

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

July 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – June 26, 2012

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2542 WEST BIRDSALL STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE
BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED
FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT
2542 WEST BIRDSALL STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Onofre Batalla has filed an application seeking a variation to the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance of 1971 for the purpose of a constructing a driveway located to the west of the residence on the front lot approximately 9 * 22 feet.

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 5.8 (7) of the Blue Island Zoning Ordinance prohibits driveways in the 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 50 FEET OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 2 IN HINMAN AND MELVIN'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THE NORTH 8 RODS THEREOF), 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 Onofre Batalla purpose of a constructing a driveway located to the west of the residence on the front lot approximately 9 * 22 feet.

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

Onofre Batalla will only be permitted to construct a driveway 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 Onofre Batalla requesting a variation of the restriction of a driveway located in the front yard in R-1 Zoning District pursuant to Article 5.8 (7) (b) of the Zoning Code for the premises located at 2542 Birdsell Street, Blue Island, Illinois.

A hearing by the Blue Island Zoning Board of Appeals was convened on June 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers concerning the above mentioned application. The Zoning Code states that "Off-street parking spaces for uses in R-Zones and I-1 Limited Industry Zone shall not be located between the front building line and street line". The applicant requested a variation to permit construction of a driveway. The subject property is located in R-1 Zoning District.

The Board heard testimony and received evidence from the Applicant, Onofre Batalla. Mr. Batalla purchased the property in July 2010. Mr. Batalla stated that the dimensions of the lot is 50 * 37 feet and street parking is problematic. The proposed driveway is located to the west of the residence on the front lot and would be approximately 9 * 22 feet. (Proposed driveway drawing is attached as Exhibit "A"). Applicant stated that the construction of the driveway would alleviate parking congestion on the street in response to a question posed by Commissioner Scott.

After hearing the testimony the Zoning Board reviewed the standards for the issuance of a variations as set forth in Article VIII, Section 8.7 (3) (a) through (g), inclusive. The standards are as follows:

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- 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 congestion in the public streets, 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 this Comprehensive Amendment.

The Zoning Board considered the above mentioned standards individually and found that the Applicant satisfy each and every standard. A motion was duly made and second to recommend the issuance of a variation.

The votes were:

Four (4) votes Aye

No (0) votes Nay

Three (3) votes Absent - Vonda Hardy; Daniel Perez and Jeffrey Atwell.

No (0) votes Abstain

This motion carried.

Therefore, the Zoning Board finds that issuance of a variation would be in accordance with the standards and requirements of Ordinance No. 2151.

Respectfully submitted,
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Clifford Griffin, Chairman

Vonda Hardy

Willie Scott

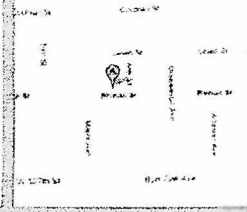
Daniel Perez

Sue Andrews

Eric Frausto

Jeffrey Atwell

EXACTAIL
ILLINOIS SURVEYORS, INC.



PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2542 BIRDSALL STREET, BLUE ISLAND, Illinois 60406

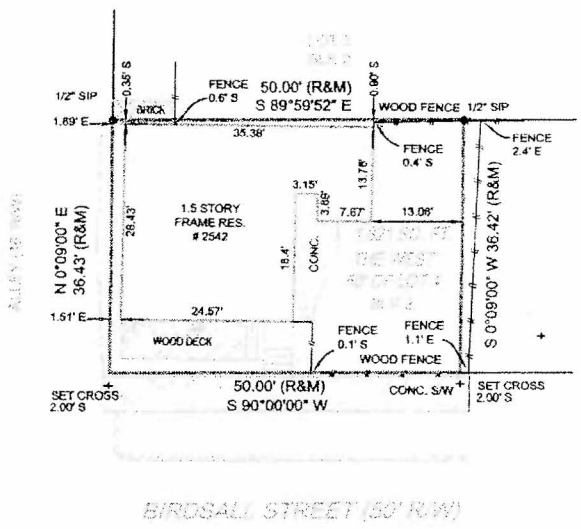
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FIELD WORK DATE: 7/22/2010

REVISION DATE(S): 06/01/2010

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COOK COUNTY

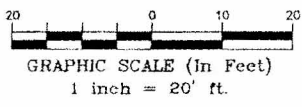
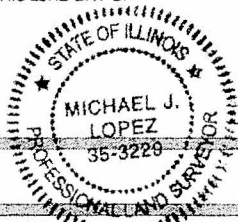
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS SERVICE CONFORMS TO THE
CURRENT ILLINOIS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A BOUNDARY
SURVEY. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 23RD DAY OF
JULY, 2010.

[Signature]
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EXACTA LAND SURVEYORS LB# 5763



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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 26, 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 June 26, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska,
Rita (late).

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Peloquin opened the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance No. 12-187 for the fiscal year of May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Ron Young of 12440 S. Maple Avenue stressed his concern regarding the JAWA and the Stern Brothers Agreement and hoped that the City Council would look into every aspect of this project and have written guidelines to follow before the City of Blue Island commits to any thing.

Carol DePace-Green of 2731 Orchard Street agreed with Mr. Young and stated her big concern is the unexpected cost for when this starts moving forward. Ms. Green gave Oak Lawn as an example of how they are in so much debt because they broke away from buying their water from Chicago.

The Mayor stated Oak Lawn buys their water from Chicago.

Ms. Green stated they have their own water system.

Mayor Peloquin clarified that Oak Lawn still buys the water from Chicago and then they sell it

Ms. Green stated that this upgrade would cost billions of dollars to keep the drinking water safe.

Ms. Green stated the City should think outside of the box and should privatize the Golf Course.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union Street asked the Mayor why there was a Public Hearing tonight.

Mayor Peloquin stated it was published in the newspaper for the Appropriation.

Mr. Stevo asked for some line items.

Mayor Peloquin stated that this is a public hearing only hearing requests. If something needed to be changed, it will happen when they vote on it.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to close the Public Hearing.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on June 12, 2012 is Accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

SWEARING IN

Mayor Peloquin along with Chief Vrshek approached the podium

for the swearing in of 3 part time Fire Fighters. They are as follows:

Matthew Sutkus
Steven Serviss
Melvin Frausto

Chief Vrshek stated he was very fortunate to be able to put more part time Fire Fighters on to share the work load and they all have a very good reputation.

Mayor Peloquin stated he had received a thank you letter and would like to extend it to Ald. Janko and Superintendent Ken Stachulak for the Dixie Dash and now are up to 155 cars.

Mayor Peloquin passed to the Chairman of Finance, the Chairman of Judiciary and the Chairman of Municipal Services a memo in regards of elective aggregation and feels this should be on the ballot in November. The Mayor suggested having a joint committee meeting to review this.

RFP

Mayor Peloquin on behalf of Water Superintendent Joe Werner is requesting permission from Council to go out and get an RFP to have companies come in and bid on up grading the water meter system for the large meters.

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

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska,
Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

BROADWAY UNDERPASS

Mayor Peloquin informed the Aldermen of the 6th Ward that Metra will not sandblast the Broadway underpass but he is working on other options and that maybe Cook County Sherriff could assist us on cleaning it up.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

On Friday, June 22, 2012 Mr. Tom Nagel, City Engineer, opened sealed bids at 10:00 a.m. at the Blue Island City Clerk's Office for Cured-in-Place Pipelining for Maple Avenue from 119th Street to 123rd Street.

Bids for Cured-in-Place Pipelining are as follows:

D Construction	\$486,913.41
K-Five Construction	\$494,158.42
Gallagher Asphalt Corp.	\$497,987.38
Crowley Sheppard Asphalt	\$519,388.00

Mr. Nagel reviewed the bids and made his recommendation to award the contract to D Construction.

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

On the Question: Mayor Peloquin stated that D Construction was the contractor who did the bridge at 127th Street and at the time the City did not have a good relationship with them. But since then they purchased Alpha Construction who has done work for the City and very successful.

Ald. Johnson asked if we aren't satisfied with the work could we discontinue their services.

The Mayor stated we would not pay them until the work is done right.

Mr. Nagel stated yes, that they have to put an insurance bond into place, insurance policy in case they do a bad job they pay us back.

Ald. Thompson asked who makes the decision on what streets get done.

Mr. Nagel stated it comes from the Mayors Office.

The Mayor stated as apart of the CDBG we try to move it all around based on census tracks on where we could get the most work done with the money.

The Mayor stated the bid is higher than what we allocated and is going to request from County more funding which has been successful in the past.

Ald. Johnson asked if it was possible to put some kind of signage stating when the start and finish of the project would be.

Mr. Nagel stated he could ask to get that done.

Ald. Patoska asked if these CDBG funds that were not issued from the County last year.

Mr. Nagel stated some of it was.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

CITY CLERK

DONATION

Clerk Frasar announced she passed to the Aldermen a letter she received from the Blue Island Baseball Association for donations.

5K RUN/WALK

Esmeralda Rosales from St. Benedict Latino Initiative Committee is requesting permission to host a “Run for your life” 5k run/walk on Saturday, April 13, 2013 and if approved to move forward on this.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BLOCK PARTY REQUEST

3-Block Party requests with all the requirements met and payments made for the following:

Brian Magnabosco at 2526 Oak St. for August 4th, noon to 10:00 p.m.

Luis Pimentel at 3320 Edison St. for July 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Cendi Bravo at 2803 Broadway for July 28th, 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Peloquin gave Ald. Vargas permission to take the floor.

Ald. Vargas introduced Mrs. Almazan and part of the Folkloric Dance Troop who performed for the past 4 years at the Springfield Stated Fair and this year we were asked to perform on 2 stages.

They are asking for support and donations from the City of Blue Island and the local merchants.

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 188

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING FIRST AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN JOINT ACTION WATER AGENCY.

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

On the Question: Mayor Peloquin stated that Mr. Young brought up some good points and he and Ald. Patoska would be glad to sit down with him and develop some guidelines that we can present to the other Mayors and will schedule a public hearing and put it on Channel 4 so the public could be aware.

Ald. Rita asked if this vote would lock us in.

The Mayor stated just for short term, not long term.

Ald. Rita asked what short term was.

The Mayor stated basically for the next year.

Ald. Patoska stated this is for the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement not for the short term financing.

The Mayor stated that one ties into the other.

Ayes: 9 Ald. Ruthenberg, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska.

Nays: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.
Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.
Abstain: 1 Ald. Ostling.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 189

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MEMBER GUARANTY AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2012, OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES TO PAY SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS.

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

Ayes: 9 Ald. Ruthenberg, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska.
Nays: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.
Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.
Abstain: 1 Ald. Ostling.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 187

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2013.

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

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 190

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

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

On the Question: Ald. Patoska asked when the final copy would be available.

The Mayor stated as quick as they can.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska.

Nays: 1 Ald. Rita.

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 191

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ORLU ZONAL ASSEMBLY OF CHICAGO AND ENVIRONS (OZAC) TO OPERATE A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2417 WEST YORK STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Rita to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Patoska stated in his opinion it is not right to allow them to serve alcohol in a residential area.

Ayes: 8 Ald. Ruthenberg, Johnson, Frausto,
Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner,
Rita.

Nays: 4 Ald. Ostling, Janko, Vieyra, Patoska.

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

There being Eight (8) affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita to allow Attorney Brosnahan to read the next three Ordinance’s in sync then to vote on all three at the same time.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 192

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 193

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 194

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO STOP AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita to approve all three.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska,
Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Peloquin stated that EZPAWN’S Attorney could not be present and asked if this could be brought up at the next meeting.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita to Table until next City Council Meeting.

Ayes: 4 Ald. Ruthenberg, Janko, Johnson, Rita.

Nays: 8 Ald. Ostling, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska,

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

There being Eight (8) Nay Votes, the Mayor declared the motion not tabled.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Buckner to read the heading.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF EZPAWN ILLINOIS, INC. FOR A ZONING TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENT AND TO GRANT A SPECIAL USE TO OPERATE A PAWN STORE.

Mayor Peloquin clarified the recommendation from the Zoning Board is not to grant permission so your vote is to accept the recommendation from the Zoning Board which is a yes vote.

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

Ayes: 11 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska.

Nays: 1 Ald. Rita.

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

RECOMMENDATION

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF JUAN MUNOZ REQUESTING A VARIATION OF THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE REAR YARD LOCATED AT 12851 SOUTH CLINTON STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Natalino to accept the recommendation and deny request.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 1 Ald. Thompson.

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

RECOMMENDATION

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF ONOFRE BATALLA REQUESTING A VARIATION OF THE RESTRICTION OF A DRIVEWAY LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD AT 2542 BIRDSALL STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Natalino, second by Ald. Rita to accept.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked if the front drive would ingress into a side drive.

The Mayor stated it is to basically get the cars off the street; it would be on the parkway.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to approve Accounts Payable for June 26, 2012 for the Total Amount of \$483,540.52.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for June 22, 2012 Net Pay - \$249,428.32 and Total Gross - \$412,048.20.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Vieyra, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced that Accounts Payable and Payroll would begin to be posted on line once they have been approved.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

No Report.

Ald. Vargas asked if the Committee would meet on July 10th at 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday.

Next meeting – Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Fire Department Report for May – 2012

Emergency calls – 298, 190 ambulance calls, 154 patients transported, 6 cardiac calls, 112 medical calls, 15 vehicle accidents calls, 2 triple zero calls, 2 overdoses, 1 ob/gyn, 8 respiratory calls, 4 assist citizens call, 14 psychological evaluation calls, 16 trauma calls and 10 other classifications calls.

Chief Vrshek met with CSX representatives to prevent closing of 127th Street during weekdays. The work will be completed on weekends after the 4th of July. Vermont Street may be closed to westbound traffic from Western to California during weekends, when 127th Street is closed westbound traffic will be detoured to 119th Street

Deputy Chief Luety attended a public information officer-training program.

Morraine Valley provided EMT training for the new airways for ventilating patients and for nasal administration of medications.

Blood borne pathogen training was provided for all fire fighters.

Truck 2104 had 2 outrigger hydraulic pumps and motor replaced.

A committee was comprised to apply for fema grants.

Department is asking assistance to replace 2 ambulance, assistance to replace scba assistance to install fire alarm system in both fire houses and assistance to purchase a heavy duty wash machine.

Marine one is in the water and ready to respond to calls on the Cal Sag.

A lawsuit has been filed regarding the illegal residential housing at 13811 Western Avenue where 70 residents are living.

The test for Fire Prevention Officer was given and none of the candidates passed so there is no list to select a candidate.

The committee heard a grievance regarding Fire Prevention Officer test and advised the union they must precede to Civil Service Commission.

Medical Reimbursement for May – \$32,604.49
Processing fee - \$3,097.43.

Police Department Report of May –

Major crimes reported incidents:

Shots fired from Des Plaines Street, criminal sexual assault at Metro South, gun shot victim at Vermont and Paulina, search warrant at 2636 W. 122nd Place.

New Police Department objectives – increased emphasis on Community policing strategies. Target patrol in problematic areas, increased use of part time Officers, information and technology sharing.

Detective Division –

7 cases pending apprehension, 21 cases pending lab results from Illinois Crime Lab, 49 cases actively being investigated, 5 warrant cases offenders still at large.

The Police Department would like to seek permission to use Allied Service for all body removal involving potential biohazard.

A motion was made and passed to send request to Finance.

Officer Slattery visited senior citizens and checked on their well being during increased temperature.

Deputy Chief Cornell and Officers participated in Bethel Church summer picnic also district 130 public safety breakfast and attended Driving the Dixie.

Chief Contreras attended Memorial Park Memorial Day ceremony.

Chief Contreras will be attending the Illinois Comptroller Debit Recovery seminar in Springfield.

The Department is making plans for National Night Out Against Crime.

9-1-1 Center Report for May –

Blue Island calls – 2,782

Midlothian calls – 2,076

Posen calls – 751

Cal Park calls – 1,620

Total 911 calls for 2012 – 134,400

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

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Ald. Janko sent a big kudos and thank you to the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce, the Citizen Committee and to Public Works for very successful month of cruise nights this past month.

The Alderman announced on Saturday, July 7th Blue Cap School is having a Car Show and all proceeds will go to Blue Cap.

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

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

Alderman Thompson read the minutes.

New Business's for the month of June –

E-Cycle Express at 13636 Western Ave. – Approved

AAA Academy at 13801 Chatham St. – Approved

Divina's Boutique LLC at 13046 Western Ave. – Approved pending final inspections.

J Towing, Inc. at 12537 Irving Ave. – Approved pending inspection.

A T & T – Peddlers License – Approved

Seventh Tribe Tattoo at 12352 Western Ave. – Approved pending Fire and Building inspections.

Dulceria Zamora at 12301 Western Ave. – Approved pending Fire and Building inspections.

Chicago Cremation Supplies at 13846 Harrison St. – Approved pending Building inspection.

Fun & Cocktails at 1859 Burr Oak Ave. – Approved for a probationary period.

Chavez & Lamas Brincolines at 2002 Grove St. – Approved.

Building Department Report for April –

Building Permits	77
Apartment Inspections	111
Residential Inspections	35
Commercial Inspections	11
Letter of Conditions	3
Court Summons Issued	31
Complaints Checked	40
Code Violations Door Tag	42
Not Approved for Occupancy	10
Notice of Christmas Decoration	8
Stop Work Orders	0
Housing Court Fines Issued	\$1,850.00

Mr. Bilotto stated he had a few questions about a sign to be placed at Blue Station Apartments, the AT & T Peddlers license and the Tattoo Business.

Mr. Crite introduced himself as the new Planning Director and stated he would be attending the Committee meetings in the future.

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

Ald. Ostling asked if the Committee has thought of the AT & T and that we are setting up precedence for people to go door-to-door. The Alderman stated she has a lot of elderly people in her Ward and she does not think it's a good idea for people soliciting door-to-door.

On the Question: Mayor Peloquin asked in regards to the School on Chatham, they said they will be serving food, would they be bring in the food or cooking it there.

Ald. Vieyra stated she recalled that they would be bringing the food in.

The Mayor stated that they would need a food service license then.

Ald. Ostling asked if the Committee addressed the issue of AT & T going door-to-door.

Ald. Thompson stated they did discuss it and approved it.

Ald. Janko asked if they were employees of AT & T.

Ald. Thompson stated yes they were.

Treasurer Bilotto stated he was present at the meeting and they are representatives for AT & T and they did want to go door-to-door. The Treasurer did express his concerns after the Committee approved them.

Ald. Ostling stated that they have denied other companies in the past and now they are saying yes to AT & T not other companies can come up and want to request it.

Treasurer Bilotto stated that the Mayor could probably say the Council could have an option to delete or refuse it.

Clerk Frasor stated that Council should be aware that there is a solicitation ordinance on the books. They pay \$75 for a year license and \$50 for each person that is out soliciting. What they turn into her office is an ID of everybody who is on the street, which is given to the Police Department. So if somebody complains they can call the Police Department immediately and they have permission from the City of Blue Island and in our office have a copy of their ID's. AT & T has done this before and they are very cooperative. The companies that we

have had problems with are the aggressive companies who want to see your bills. AT & T and Common Wealth Edison obeyed by the rules.

Ald. Johnson stated AT & T house right here in Blue Island; they also do the background check on the 10 people who will be soliciting and have a demographic on the area.

Ald. Thompson stated they would only be doing this June, July and August.

Mayor Peloquin for clarification stated that the Committee has approved it but the 2 Alderman in the 5th Ward would not like to approve it.

Ald. Janko stated that he didn't not want it; he just wanted clarification if they were contracted employees but you saying that they are employees of AT & T and they are doing background check on them.

Ald. Johnson stated that it was AT&T's discussion to do the background check on them to accommodate the City.

Ald. Janko stated he certainly hopes that they do back ground check if they're letting people go through a neighborhood and ring peoples door bell. The Alderman feels there are many ways to solicit without going door-to-door and ringing peoples door bells.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Janko to deny the request.

Ayes: 6 Ald. Ruthenberg, Ostling, Janko, Vargas, Vieyra, Rita.

Nays: 7 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Natalino, Buckner, Patoska and Mayor Peloquin.

Absent: 2 Ald. Stone, Spizzirri.

Abstain: 0

There being Seven (7) Nay Votes, the Mayor declared the motion denied.

Clerk Frasor stated to Ald. Ostling if she is serious about non-solicitation door-to-door she should look at the solicitation ordinance and maybe not allow it any more.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Janko to allow the Judiciary Committee to review the solicitation ordinance.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ald. Rita asked it that means all solicitation.

The Mayor stated that is what they would be looking into.

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

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive announced he is witnessing the hiring of Fire Fighters and asked Mayor Peloquin if he is an equal opportunity employer because no African Americans were hired.

Mayor Peloquin stated that he is an equal opportunity employer and that the Fire Department has to follow guidelines from the State.

Mr. Scott asked when the City has work such as painting to do, how does the City determine whom to hire.

The Mayor stated they have to follow Federal Guide Lines.

Ald. Ostling stated they go through this every City Council Meeting, if they don't come to take the test they can't be hired. They have to apply.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union Street stated he loves being there and asked what new positions was Ald. Patoska talking about would they be hiring.

Ald. Patoska stated the positions would be the City Manager, the TIF Administrator and the change of Jason Berry from the Planning Department to the Building Department.

Allan Stevo asked how the City hires, do they put ads in the paper and advertise.

The Mayor stated that Council would decide the procedure of hiring the City Manager. Employment applications are also turned into his office.

Allan Stevo asked what the problem was to get an updated codification book.

The Mayor stated they are working on it.

Allan Stevo requested to put JAWA on the November ballot.

Boston Moody of 2256 W. 123rd Street requested if crime statistics were available to residents and are residents allowed to become members of the committees.

The Mayor stated that they cannot be a voting member but they are allowed to attend and give their input and in regards to the statistics they are published and you can ask Chief Contreras how to access it on line.

Carol De Pace-Green of 2731 Orchard Street shared Mr. Scott concerns with African American Fire Fighters and advertisement of the City Managers position.

Mayor Peloquin stated when City Council decides what the qualifications are they will be published.

Jud Coyle of 2537 W. 120th Street invited everyone to Christmas in August. An Angels Benefit on August 18th from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Calumet Township Senior Center, admission is canned food and she hopes to see everyone there.

Mayor Peloquin asked if she has a list of food.

Ms. Coyle stated nothing perishable, can foods and boxed foods.

Clerk Frasor asked Ms. Coyle for some written information on that and she would have it posted on the TV Station.

Ald. Johnson asked if they have satellite placed to collect can goods.

Ms. Coyle stated that City Hall is there major satellite.

Mayor Peloquin stated the City would be glad to offer drop off spots.

Ald. Thompson asked if they accept cash donation.

Ms. Coyle stated must definitely and we could also use donations for the raffles and auction.

Mayor Peloquin asked whom the check should be made out to.

Ms. Coyle stated “An Angels Touch”

Ald. Frausto asked if there are any cooling zones.

Chief Contreras stated that Rita has a list, but a few are the Calumet Township and the Salvation Army.

ADJOURNMENT

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

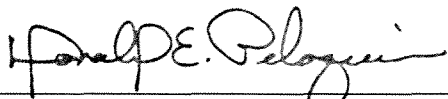
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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



Pam Frasar, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
6TH DAY OF JULY, 2012.**



Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor