AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS
July 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS
   MAYOR:
   BIDS:
   CITY CLERK:
   CITY TREASURER:
   CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT
ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS Blue Island is a historic community that benefits from a tradition of well-connected streets, a pedestrian-friendly scale, and exceptional transportation assets.

WHEREAS Complete Streets are designed to improve mobility and connectivity, reduce obesity, increase safety, enhance neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions, and advance the quality of life for all Blue Island citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS Developing Complete Streets is a priority on all corridors and routes. Transportation and development projects shall be treated as an opportunity to offer improvements in access and connectivity to Blue Island’s services, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, parks, trails, and adjacent communities.

WHEREAS Blue Island is a key connection point for the Calumet Sag Trail, a twenty-six mile corridor that will encourage local development, promote healthy lifestyles and bring many visitors to our community on foot and by bicycle.

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

SECTION ONE

The City of Blue Island will strive to create a safe and efficient transportation system for users of all ages and abilities.

SECTION TWO

The City of Blue Island will ensure that the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system are accommodated in all future roadway projects, including pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit users, people with disabilities, the youth, the elderly, scooters, motorcyclists, private motorists, commercial vehicle drivers, freight providers, emergency responders, and adjacent land users.

SECTION THREE

Sections one (1) and two (2) of this ordinance constitute the principles of the City of Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy and shall be applied to all public right-of-way projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, and
planning of roadways, intersections, or other transportation facilities. Routes providing access to key destinations, historic districts, sites and significant travelways, as indicated in the City of Blue Island Complete Streets Map (refer to Section 6) shall be prioritized.

Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the City of Blue Island shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include Complete Streets practices.

Planning, design, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and maintenance shall be executed in a balanced, transparent, responsible, and equitable manner. Complete Streets principles will be integral when developing, modifying, and updating City of Blue Island plans, manuals, programs, rules, and zoning regulations.

**SECTION FOUR**

Any exception to applying this Complete Streets policy must be approved by the City Council, accompanied by documentation that indicates:

a) The cost of establishing bicycle or pedestrian facilities would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use; or
b) Existing level of service grade of “B” or better following the measurement standards adopted in Section 9; or
c) The absence of use by all except motorized users or other factors that indicate an absence of need, with consideration given to future users; or
d) Non-motorized uses are prohibited by law

Ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep the public right-of-way in serviceable condition (e.g. mowing, cleaning, sweeping, patching, basic repair and other interim surface treatments) may be exempt from this policy.

Exceptions to this policy shall not be allowed for roadways functionally classified as arterials.

**SECTION FIVE**

It shall be the goal of the City of Blue Island to foster partnerships with the State of Illinois, Cook County, the Regional Transportation Authority, Metra, Pace, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, local Townships, local School Districts, the Blue Island Park District, the Blue Island Public Library, the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other Blue Island stakeholders to enhance local connectivity.
The City of Blue Island shall coordinate with neighboring municipalities and jurisdictions to enhance regional connectivity in furtherance of the City's Complete Streets policy, promoting the continuation of such facilities and accommodations beyond the City's borders.

SECTION SIX

[See “COBI Complete Streets Map.pdf”]

The City of Blue Island shall identify County, State, and Federal transportation projects and coordinate implementation of this Complete Streets policy with the relevant agencies.

SECTION SEVEN

The City of Blue Island shall call on its heritage to guide future development in a manner that is sensitive to local context and character by providing an interconnected network of streets, sidewalks and trails that supports walking, bicycling, and transit use.

The City shall refer to the most current recommendations, requirements, and standards provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to ensure safe and accessible travel for all. In recognition of various jurisdictions and the needs of many users, a flexible and balanced approach that follows other appropriate design standards may be considered, provided there is an emphasis on innovative design options where a comparable level of safety for all users is present.

Accepted design standards and best practices shall be followed in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of the public right-of-way. The planning, design, and implementation for all corridors shall:

- Include the local community and stakeholders
- Consider the function of the roadway
- Consider transitway alignment and station areas
- Assess the current and future needs of the corridor users

SECTION EIGHT

The City of Blue Island Plan Commission shall serve as a resource on active transportation and Complete Streets. The Plan Commission shall indicate opportunities to advance the City's Complete Streets policy by providing recommendations to City Council. The Plan Commission may consider the testimony of local non-profits and civic groups, organizations, and City committees.
Adjoining land use and context will be prioritized by the Plan Commission in accordance with the City of Blue Island’s Complete Streets Map, included as an exhibit to Section 6 of this policy. This map may be periodically updated and amended by City Council following the recommendations of the Plan Commission, with consideration of the priorities and goals of the City of Blue Island, its comprehensive plan.

SECTION NINE

Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS), Pedestrian Level of Service (PLOS) and Bicycle Compatibility Index (BCI) grades shall be used as a measure of success of Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy. The Plan Commission shall adopt an official calculator to be used for a minimum of four (4) years. The BLOS, PLOS and BCI calculators developed by the League of Illinois Bicyclists may be used to evaluate these measures. Projects that score a grade of “B” or better shall be considered a successful implementation of Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy.

The Plan Commission shall report annually to the City Council the success of Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy. This report shall include BLOS/BCI grades before and after Plan Commission review, additional measures noted above when applicable, and any exceptions granted to the Complete Streets policy.

The City of Blue Island Public Works Department and the Urban Forestry Board shall partner with the Plan Commission to report annually on the installation of new facilities, including but not limited to:

- Total miles of on-street bicycle routes defined by streets with clearly marked or signed bicycle accommodations
- Linear feet of new pedestrian accommodations
- Number of curb ramps installed along City streets
- Number of new street trees provided in the public right-of-way

SECTION TEN

Implementation of Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy shall be the responsibility of all Elected and Appointed Officials and City Departments. Training on Complete Streets, active transportation policies, and non-motorized transportation options will be the responsibility of each City of Blue Island Department, as guided by the Community Development Department.

For all proposed improvements to the public right-of-way, the Mayor’s Office shall notify Department Heads from the City’s Public Works, Engineering, Building and Zoning, Community Development, Police, Fire, and Finance Departments of a required
pre-planning meeting with the appropriate agents or jurisdictions. Each Department may choose to attend or send a representative to provide input.

The City of Blue Island Public Works shall have the authority to implement any improvement to the public right of way that conforms to this Complete Streets policy.

Improvements to corridors, routes, and sites prioritized by the Blue Island Complete Streets Map shall be subject to review by the City of Blue Island Plan Commission to ensure that all users are accommodated. Following its review the Plan Commission shall make a recommendation to City Council, which shall have final authority to implement Blue Island’s Complete Streets policy.

PASSED this _______ day of ________________, 2011.

VOTING AYE: __________________________________________

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VOTING NAY: __________________________________________

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ABSENT: ______________________________________________

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ABSTAIN: _____________________________________________

APPROVED: this _____ day of ______________________, 2011.

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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 ________________, 2011.

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CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
________ day of ________________, 2011.

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CITY CLERK
City of Blue Island Complete Streets Map

EXHIBIT "A"

PRIORITY STREET SELECTION

Legend

- Prioritized Complete Streets
- Education
- Parks
- Government
- Hospital & Medical
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 28, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:


Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
Jim Brosnahan, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Vargas the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on June 14, 2011 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

ALD. FRAUSTO NEW FATHER

Mayor Peloquin announced Alderman Frausto is a new father of a baby girl, Amelia, 7.6 lbs, 20 inches and everyone is doing well. Keep them in your prayers.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Peloquin approached the podium for a traditional plaque presentation to the Alderman who is no longer in office.

The Mayor invited Gerald Hall from the 6th Ward up to the podium and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.
Gerald Hall thanked everybody.

The Mayor invited Dale Elton from the 7th Ward up to the podium and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Dale Elton stated he has never worked with a better Mayor than Mayor Peloquin. He started out back with Mayor Withers and worked with some of the best Aldermen.

Mayor Peloquin stated he has a plaque for Ray Cantelo and Rose Rita who were not able to make the meeting.

**VINCENNES APARTMENTS**

The Mayor and Mark Miller had a meeting regarding the new Vincennes apartments and hopefully the new owners will take over by July 29th and they plan to upgrade that whole facility.

Ald. Thompson asked if the people who live in there would get ample notice of this take over.

Mayor Peloquin stated that they are working through them now and there will be a new contingent with the renters.

**JEWEL PROPERTY**

The Mayor announced that in regards to the Jewel property they have received some preliminary numbers of what benefits they’re asking from the City in order to purchase the property. We will know more in mid July.

**NAVISTAR INTERNSHIP**

Mayor Peloquin announced Council should have a copy of Navistar Internship. Superintendent Stachulak asked me to present this tonight for approval. This internship is for high school kids to learn how to fix diesel engines.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**STREET ORDINANCE**

The Mayor announced the Aldermen have a copy of a draft of the City of Blue Island Complete Streets Policy Ordinance. The Mayor would like the Aldermen to look this over and if any questions to call Jason Berry that he would like this to be passed by the next meeting.
QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Ald. Janko thanked the Mayor and all the Departments along with Rita Pacyga, Mary Poulsen, Kevin Kosman and David Healy for help with Driving the Dixie. It was a big success. The Alderman would like the graffiti removed at the 127th block of Orchard. Ald. Janko asked if the director of golf has been notified to report to the Municipal Service Committee. Ald. Janko asked if he could be notified with any ongoing project or any current projects regarding any recreational land use from the Planning Department or other Executive Branch.

The Mayor stated he would check with the Golf Director.

Ald. Johnson informed the Mayor there are potholes at 135th & Mozart that need to be addressed.

The Mayor stated he would check into it.

Ald. Vieyra asked for an update on Union Street and Metra train horns needs to be addressed.

The Mayor stated the Federal Government sets up the guidelines for train whistles.

Mark Miller gave an update on Union Street; there have been some delays due to the weather.

Ald. Janko stated that the City of Chicago passed some Ordinances regarding quite zones with the train whistles but it’s still up to the discretion of the Engineer and it’s covered under the Federal Railroad Commission. They have the authority to blow the horn.

The Mayor announced there is roughly 1700 train whistles a day in town. The only way we can change that and what we are trying to do right now is with the CXS taking control of the Grand Trunk, there is a hearing on the environmental assessment of the railroads taking over that right away. We are trying to attest to and try to accentuate is the fact that the noise environmental pollution is far worse than what they’re letting on to be.

Ald. Vargas reminded the whole City of the curfew and to be aware of fireworks next week.
Ald. Stone asked when Nicor would be repairing the sidewalks that they had torn up and is there any grant money for sidewalks this year.

The Mayor stated he would follow up with Mr. Mindeman on Nicor and there is no money this year for sidewalks.

Ald. Johnson thanked Joe Werner and the Water Department for repairing the splash park in the California Gardens.

Ald. Janko asked in regards to the CDBG information, has he been updated from the City’s Engineer to what is happening for the 11900 blocks of Ann and Maple Street?

The Mayor will look into it and get back to him.

Ald. Spizzirri asked in regards to the bridge situation that if maybe the City could sell the rights to the bridge, if the Mayor could look into it.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would be glad to look into it, that he even sent it to the movie industry to ask them if they could possibly help us with them.

Ald. Thompson stated that on June 9th with the terrible rain she called Superintendent Werner, Mr. Mindeman and Chief Copp because of all the people in distress. They came down and talked with us and she wanted to thank them all.

Mr. Mindeman announced that his department has already started inspecting the Vincennes apartments so they could be a step ahead.

**BIDS**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK**

Clerk Frasor announced to the Alderman she has scheduled for them to do their intro’s for channel 4.

**TAG DAYS**

Eisenhower Football is requesting tag days for July 8th – 10th.

Misericordia is requesting tag days for April 27th & 28th.
Knight of Columbus is requesting tag days for Sept. 16th – 18th.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

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

ABATEMENT

ABATEMENT OF $496,950.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 97-165.

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


Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

ABATEMENT

ABATEMENT OF $294,393.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 03-441.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Frausto.

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

ABATEMENT

ABATEMENT OF $393,644.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 06-046.

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


Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Frausto.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-131

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-132

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TOMMY BROWN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, NFP, FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF TAX DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2833-2839 AND 2853-2857 WEST 139TH STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”.

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


Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-133

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

Location: 2442 Grove Street and 2217 W. 121st Place.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Stone, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for the period ending June 28, 2011 for the amount of $380,369.00.


Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for June 24, 2011 – Net Pay - $235,131.06 – Total Gross - $385,099.27.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

A special meeting was held regarding the City’s Group Health Insurance for the Employees. The recommendation of this Committee is that the City remains and renews with Allied Health Benefits.

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

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked if the Committee had shopped around for the best deal.

Ald. Spizzirri stated they got quotes from 13 separate companies. They either declined us or the quotes were too high.

The Mayor stated that the problem also is that 20% of our net is retirees which makes it extremely difficult.


Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1  Ald. Frausto.

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

Next meeting – Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 6:00 pm – East Annex.
Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Fire Department Report for May -

Radioman gave Committee a presentation to contract Sprint phones for emergency communication.

Chief Copp will increase manpower by hiring 1 part time personal from Civil Service list.

Emergency Medical Service Report –

Total EMS – 219, 190 patients treated, 165 patients transported, 51 refused transport, 162 emergency responses, 57 non emergency responses, 120 hours total time in service, 267 hours total man hours in service, 124 day responses, 95 night responses and 334 grand total fire & emergency medical service.

Medical reimbursement collection for May - $28,144.50. processing fee $2,673.73.

Police Department Report for May –

Parking citations – 855, 761 moving citations, 22,544 miles patrolled, 2,713 calls answered, 504 traffic stops and $60,567.33 fines & fees collected for May.

Detective Division Report –

1 aggravated battery, 3 batteries, 3 burglaries, 14 residential burglaries, 6 larcenies, 4 missing person, 16-property damage, 1 robbery and 2 sex offenses.

No search warrants executed in May.

Blue Island Police Department & South Suburban Major Crime Task Force continue investigation of a homicide.

911 Center –

Landline incoming calls –10,217
Wireless incoming calls – 3,359

Blue Island has been awarded a grant for $2,090.00 by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. The grant will be used to fund a program to reduce illegal sale of tobacco products to minors.
The results of the 5th Traffic Safety Grant conducted April 29th thru the 8th. Officers issued 126 citations, 80 for occupant restraint violations, 8 unlicensed drivers arrested and 1 wanted fugitive apprehended.

The 6th Traffic Safety Grant conducted May 13th thru May 30th. 177 citations, 136-occupant restraint, 14 unlicensed drivers arrested, 1 felony offense and 1 wanted fugitive arrested.

These programs are funded through a grant of $27,603.20 awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Committee held a special meeting to hear a grievance filed by the Fire Department.

Next meeting – Thursday, July 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

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

No Report.

Ald. Janko asked for an update on Union Street and asked if the area around Elm Street and 121st Place can be checked out before they build the new park due to severe flooding.

Next meeting – Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

**Community Development – Ald. Natalino, Chairman**

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

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David Prater of 2804 W. 142nd Place asked the Mayor if he heard of any information regarding Deer Point.
The Mayor stated yes, that the bank has filed for receivership beginning of May and 30 days from then the court will rule on taking over the properties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2011.**

Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor