

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

July 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING A NO PARKING ZONE UPON PORTIONS OF SACRAMENTO AVENUE 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 TO PERFORM EMERGENCY WORK ON ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) JURISDICTIONAL ROADWAYS WITHOUT A WORKING PERMIT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING A NO PARKING ZONE UPON PORTIONS OF
SACRAMENTO AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF
BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

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

SECTION ONE

That the No Parking restrictions presently in existence for the following described
location are hereby repealed and rescinded:

On the East side of Sacramento Avenue commencing at its
intersection with Minnesota Avenue for a distance of 75 feet South
therefrom. (Ord. 2491).

SECTION TWO

The Superintendent of Public Works shall remove all signs on east side of Sacramento
Avenue commencing at its intersection with Minnesota Avenue for a distance of 75 feet South
therefrom which prohibits parking.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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

VOTING AYE: _____

VOTING NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

APPROVED: this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this

_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND TO PERFORM EMERGENCY WORK ON ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) JURISDICTIONAL ROADWAYS WITHOUT A WORKING PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, hereinafter referred to as MUNICIPALITY, located in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, desires to undertake, in the years 2012 and 2013, the location, construction, operation and maintenance of driveways and street returns, watermains, sanitary and storm sewers, street light, traffic signals, sidewalk, landscaping, etc., on State highways, within said MUNICIPALITY, which by law and/or agreement come under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois hereinafter referred to as Department, and,

WHEREAS, an individual working permit must be obtained from the Department prior to any of the aforesaid installations being constructed either by the MUNICIPALITY or by a private person or firm under contract and supervision of the MUNICIPALITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the MUNICIPALITY:

FIRST: That MUNICIPALITY hereby pledges its good faith and guarantees that all work shall be performed in accordance with conditions of the permit to be granted by the Department, and to hold the State of Illinois harmless during the prosecution of such work, and assume all liability for damages to person or property due to accidents or otherwise by reason of the work which is to be performed under the provision of said permit.

SECOND: That all authorized officials of the MUNICIPALITY are hereby instructed and authorized to sign said working permit on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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

VOTING AYE: _____

VOTING NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

APPROVED: this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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

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

CITY CLERK

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 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 July 10, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,
Frausto, Vargas, Natalino, Buckner,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Ruthenberg.

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Natalino the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on June 26, 2012 is accepted as printed with the proposed changes on page 4.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Peloquin asked for a moment of silence of the passing of Ethel Jebens who was a long time and strong advocate for the City.

119TH STREET

The Mayor informed Council the copy of the proposal he had given them for 119th Street project is moving forward.

CITGO

The Mayor informed Council that Mr. Mark Miller has succeeded on getting the CITGO Station fenced in and is working on getting it torn down.

CSX CLOSING

Mayor Peloquin informed Council that CSX Railroad is scheduled to begin work on the 127th Street crossing. Dates of closures will be Friday, July 20th at 5:00 pm until Monday, July 23rd at 5:00 am and Friday July 27th at 5:00 pm until Monday, July 30th at 5:00 am.

JAWA

The Mayor informed Council in regards to JAWA that Robbins is voting on it, Harvey already voted on it and Alsip would be voting on it next week.

Mayor Peloquin suggested in August, Council approve to have aggregation of elective be on the November Ballot.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Ald. Patoska asked who is the Company for 119th St.

Mayor Peloquin stated it is Wilson Enterprises

Ald. Patoska asked if they signed an agreement.

The Mayor stated the agreement is for the next 6 months.

Ald. Frausto asked if he has contacted Cook County to clean the bridge under pass.

The Mayor stated he had just asked Sherriff Dart and is waiting for an answer.

BIDS

On Friday, July 6, 2012 Mr. Tom Nagel, City Engineer, opened sealed bids at 11:00 a.m. at the Blue Island City Clerk's Office for Cured-In-Place Pipelining. High Street – Maple Avenue to Gregory St. and New Street – Maple Avenue to Gregory St.

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

Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.	69,890.00
Visu-Sewer, Inc.	70,950.00
American Pipe Liners, Inc.	86,566.25
Kenny Constructions Company	98,390.00
SAK Construction, LLC	118,950.00

Mr. Nagel reviewed the bids and made his recommendation to award the contract to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.

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

On the Question: Mayor Peloquin asked Mr. Nagel why the bid range is so indifferent.

Mr. Nagel stated that Insituform is a Chicago land company where as SAK Construction is a Missouri based company.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

Abstain: 0

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

CITY CLERK

CHURCH OF CHRIST REQUEST

Blue Island Church of Christ at 2304 W. 120th Street is having their annual Vacation Bible School from July 16th to July 20th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and is requesting to have block off 120th Street from Irving Avenue to Gregory Street.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

TAG DAY REQUEST

Eisenhower Cardinal Dance Team are requesting Tag Days for July – 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st and for August 3rd & 4th.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL REQUEST California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church is having their annual Back-To-School Festival on Saturday, August 4th and is requesting permission to have Coopers Grove Road blocked off from 139th Street to 140th Street.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

FYI Clerk Frasar announced for Councils information – I Want You Operation Fundraiser to help fund the Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2012 sponsored by American Legion Post 50 of Blue Island will be having a Candlelight Cosmic Bowling on August 11th at Burr Oak Bowling starting at 6:30 pm.

FUNDRAISER Momma Henry's Trek Across America is requesting permission to have a meet & greet fundraiser on Friday, July 27th from 6-9 pm in MetroSouth Park.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Ruthenberg, second by Ald. Natalino to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2012 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 184

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.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for July 7, 2012 Net Pay - \$247,742.62 and Total Gross - \$403,463.22.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

Abstain: 0

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for July 10, 2012 for the Total Amount of \$265,436.91.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska stated that Mr. Anastasia reported that the State is behind in paying the City \$600,000.00 from State Income Tax.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting topic discussion will be elective aggregation, JAWA and parking issues.

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

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

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

Ald. Ostling stated at the end of the next meeting they will hear the Fire Fighters grievances.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Stone to approve an Ordinance to be drafted to rescind “No Parking Signs” on the Eastside of Sacramento from 127th St. to Minnesota St.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Report from Water Superintendent Werner –

Interior painting on the elevated tank is approximately 70% complete and the exterior painting is now 50% completed. Once the elevated tank painting is complete, cleaning and painting of the ground tank reservoir will begin. Curb catch basin repairs and replacements have been identified and are being scheduled for repairs within the next several weeks. Water Flow analysis has been conducted on the hydrant system throughout the City. Certain areas where residual flow is marginal are being addressed so that flow rates can be increased. This is part of the 1,5 and 10-year plan for the water system upgrades. The new SCATA monitoring system is 99% complete and is awaiting the completion of the elevated tank repairs so that real-time testing and monitoring can be conducted. In house pump station improvements are on hold until the completion of the elevated tank projects, the pump station upgrades are to begin in the fall. Master meter flow testing has been scheduled with ME Simpson these tests are scheduled for the Highland and Vincennes Pump Stations and are scheduled to be complete within 2-3 weeks. The Highland Master meter digital output is being replaced repairs should be completed within the next week. Residential water meter replacements, the Water Department has completed 99% of the upgrades to residential meters from the old analog dial type to the new ECTR touch pad meters. The next upgrade will be to place radio reader on all homes that have fences that restrict direct access to meters. We will also replace outdated equipment with radio read equipment, as this will greatly improve the accuracy and efficiency with out meter readings. We have sent a request for proposal to the Mayor's Office for a performance-based contract to complete a controlled sampling analysis for potential cost saving from Energy Management including commercial water meter testing, repairs and replacements. We anticipate that the result will lead to a citywide program that will be self-funding a comprehensive program of this magnitude could not be completed in house. In the coming years requirements from the EPA regarding loss and conservation will increase the importance of this program if not mandate it. The State regulated performance base contract method makes it possible for and encourage municipalities to research energy savings and those savings as a funding source for the low interest loans more to come. Community education I continue to meet with homeowners when needed to discuss problems, repairs and other contractors providing service our goal is to provide customer service whenever possible to residents and businesses.

Director of Golf, Jerry Vidovic provided a statement of income for the month of June. Receipts for the month were \$190,948.30. Director Vidovic indicated that the biggest challenge is keeping things green during the extreme heat. The area improvements along the 10th tee and the townhomes have been completed drainage and sprinklers are in place and seeding is complete. The pond on hole 14 has been cleaned with 80% of the silt removed with the budget that was available. July has 12 outings scheduled to date and should be busy month weather permitting. Director Vidovic provided the Committee a proposal from Servi-Scape for the next contract and is going to review and do some research on costs.

Ald. Frausto reported on a light pole that was struck by lighting. ComEd has a replacement pole on site. He would like Public Works to check on an adjacent tree to be sure it wasn't damaged by the lighting strike. Ald. Frausto also commented on the Broadway underpass and indicated that the cleaning will be the City's responsibility.

Ald. Janko presented the Committee with a proposal provided by the Mayor's Office for Brokered Energy for the City and Citizens of Blue Island. The Committee will review the company's proposal and provide feedback at the next Council Meeting.

Ald. Stone indicated that she had been contacted by a resident regarding clean up along the alley and railroad off of Highland Avenue/Union – Walnut Street. There is a lot of gravel and debris in the area and would like to see if we can get the railroad to cooperate and clean it up.

Ald. Janko asked the Mayor if he knew when the construction was going to begin.

The Mayor stated he didn't know but he will find out.

Superintendent of Public Works Stachulak reported that they are working on a No Parking Here to Corner Sign at 2765 Deplaines Street, cutting brush growth from sidewalk at 139th Street east of Coopers Grove and south side of the street and at 139th Street east of Parco Foods. Public Works completed installing on July 6th 11 Landmark Markers for the Community Development Department, which was funded by a grant by the CDD. He reported that they are currently working on ash tree removal & replacement grant, patching potholes in alleys, working with Allied Waste on the new recycling program, complete street projects on New Street, Maple

Avenue and High Street. Public Works sent 6 of its men to chain saw safety class, which was sponsored by the Village of Homewood Public Works. All attendees received a certificate of completion

Citizen Carol De Pace-Green addressed the Committee in regards to the removal of the paint on the Broadway underpass and suggested contacting the County Graffiti removal for assistance. She also asked about the Serviscape contract and if the city would be responsible for paying a higher rate if they opted out early on the contract. Director Vidovic indicated that we would not be charged a higher rate if the city decided to opt out early.

Citizen Ronald Young addressed the Committee regarding JAWA/Stern Brothers agreement and transparency of financing/funding the project. He would like the City Treasurer, Finance Committee and Judiciary Committees to host a meeting regarding Q/A he has questions about some of the issues with issuance bonds and the types of bonds mentioned within the agreement. He also has concerns about the confidentiality clauses in the agreement. The Committee took it under advisement and will pass his request along.

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

Mayor Peloquin announced that it has come to his attention that there have bids submitted to the Golf Course in regards to the gaming act from the State and he would like to refer all of them to Ald. Janko's Committee.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

No Report.

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

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


No Citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Janko 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 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
12TH DAY OF JULY, 2012.**



Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor