announced that Watch Group # 37 gives their regrets to the Rita Family. Ms. Orozco stated that Rose Rita always supported them; she was a good friend and leader. She truly will be missed. Watch Group # 37 is requesting permission to use the East Annex to hold their 12th annual Black History Month for February 17, 2012.

Mayor Peloquin stated that's fine but for Ms. Orozco to call his secretary for availability of the room.

Rachael Orozco wished Mayor Peloquin and Alderman Nancy Thompson Happy December Birthday and asked how old the Mayor was.

The Mayor stated he will be 61 Christmas Day.

Mayor Peloquin asked Alderman Thompson when her Birthday was.

Ald. Thompson announced her Birthday is on the 18th and she will be 73 years old.

Will Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive and is stilled confused on the parking issues with the signs.

Ald. Janko explained through out the years there has been inconsistency of placement of the signage and with visitors. The Committee is working on a more consistent ordinance with more discipline placement of signage.

Ron Young of 12440 Maple thanked Ald. Frausto and Patoska for their indulgence, also Ald. Thompson and Johnson and really thank Ald. Janko in allowing him to engaged in conversation with the Water Commissioner. Mr. Young stressed his concerns with the water and water rates in Blue Island. Mr. Young as a citizen used the means of

Freedom of Information in his investigation but had to use other alternative means to find the data he needed to present to Council. Mr. Young informed Council of what information he collected in regards to water in his investigation.

Clerk Frasor asked Mr. Young if he had filed a Freedom of Information Act in her office regarding water.

Mr. Young stated no.

Clerk Frasor thanked him for his response.

Mayor Peloquin gave Mr. Young a copy of the current water rates.

Carol DePace-Green 2731 Orchard Street stressed her concerns with the water project and would have been in attendance in those meeting. Ms. Green stated she doesn't see adequate research that has been to reflect a 200 million dollar investment is going to bring you the return you're looking for.

The Mayor suggested to wait before anybody jumps the gun. The whole idea of this is to get that information. The dollar amount is not set in stone. The idea is to be on the committee so we can be part of making and getting the information, to be on the board so we can have an option because there is no option now.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would be happy to appoint Mr. Young and Ms. Green to be on a panel and have them on Channel 4 to discuss the whole issue and he would gladly step back.

Ms. Green stated that a lot of things would have to be taken in consideration and insure this project if it moves forward is cost effective, does not put the Municipality or the residents in peril financially.

Mayor Peloquin agreed.

Kevin McKinney of 2251 W. 120th Place stressed his concerns with his water bill and asked for clarification of his bills and would like an appeal.

Mayor Peloquin stated there is a process in which you would go in front of the Municipal Services Committee and state your case and they can rectify the problem.

Mr. McKinney thanked for the clarification on the parking, but his wife received a ticket for parking 30 feet from a cross walk and in court they stated it was a Blue Island law.

Ald. Janko stated his ordinance was for residential parking signs, but there are restrictions on how far to park from a cross walk.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Janko to adjourn.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011.**


Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor



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December 29, 2011

Dear Mayor,

After 26 years as a City Of Blue Island Firefighter, I would like to inform you that I will be retiring effective February 8, 2012. I have been blessed with a wonderful career and feel that I have achieved the goals that I set long ago.

Serving as your Fire Chief for the last 5 years has provided great opportunity for professional and personal development. I want to thank you as well as my fellow Department Heads and City Alderman for all of your cooperation, support and friendship during my term as Fire Chief.

While I look forward to my retirement, I will miss working for the citizens of Blue Island. It has been a privilege to work for you and the City of Blue Island.

My very best wishes to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Copp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert F. Copp