

# **AGENDA REGULAR MEETING**

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS  
January 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – January 10, 2012

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. 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.
2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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.**

**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 this portion of the street within the City of Blue Island, as hereinafter designated, is hereby restricted for handicapped parking only:

- a) On the west side of Ann Street in front of the residence whose common address is 12252 Ann Street. (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.

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

**VOTING AYE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOTING NAY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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

**ATTESTED** and **Filed** in my office this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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**CITY CLERK**

**PUBLISHED** in pamphlet form this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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**CITY CLERK**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS  
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island have heretofore established a continuing Community Development Program to promote the welfare of the City of Blue Island; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City of Blue Island that existing housing stock, residential neighborhoods and commercial and industrial sectors be maintained and, where necessary, be rehabilitated to enhance the value of all properties within the City of Blue Island; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of said policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island deem it appropriate to request funding from the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program for the 2012 Program Year for the purpose of improving the general living environment of the City of Blue Island in accordance with the intent and requirement of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois;

**SECTION ONE**

That the City of Blue Island, Illinois has developed a Plan which addresses development plans to improve the local community, its' housing, its' infrastructure, and its' local tax base, which Plan was previously adopted by the City of Blue Island, Illinois.

**SECTION TWO**

That a request is hereby made to the County of Cook, Illinois for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Program Year 2012 in the Amount of \$300,000.00 for the following projects:

<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
1. Grunewald & Orchard Street Reconstruction: Between Western Avenue and Greenwood Avenue	\$300,000.00
TOTAL:	\$300,000.00

as identified in the City's CDBG 2012 Program Year application.

**SECTION THREE**

That the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island are hereby authorized to sign the application and various forms contained therein, make all required submissions and to do all things necessary to make application for the funds requested in Section Two of this Resolution, a copy of which application is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**SECTION FOUR**

That the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island are hereby authorized to certify that local matching funds which have been identified as supporting its' project as set out within its' application will be made available upon the approval of the projects by the County of Cook, Illinois or the prorated share thereof.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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

**VOTING AYE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOTING NAY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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**DONALD E. PELOQUIN**  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,**  
**COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ATTESTED** and **Filed** in my office this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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**PAM FRASOR, CITY CLERK**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2012**

**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 January 10, 2012.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson the Journal Of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2011 is accepted as printed.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

**SWEARING IN FIRE FIGHTERS**

Mayor Peloquin approached the podium with Fire Chief Copp and Deputy Chief Luety for the swearing in of the following Fire Fighters:

**FULL TIME FIRE FIGHTER**

Salvatore DiNolfo was sworn in for full time Fire Fighter.

**PART-TIME FIRE FIGHTERS**

Robert Wooten, Harry O'Hagan, William Kirby, Christopher Gustavson, Joseph Guarascio and John Duffy were all sworn in as part time Fire Fighters.



## **COD PROJECT**

Mayor Peloquin announced that Jason Berry with the City's Planning Department is working with Hitchcock Design Group on the South COD Site Reuse Project. Blue Island's South COD – outlined in the Blue Island Plan for Economic Development as the area bound by 135<sup>th</sup> Street, the Little Calumet River, 139<sup>th</sup> Street and Sacramento Avenue has been the focus of the Community Development's USEPA Assessment Grant. This grant identifies "Brownfield" conditions and helps address redevelopment issues.

Mr. Rich Hitchcock of Hitchcock Design Group approached the podium with a presentation of the South COD project. The goal is to create the sustainable recycling destination working with Acme Refining for the Chicago Southland by 2017.

Mr. Hitchcock explained with a slideshow what the commitments from his group would be to accomplish this goal.

Mr. Hitchcock's assistant Sarah approached the podium and explained the steps that would be taken to fulfill this plan.

Ald. Frausto asked in 2017 what issues do they see for coming in regards to land acquisition and what do they see others coming into play backing this project up within that time frame.

Mr. Hitchcock explained they like to use specific dates and they figured on a 5-year window to complete this project. Tracking down trusts and delinquencies and what properties are available takes a lot of diligence but could be accomplished in 5-years.

Ald. Johnson asked in regards to the roads, would they be able to handle the weight of the truck capacity and has Robbins been addressed with this plan.

Mr. Hitchcock stated that 137<sup>th</sup> Street is a shorter Street and would be a better access and we have not had contact with Robbins yet.

Mayor Peloquin stated he has had conversation with Robbins Mayor Brody regarding this.

Mr. Hitchcock stated that there is nothing easy about it but the intergovernmental cooperation makes sense for both parties because everybody ends up a winner.

Ald. Johnson stated he would like to be apart of this project.

The Mayor stated the project would be an open policy plan.

Ald. Vieyra asked how many delinquent properties are there in this project.

Mr. Hitchcock stated there are 14 separate properties and 6 of them are delinquent.

The Mayor stated through the Planning Department, they already initiated the scavenger sale on certain properties that are tax delinquent to get titles for Acme so that the process can be expedited. Mayor Peloquin stated that most of that property is junkyards and the nice thing is that Acme would like to take all of that and scrape it.

Treasurer Bilotto asked if the Midlothian Creek runs through the property and if it does would the Water Reclamation be involved.

Mr. Hitchcock stated that the creek does run north of 137<sup>th</sup> and they would be apart of this in a big way.

Treasurer Bilotto asked if that would be a benefit you can use of would it be a disadvantage and make it more complex.

Mr. Hitchcock stated if everybody works on the same page it would be beneficial and you have economic development.

Ald. Frausto asked what portion of 135<sup>th</sup> Street would be revamped.

Mr. Hitchcock stated the whole street would be enhanced.

Ald. Johnson stated there is a presence of a red dust for the homeowners in that area, will this project benefit them.

Mr. Hitchcock stated he could not answer that, but he would think with the new streets and landscaping it should filter some of that out, but he would ask the engineer about it.

**ALLIED WASTE AGREEMENT** Mayor Peloquin announced he would like for the agreement with Allied Wasted to renew their contract be approved at the next meeting so this can move forward. The increase is proposed but there are other things involve also. The recycling program will change, instead of the little bins they will be replaced by 65-gallon totters. The Mayor invited Mr. Potts to the podium to explain it.

Mr. Hank Potts from Allied approached the podium and announced that he will take all the different color totters and replace them all with new blue ones and there will be a different colored one for recycling.

Mayor Peloquin asked Mr. Potts in his experience with going with the larger totters that would increase recycling.

Mr. Potts stated he has done this in other Cities and have experienced about a 25 to 33% increase by using bigger totters.

Ald. Janko asked would the recycling be picked up at the same time the regular garbage is.

Mr. Potts stated it would be the same day but not at the same time, there are 2 different trucks.

Ald. Ostling asked if the recycling would be picked up weekly.

Mr. Potts stated they are talking about picking it up every other week, but if it gets to the point that the volume is too much they would pick it up weekly. If the residents need more than 1 totter, he will give them another one.

Ald. Johnson asked with these bigger containers how much more would that be advantageous to the City of Blue Island.

Mr. Potts asked in regards to volume, he asked for clarification.

Ald. Johnson stated in regards to revenue.

Mayor Peloquin stated the City does not generate revenue from the recyclables, they pick it up and take it out.

Ald. Vieyra stressed her concern regarding the elderly pulling the larger totters.

Mr. Potts stated they would offer smaller ones if the residents need it.

Ald. Spizzirri asked when the anticipated start date of the new program would be.

Mr. Potts stated that if the contract gets approved and done in 2-weeks he would immediately work with the staff to put the literature together to educate everybody, they would put different brochures together and of course the City would have the editorial

license to make sure that is what you want on the street. The recycling totters are typically about 6 weeks out so maybe around March or April in getting them out.

Mayor Peloquin stated there will be a little video program on Channel 4 to make the residents aware and re-educated the public on recycling and in regards to the revenue at one point you make money and at another point you lose money.

Ald. Thompson stated that not all the residents have access to Channel 4 and could that be posted on top of the water bills.

The Mayor stated there would be brochures sent to every house.

Mr. Potts commented with every totter that is delivered, there would also be a package of information with it.

Ald. Rita asked if the information would be in Spanish & English and she also had residents inform her that their recycling bins have already been picked up.

The Mayor stated it's not Allied picking them up, that it is Public Works that is doing it.

Ald. Johnson stressed he was still troubled that the City would not be receiving any revenue even when the recycling will be doubled.

Mr. Potts stated there is a lot of cost in putting a recycling program up. The cost of the totters, the cost of the trucks and of courses the cost of labor. The problem is that the market fluctuates so incredibly bad that we probably had a 70% drop in recycling commodity values in the past 60 days. Most Municipalities don't want to get involved in the risk of going up and down, where as he works with a larger volume so that the risk for him is not as great. His trucks are new and the cost is around \$300,000.

Ald. Janko stated he is doing the right thing environmentally.

Ald. Stone announced that Illinois has a new law regarding throwing out electronics and asked if Allied would take in their recycling.

Mr. Potts stated they do not take e-waste. There is a huge security risk involved when your personal information is on the hard drives.

Mayor Peloquin announced that they are working with Acme in regards in doing a local e-waste pick up.

**CHICAGO SOUTHLAND**

Mayor Peloquin requested approval from Council for Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau represent the City.

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

On the Question: Ald. Patoska asked what the cost would be.

The Mayor stated is doesn't cost anything.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**FIRE CHIEF COPP RETIREMENT LETTER**

Mayor Peloquin accepted and read a letter of retirement from Fire Chief Copp to take effect on February 8, 2012.

The Mayor thanked Chief Copp on behalf of the City.

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. VRSHEK**

Mayor Peloquin requested Council to concur upon his appointment of Terry Vrshek as Fire Chief effective February 8, 2012. The Mayor gave Council a copy of his resume and credentials.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Vargas to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Spizzirri stated it was her understanding that Deputy Chief Luety declined the position and she would like to publically get affirmation that there are no other Fire Fighters currently on staff in our present program that have the educational background necessary to become the next Chief.

Mayor Peloquin stated that they don't have the educational background that Mr. Vrshek has. So the qualifications he has are far more extensive than any one else in the Department.

Ald. Spizzirri asked if there were any considerations with in our Department rather than to go outside of it.

Mayor Peloquin stated yes there was.

Ald. Cheatle asked if these jobs are for anybody to apply for and what are the qualifications for Fire Chief and are the qualifications out there for the public to see.

The Mayor stated the qualifications are basically certain standards within the State and certain guidelines an administration puts in and those very from different departments.

Ald. Cheatle stated that she understands that Mr. Vrshek has an extensive background and is qualified, she asked if that means that none of the City's Fire Department that have been loyal has those as high, he has lots of years and unfortunately ours don't and what about all the education they have thus far.

Mayor Peloquin asked under his perspective, no.

Ald. Janko asked if there is a job description of those qualifications that are viewable by the general public or those candidates that are interested and asked that there is no body in our shift command staff that has been were are typically drawn Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs from and asked the Mayor that he is saying that there is no body now that would meet the current qualifications for Fire Chief within the City of Blue Island.

Mayor Peloquin stated he did not say that and the Alderman is putting words in his mouth. The Mayor stated yes they qualify; they do not qualify to the extent that Mr. Vrshek does. He has more qualifications and better talents the Mayor feels would be better for the City.

Ald. Janko stated he did not get any literature or background on Mr. Vrshek that a citizen had told him that he was the Deputy Chief in Alsip.

Mayor Peloquin asked Ald. Janko if he received the e-mail he sent him.

Ald. Janko stated he received the e-mail on Mr. Vrshek's personal certifications.

The Mayor stated he had sent out all the information on Mr. Vrshek and that apparently the attachments did not get sent.

Ald. Janko stated for an important position as this, why is it necessary 2-days after getting the information to vote on the appointment why can't we be given a week or two to digest it.

Mayor Peloquin stated they don't have to vote on this, they can deny it. What the Mayor was trying to do with the month that Chief Copp is going to be here he was trying to integrate a time where he can be here with the Chief to integrate the change.

Ald. Janko stated he agreed but in lieu of that, there is a Deputy Chief to conduct business in the Fire Department. He agrees with

the transition there should be some time spent but there has to be more than 2-days to vote.

Ald. Thompson asked if the Mayor looked in other Municipalities for qualified people.

The Mayor stated no.

Ald. Thompson stated they would need more time.

**MOTION TABLED**

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Frausto to table the request.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Janko, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Cheatle, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Stone, Ostling.

Nays: 2 Ald. Johnson, Natalino.

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**APPOINTMENT FOR JAWA**

Mayor Peloquin would like Council to appoint Alderman Mark Patoska as his alternate representative on the JAWA, the Joint Action Water Agency.

Motion by Ald. Cheatle, second by Ald. Natalino to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Thompson asked if any other Municipalities joined.

The Mayor stated no.

Ald. Johnson asked if there was a back up to Ald. Patoska.

Mayor Peloquin stated no, there can only be the Mayor and one other elected official.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Cheatle, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Stone, Ostling.

Nays: 1 Ald. Janko

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**TIF 5**

Mayor Peloquin announced for Councils information that TIF 5 around the Hospital is continually expanding. Guidelines are being set up with working with Kane & McKenna in regards in doing that; the idea is to extend it to include the 2 bridges. As we recede the residents will be notified. If any questions contact Mark Miller.

**JEWEL PROPERTY**

Mayor Peloquin announced for Councils information in regards to the Jewel Property, the agreements are pretty close and the contracts are waiting to be adopted.

Ald. Vargas stressed his concerns regarding replacing the barricades to block the Jewel parking lot.

The Clerk Frasor informed Mayor Peloquin that the barricades that were there were ruined; he will talk to Superintendent Stachulak and the owner regarding getting new ones.

**DIVISION STREET**

Mayor Peloquin announced that Mark Miller is working on re-opening Division Street so that the trucks would have to go up on Division Street instead of 123<sup>rd</sup> & Vincennes.

Ald. Vargas asked about the clean up going south bound on Metra and the train depot at 119<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be painted. He also asked about when the demolition will occur at 119<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ald. Thompson mentioned that 12105 Vincennes apartments that the garbage has not been picked up in 3 weeks and they she did file a complaint with the Building Department and Mr. Reihel took care of it.

**119<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECTS**

The Mayor announced that they are working with a couple of groups in regards to development projects on both east and west of the tracks also he has received a proposal on the demolition of the 2 buildings at 119<sup>th</sup> Street. There will be no cost to the City.



**NO CONTACT WITH MDF**

The Mayor informed Council that he has not had any contact with Modern Drop Forge so he does not have any idea of when the move will happen.

**HOSPITAL MEETING**

The Mayor has a meeting with MetroSouth in regards to the new owners and what their plans are. The new owners have to go in front of State to get permission to buy it on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SENATOR JONES FUNDING**

The Mayor informed Council in the recent weeks he had contacted Senator Jones and he has released his matching funds for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards in regards to sidewalks and for generators for the 911 Center. It was released but the City has not received it yet.

**PROJECT LETTER**

The Mayor announced the Alderman should have a letter from his office in regards to projects a kind of a general state of the city in regards to what the Mayor thinks things are at the present time.

**MOTHER OF SORROWS**

Ald. Janko asked about the Mother of Sorrows property and them accepting prison releases as tenants on the property. He asked when the property was opened up for tenants and do they have proper forms filled out.

The Mayor stated what they anticipate is that there will be a zoning hearing regarding this.

**QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR**

No Questions.

**BIDS**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Clerk Frasor asked the Aldermen to review the minutes of the Executive Sessions from 2004 to 2010 for any corrections. She would like for them to be accepted at the next Council Meeting.

**REQUEST**

Illinois Police Crime Fighters Association is requesting permission to come in Blue Island and drop of literature to the local businesses regarding crime prevention.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY TREASURER**

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Cheatle to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2011 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-156**

**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.**

Location: 2837 W. 140<sup>th</sup> St., 2912 Everett St., 2336 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St. and 12252 Artesian Ave.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-157**

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

Motion by Ald. Janko second by Ald. Cheatle to adopt.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-158**

**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.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-430**

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Spizzirri to approve to go into Executive Session after the Citizens comments.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman**

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Accounts Payable for January 6, 2012 - grand total for the amount of \$112,224.75.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**PAYROLL**

**Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for December 23, 2011 - Net Pay - \$229,053.67 and Total Gross - \$376,579.08.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**PAYROLL**

**Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Payroll for January 6, 2012 – Net Pay - \$237,329.38 and Total Gross - \$390,279.45.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman**

Insurance Loss –  
Committee was informed that all Insurance Loss was Medical Reimbursements.

Discussed new State law regarding patients/employees obtaining a second medical opinion. Need to have a legitimate reason to request a second opinion by a specific medical doctor.  
Prior practice was highly abused.

House party request form and signage ordinance referred to Community Development Committee for fine-tuning as to penalties and fines.

The Committee will contact Secretary of State's Office to get plate designation.

Types of vehicles under discussion: semi-trailer trucks, campers, boats, non-motorized trailers, recreational vehicles/motor homes, tow trucks, school buses, vehicles with attached plows, limos, taxi cabs.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

No Report.

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

**RALLY FOR RED BENEFIT**

Mayor Peloquin announced there will be a fundraiser for John McSweeney "Rally for Red" on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Bourbon Street from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson to approve an Ordinance to be drafted for a handicapped parking for the resident at 12225 Ann Street.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Werner of Water reported on the technology upgrades to the water system within the City. Booster pump upgrades are being completed. Communications at the water storage tank on Thornton Road is now communicating with the Highland station via intranet. Programmable controller installation at the Highland station is scheduled to be completed next Tuesday. There has been progress on delinquent account collections. He is meeting with the MWRD in regards to investigation of the foul odor that has been continuing on the southwest side of the canal. The sewer collapse on Vermont Street in front of the Blue

Kangaroo has been repaired and he will be working to get reimbursement from Cook County for the repairs. The Committee conducted a hearing regarding a water bill for resident Kevin McKinnie. After reviewing details from Superintendent Werner and the resident an adjustment to the resident's water bill was granted by the committee.

Superintendent Stachulak of Public Works reported that Senate Bill 2106 (active Jan. 1, 2012) does not allow disposal of electronics into household garbage. He is planning 2-"E-Drives this year where discarded electronics (TV and Computers and other electronics) can be dropped off at Public Works on Wireton Road station. He has received new portable crosswalk stop signs, paid for by State Municipal Grant. These will be deployed in intersections near schools where school-crossing guards will use them to increase visibility and safety during the hour's children are arriving and leaving school. Public works assisted in the concrete pour for the new generator that is being installed to support the 911 center. Public Works has converted the retire ESDA truck for barricade transport duties. The winter supply of salt remains high as the mild weather continues during those first months of winter. Public Works has received an updated inventory from USB of Ash trees within the city limits and will be reviewing those locations for Emerald Ash Beetle infestation.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

### **Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman**

Ald. Stone informed the Committee she had received a call from Anna Zeidan from the Corner Store stating she would like to appear to discuss the shortened hours of the store, but she is not on the agenda. A motion was made to allow her to appear. There being no second the motion failed. A motion was made by Ald. Ostling, seconded by Ald. Cheatle to table until the January meeting. Motion carried.

New Business -

Natura Health at 13046 Western Avenue – approved pending Building and Fire inspections and signage approval.

El Nogal International at 12720 Western Avenue – tabled until the next meeting.

Precision Tax, Inc. DBA: Jackson Hewitt at 11930 Western Avenue – approved pending Fire and Building inspections.

High Voltage Landscape & Snow Removable at 12908 Division – approved.

Salud A Mana Lienas at 2002 Vermont Street – tabled until parking requirements are met.

Rancifers Investment DBA: Boost Mobile at 12962 Ashland Avenue – approved pending receiving copies of their IRS forms and partnership agreement.

Platinum Advertising/IGS Energy from 15510 Cicero, Oak Forest, going door-to-door peddlers and solicitors license – denied.

Rare and Unique at 13039 Western Avenue – denied.

Ald. Vieyra asked about Spark Energy and what can be done to stop them from illegally soliciting. She also requested that the El Centenario Restaurant at 1964 Vermont be sent a letter requesting their appearance at the next meeting. The concerns are they are sending out flyers stating music being played from 9 pm to 3 am. They only have a 2 am liquor license. It was noted that there are people standing outside drinking late at night and early in the am.

Ald. Cheatle requested M & M Pallet at 2810 Vermont be sent a letter to attend the next meeting. Pallets are being stored outside and the Ordinance states an 8-foot fence must be erected or all pallet inventories be stored inside. Also the Committee will be requiring them to blacktop/pave the entire parking and loading areas and to provide landscaping to the area.

Applicants who did not attend were Maricela Albor, owner of DeBeaute Fleurs Studio, a home bridal consultant business at 13810 Seeley and Mr. James Mack, CEO of Jem Production at 12952 Western Avenue.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

Ald. Johnson asked if the Pallet Company could come in on the 17<sup>th</sup> also.

Ald. Stone stated a letter is being sent to them to come to the meeting.



Ald. Thompson informed Council that at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the Bread and Bottle along with the Corner Store will be reviewed.

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

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive stated he was not happy that not 1 African American was amongst the new Fire Fighters that were sworn in. He asked why the City does not employ any.

Mayor Peloquin stated he cannot hire any African American Fire Fighters if they don't apply or meet the requirements.

Ron Young of 12440 Maple Avenue stressed his concerns with JAWA and educated council on how much other City and States pay for water.

Fire Chief Copp announced if anybody has any questions or concerns with the procedures that are State regulated that the Blue Island Fire Department follows to please contact him.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Rita to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk  
Peter Murphy, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

Mayor Peloquin stated that while in Executive Session the council instructed the City Attorney to reach a settlement on 2 matters of litigation.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Spizzirri to allow the City Attorney to reach a settlement on 2 matters of litigation.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Natalino to adjourn the meeting.

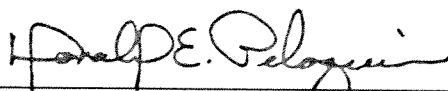
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasor, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.

  
Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor