

## **REGULAR MEETING**

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

August 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – July 24, 2012

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET  
WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK  
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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

**SECTION ONE**

That the handicapped parking only restrictions presently in existence for the premises located at 12038 Elm Drive, Blue Island, Illinois, is hereby repealed and rescinded.

**SECTION TWO**

The Superintendent of Public Works shall remove all signs on the portion of the street for the property whose common address is 12038 Elm Drive, which restricts parking for handicapped parking only.

**SECTION THREE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as Corporate Authorities.

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

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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**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 24, 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 24, 2012.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk  
Terry Sullivan, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Natalino the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on July 10, 2012 is Accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

Mayor Peloquin announced there would be Executive Session directly after the public comments.

The Mayor informed Council of the Railroad Crossing closures due to needed repairs.

Mayor Peloquin along with Fire Chief Vrshek approached the podium for the following presentations:

Robert Wooten was sworn in as a Full-Time Fire Fighter.

Tom Zelinski was promoted and sworn in as Lieutenant.

Mayor Peloquin congratulated Mike Kaliski on his retirement from the Fire Department and honored him for his many years of service he gave to Blue Island.

Mike Kaliski thanked everybody he worked with in the past 27 years and 19 days and stated he had a great crew to work with.

Mayor Peloquin called for a 5-minute recess.

### **QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR**

Ald. Ostling asked what the progress of the Jewel Property was.

The Mayor stated they are still in negotiations with their leases.

Ald. Ostling asked if there would be a blue print.

The Mayor stated yes.

Ald. Janko thanked Chief Contreras and Public Works Superintendent Stachulak for the action message they sent out informing all the Aldermen on the additional Railroad closure to complete the job.

Ald. Johnson thanked Chief Vrshek for his quick response on California Gardens power outage and asked if there was any progress on the Parco Building.

The Mayor stated there is no new news regarding the Parco Building except that all the copper was stolen from the air conditioning units.

Mayor Peloquin also stated that he did request to extend that TIF District which would include the Parco and Modern Drop Forge because he feels the City would need those extra years for redevelopment.

**BIDS**

No Bids

**CITY CLERK**

Blue Island Public Library, Dan Carroll is requesting permission to close the city parking lot immediately east of and adjacent to the Library all day on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mexican Independence Day.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Muscular Dystrophy Association is requesting a Tag Day for September 9, 2012.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Block Party requests for –  
Joe Heitz at 12230 Irving Avenue on August 18<sup>th</sup> and for  
AnaKaren Rodriguez at 2065 Market Street on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY TREASURER**

No Report.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 196**

**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.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 442**

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

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

On the Question: Ald. Patoska asked what the purpose of this is.

The Mayor stated incase of an emergency they can start on the work without waiting for permits.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Peloquin reminded Council of Executive Session and that an Accident Settlement and a Workman’s Comp Case will be discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for July 24, 2012 for the Total Amount of \$629,305.71.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson.

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 July 20, 2012 Net Pay - \$255,739.76 and Total Gross - \$422,059.27.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson.

Abstain: 0



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

Ald. Patoska stated that Mr. Anastasia reported that the Tax Money started coming in but the State is still behind \$700,000.00.

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

No Report.

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

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

**Fire Department Report for June – 2012**

Emergency call – 301, 202 ambulance calls, 5 fire calls for false carbon monoxide investigation, 5 natural gas odor investigation, 20 calls for smoke odor or smoke detection activation, 21 calls to assist other towns, 8 trouble alarm calls, 7 calls for down power lines and 5 minor outside fires.

Deputy Chief Luety participated in instructing boat operations for 3 of our Fire Fighters. He also attended 40 hours simulator training for Blue Card.

Federal Judge ruled in our favor regarding the Affordable Recovery Housing lawsuit. The Fire Department required sprinklers for the building and sleeping quarters this excluded the convent.

The shopping mall at 12601 Western is currently bringing fire alarm code up to code.

The industrial building at 13636 Western is being brought up to code with the installation of emergency lights.

Several grievances were received testing for Fire Prevention Officer Test and FPO position. Committee heard the grievance concerning FPO Officer position and at this time denied grievance.

A committee was organized to submit application to Fema for grants. The committee consists of James DiNovo, Betty Nagel, Lt. James Klinker and Chief Vrshek.

The department is working with Orland Park Fire Protection district to purchase a used ambulance.

Medical reimbursement service for June - \$30,298.65 with a processing fee of \$2,873.37.

### **Police Department Report for June – 2012**

Parking citations – 773, 488 moving citations, 21,523 miles patrolled and 2,256 calls answered.

Fines and fees collected to June - \$62,922.34.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> narcotics search warrant executed at 12929 Mozart resulted in recovery of Cocaine and Cannabis, investigation is on going.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> search warrant executed at 2636 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> Place resulted in seizure of cannabis drug paraphernalia and cash, targets arrested.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Det. Cprl. Rzab and SSMCTF assisted Calumet City Police with a homicide investigation.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> thru June 8<sup>th</sup> Det. Cprl Rzab assisted SSMCTF and South Holland Police with a homicide investigation.

### **Open Case Assignment Summary –**

Cases pending – 5, 21 cases pending lab results, 23 cases open and actively being investigated, 4 warrant cases offender still at large, 30 cases assigned to Detective Division and 110 cases closed.

### **9-1-1 Center Monthly Statistics**

Blue Island calls – 2,871

Midlothian calls - 1,947

Posen calls – 1,029

Calumet Park calls – 1,472

7<sup>th</sup> Step Campaign this is traffic enforcement June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>. 51 citations, 42 occupant restraint violations, 4 unlicensed drivers arrested, 1 fugitive apprehended.

We were awarded the Step Grant for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$9,843.60 this is significantly less than previous years.

At this time I would like to make a motion to send to Judiciary Committee to rescind Ordinance No. 2650 to not allow door to door solicitation and peddlers in Blue Island. Chief Contreras also stated that his department is in favor of the recession.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to approve to rescind Ordinance No. 2650, not allowing door-to-door solicitation and peddlers in Blue Island.

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked if ice cream trucks would be included in this ordinance also.

Ald. Ostling stated that it would have to go to Judiciary Committee.

Mayor Peloquin stated that going door-to-door soliciting is different than applying for a business.

Clerk Frasier stated that an ordinance was passed a while back prohibiting ice cream trucks or food vendors, so that is already in place.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next meeting – Monday, August 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

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

No Report.

Ald. Janko commented that the Highland elevated tank looks great and work is being done on the water reservoir and thanked for the extra day to complete the railroad crossing.

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

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

**New Businesses for the month July – 2012**

Mr. James Harden, Streetwise Newspaper, appeared before the Committee and was referred to Attorney Sullivan.

Fun & Cocktails, Inc. at 1859 Burr Oak Avenue – will return to Committee when closing is done.

Leonara’s Furniture at 2115 Vermont St. - Approved.

The Fashion 4 You at 12541 Western Ave. – Approved.

LD Auto Recycling & Repair at 13840 S. Harrison – Approved pending Building and Fire Inspections.

Paleteria 100% Michacana at 13034 Western Ave. – Approved pending Building and Fire Inspections and completion of Food Certification.

At Work Personal Service at 11930 S. Western Ave. – Approved.

Kelly’s Irish Saloon at 2146 Vermont St. – Approved pending Building and Fire Inspections.

SBJ Enterprises, Inc. (Sierra Banquets) at 12657 Western Ave. – request for alcohol Denied.

GH Christian Academy at 12951 Maple Ave. – Approved pending Building and Fire Inspections.

Commissioner Adams presented the Building Department Report for June –

Building Permits	75
Apartment Inspection	83
Residential Inspection	73
Commercial Inspections	16
Letter of Conditions	5
Court Summons Issued	5
Complaints Checked	24
Code Violation Door Tags	25
Not Approved for Occupancy	12
Notice of Christmas Decoration	10

Stop Work Orders	13
Housing Court Fines Issued	\$2,350

The Committee is requesting that copies of liquor license applications be included with business license applications where applicable.

The Committee discussed that building and fire inspections be completed before the business appears before the Committee and the applications need to be completely filled out before they are scheduled to appear before the Committee.

The Committee agreed to refer the application for the licensing of peddlers and solicitors to the Judiciary Committee to write an ordinance prohibiting the licensing of peddlers and solicitors.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

Mayor Peloquin reminded Council that the first Council Meeting in August they should vote on putting the Electrical Aggregation on the ballot if they so desire.

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

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive accused Mayor Peloquin of being racist and not being an equal opportunity employer.

The Mayor stated he was offended by that comment and that it was not true.

Carol De Pace-Green of 2731 Orchard Street stressed her concerns and comments regarding JAWA.

Mayor Peloquin suggested to Ms. Green that they both would sit down and have an opened televised debate regarding JAWA.

Willie Scott asked where he could get a Freedom of Information.

The Mayor stated in the Clerk's Office.

Paul Tsakiris, owner of the strip mall stressed the importance of having E-Z Pawn as a tenant and stated he will go with any provenance the City wants him to follow to allow them to go in there. Mr. Tsakiris stressed that there has been a vacancies in that building for a while that put him in financial loss and if the City does not allow E-Z Pawn to come in to Blue Island, He will be forced to close down the Strip Mall.

Ald. Janko stated that he had visited the E-Z Pawn Shop in Chicago Heights and stated that it was outstanding.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Buckner to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Ald. Vargas, Thompson.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk  
Terry Sullivan, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Spizzirri to instruct the City Attorney to settle a Workmen's Compensation case and a car accident involving a city vehicle.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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



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**Pam Frason, City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.**



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**Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor**