

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS
October 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – October 9, 2012

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2013.
2. 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.
3. AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
4. A RESOLUTION DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF COOK FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED PROJECT #12-002: STREET RECONSTRUCTION: GRUNEWALD, ORCHARD AND COLLINS FROM GREENWOOD TO WESTERN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Illinois, as enunciated in the State Constitution, that handicapped persons are entitled to enjoy the fruits of a full and meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island hereby declare that it is the public policy of the city to encourage and assist handicapped persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of our community; and

WHEREAS, to implement such policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island recognize it is desirable to restrict certain portions of the public ways within the City of Blue Island for handicapped parking only;

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

SECTION ONE

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

- a) On the west side of Elm Street in front of the residence whose common address is 12604 Elm Street (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

SECTION TWO

Appropriate signs shall be erected by the Superintendent of Public Works on the portion of the street designated above informing the public that parking thereon is restricted or permitted as hereinabove provided for.

SECTION THREE

The operator of any vehicle violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each offense.

SECTION FOUR

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

SECTION FIVE

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

**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

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this

_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS
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 12139 Greenwood Avenue and 12733 Division Street, Blue Island, Illinois, are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION TWO

The Superintendent of Public Works shall remove all signs on the portions of the streets for the properties whose common addresses are 12139 Greenwood Avenue and 12733 Division Street, 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.

**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

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
_____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF COOK
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED
PROJECT #12-002: STREET RECONSTRUCTION:
GRUNEWALD, ORCHARD & COLLINS FROM GREENWOOD TO WESTERN.**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island is desirous of entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Cook for the purpose of funding the hereinafter described Community Development Block Grant Project; and

WHEREAS, the hereinafter defined project will enhance the residential environment and promote the commercial development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island are desirous of achieving the aforesaid goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Blue Island that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby directed and authorized to submit the Subrecipient Agreement, all understandings and assurances and to execute the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Agreement with the County of Cook, Illinois for Project #12-002: Street Reconstruction: Grunewald, Orchard & Collins from Greenwood to Western, in the amount of \$300,000.00, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Blue Island that the Mayor or City Clerk or Grant Administrator be and are hereby directed and authorized to execute any and all additional documents necessary to carry out the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program for the City of Blue Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

PAM FRASOR
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.

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

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

CITY CLERK

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska,
Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling, Janko,
Vargas.

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Vargas announced due to illness, Mayor Peloquin would not be attending Council.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on September 25, 2012 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Vargas declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargas along with Fire Chief Vrshek approached the podium for a plaque presentation to award the winners of the school poster contest for Fire Prevention Week "2 Ways Out". The winners are as follows:

Thomas J. Vrabel – 1st Grade Lincoln School
Carlina Grey - 5th Grade Whittier School
Elia Lopez – 7th Grade St. Benedict School

Chief Vrshek announced McDonald's sponsored this and provided everybody who participated McDonald's coupons.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Ald. Natalino stated he has been getting calls from residents regarding what was announced on top of the water bills stating leaf pickup has changed. The Alderman asked for clarification on how leaf pick-up should be.

Clerk Frasor stated it is part of the contract that now thru November 31st leaves should be bagged and put out along with your recycling for pick up and after the 31st Public Works will be picking them up. On the top of the next water bill it will inform residents to put leaves in the parkway for pickup.

Ald. Janko asked when the next public JAWA meeting would be.

Mayor Pro-tem Vargas stated it would be on the 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Ald. Patoska stated that the meeting from last month was rescheduled to October 11th.

BIDS

No Bids

CITY CLERK

Calvary Chapel is requesting permission to hold their annual "Hallelujah Night" on October 31, 2012 at The Barn at 12640 S. Sacramento Avenue from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

St. Benedict School is sponsoring a Dance-A-Thon on Friday, October 12, 2012 from 12:45 pm to 2:00 pm and is requesting permission to solicit donations.

Kerr Middle School is requesting permission to have Maple Avenue blocked off between Union and High Street on October 24, 2012 for their PBIS Party Celebration.

Mike Mech, The Bungalow Chef is requesting permission to block off in front of his house for 4 to 5 days starting Monday the 15th to Friday the 19th. This Old House will be using the Bungalow Chefs home for a minor kitchen rehab and will be filming it.

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

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Vargas declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

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

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Vargas declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 208

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2456 WEST GRUNEWALD STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 209

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2318 WEST 122ND STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

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

Ayes: 10 Ald. Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska,
Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling, Janko,
Vargas.

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 446

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED “INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT REGARDING THE FACILITATION OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ALONG AREA WATERS FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES”.

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

On the Question: Ald. Rita asked is this just for a public meeting.

Attorney Brosnahan stated yes.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska,
Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling, Janko,
Vargas.

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) 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 October 9, 2012 for the Total Amount of \$357,215.35.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling, Janko, Vargas.

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for September 28, 2012 Net Pay - \$235,928.35 and Total Gross - \$391,714.74.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling, Janko, Vargas.

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson.

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ald. Patoska announced the City is still waiting to receive \$457,000 in real estate tax money from State.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second on Ald. Natalino to approve a Resolution to be drafted for Class 6b tax incentive for Sterling Lumber and Pumping Solutions.

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Vargas declared the motion carried.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

A special meeting was on September 27, 2012 the only issue discussed was residential parking for B-plate vehicles. The Committee asked Attorney Sullivan to get ordinances from other towns to compare how this issue is handled.

The Regular Meeting on October 2, 2012 insurance loss was discussed. Attorney Sullivan informed Committee that insurance loss was all Workman's Comp cases. Attorney Sullivan also informed Committee that the City would be doing random drug testing and Superintendent Stachulak & Superintendent Werner agreed to participate in the pool. This will be 1 person a month.

Discussion on how far Community Development is on House Party Forms.

Discussion on Residential Parking is on going.

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

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Ostling to approve an Ordinance to be drafted to rescind handicapped parking located at 12139 Greenwood Avenue and to provide handicapped parking for the location at 12604 Elm Street.

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Vargas declared the motion carried.

Director of Golf Vidovic provided the Committee with a financial report for the month of September showing income of \$140,361.63. This was the second most profitable September for the Meadows to date. He indicated that the golf course is in great shape. Repair of the bunker on #4 is completed and grass restorations on 6 & 7 are completed. He is also reviewing a new credit transaction terminal from First Data. This will replace the troublesome system that was in place.

Superintendent of Water Joe Werner addressed the Committee on the restoration of the grounds/landscaping around the water tank. During the repair and repainting the contractor disturbed some of the landscaping and pavement around the tank and will be returning to restore it to its pre-construction condition. The Superintendent is also thinking about hosting an open house in the future to show off the technical and physical improvements at the Highland Pumping Station. Hydrant testing will commence throughout the City and will be conducted by ME Simpson. The Water Department has been busy restoring the “Buffalo Box” water shut off valves on Maple Street taking advantage of the already disturbed parkways and working with the contractor and Robinson Engineering. The shut off valves is scheduled to be completed within the week.

Superintendent of Public Works Ken Stachulak reported to the Committee that on September 6th a mutual aid request went out to several communities for assistance from Hazel Crest. They had 4 water main breaks all at one time. Blue Island was prepared to send a crew but was not needed. Ken reported that the EAS call system works well and allows member communities to call for assistance when overwhelmed by a disaster (natural or manmade). The bus helter and light at Gregory and York was struck by an automobile and Public Works assisted in the clean up and notified the RTA to get replacement shelter in place. The Public Works building on Wireton Road is getting a much-needed HVAC upgrade. This upgrade is being paid for through a grant the City received. Vermont and Maple Streets resurfacing is progressing well and the Maple Street project should be completed within the next couple of weeks. York, High, New and Irving Streets are scheduled for resurfacing depending on weather they may be pushed to spring. Ald. Johnson requested signage for Francisco and 139th Street “Welcome to the California Gardens” Superintendent Stachulak will look into what’s available and will advise the Aldermen.

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

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

Treasurer Bilotto announced he was very impressed with the Fire Department with an incident that he had over the weekend.

Jud Coyle of 2537 W. 120th Street announced that it's October - Merry Christmas and asked everybody for help with donations of small gloves, can goods, ect. Angels Touch has a web site if anybody wants to see what we need. Ms. Coyle stated that Blue Island is the best place in the entire world when it comes to helping people and thanked everyone for their support.

Carol De Pace-Green of 2731 Orchard Street asked if all City Employees would be drug tested.

Superintendent Stachulak stated no, only the CDL licensed drivers.

Ms. Green asked what the current City debt is and what the language for JAWA is for the 2013 ballot.

Mayor Pro-tem Vargas stated he would talk with Mayor Peloquin and get back to her.

Ms. Green stated she was not contacted regarding when the JAWA meetings would be.

Mayor Pro-tem Vargas stated it was his understanding that Mayor Peloquin wanted a separate meeting with Mr. Young and Ms. Green; the meeting that Ald. Janko was talking about was through Committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Stone, 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
October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frason, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.**



Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor