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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois**  
**August 12, 2014**

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion to approve minutes from July 22, 2014

5. **Public Comment**

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WELCOME YOU AS OBSERVERS TO THIS PUBLIC MEETING. YOU ARE REMINDED THIS MEETING IS FOR THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING CITY BUSINESS AND GOVERNANCE. IF YOU INTEND TO SPEAK, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS. ONCE RECOGNIZED BY THE MAYOR, PLEASE APPROACH THE PODIUM, ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. IF YOUR COMMENTS REQUIRE A RESPONSE, THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON FOR FOLLOW-UP.

6. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

Mayor: 1. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Resolution – Charles and Corrine Martin

Bids:

City Clerk:

1. Motion to approve a request from Norman Brown of Blue Station Apartments to have a Block Party on 122<sup>nd</sup> Street between Vincennes and Longwood on Friday and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

2. Motion to approve a request from Yolanda Ortiz to have a Block Party on Hoyne Avenue between New Street and York Street on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

City Treasurer: 1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

City Attorney:

7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Community Development Committee
  - b. Finance Committee
  - c. Public Health and Safety
  - d. Municipal Services Committee
  - e. Judiciary Committee
  
8. **Motions**
  - a. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
    1. Approval of Payroll – July 18, 2014 for \$376,620.21 and August 1, 2014 for \$378,934.95
    2. Approval of Accounts Payable – August 6, 2014 for \$631,539.49
    3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
    4. Motion to approve letter of engagement with Alexeychuk & Company for Accounting and auditing services.
    5. Motion to approve settlement of Workers Compensation Claim No. 13 WC 027834, on terms as discussed in closed session.
    6. Ordinance Governing Employee and Retiree Contributions and Rescinding Certain Ordinances.
    7. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreements Governing the Cal-Sag Historic Waterways Enterprise Zone and Zone Administration.
  
9. **Motion to Retire to Closed Session for consideration of:**
  - a. Discussion of Pending Litigation
  
10. **Motion to Reconvene Regular Session**
  
11. **Motion for Adjournment**



**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Pittman the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on July 8, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johanson, Buckner, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

The Mayor gave the following statement:

I want to address something that many of you probably have heard about through various media reports.

I can assure you that we are doing everything we possibly can do to bring the Blue Island City Council and the Blue Island Public Library Board together toward a comprehensive agreement suitable to all parties involved.

The City has reached out to the Library Board and our intention is to resolve these matters as quickly as possible. Because these are ongoing efforts, I will not be commenting on the matter until a suitable resolution has been reached. We look forward to listening to your comments during the public comment period this evening. We are working hard to resolve this matter and we hope to have an agreement reached soon.

Thank you.

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

Tonia Cerny, 12948 Mozart, expressed flooding concerns. Ms. Cerny asked if anything had been said to CSX and what is being done to fix the situation.

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The Mayor stated they had been in contact with CSX around three months ago and let them know those issues would need to be addressed. They reached out to CSX again as the spring rains came. There is a meeting set within the next week or two to address the issues.

Marilyn Murray, 3136 141<sup>st</sup> Street, expressed flooding concerns in her area. Ms. Murray stated she tried reaching the Water Department and had not been able to reach anyone or had her calls returned.

The Mayor stated he would take down her information and have somebody out there the next morning.

Marguerita Humbles, 2302 119<sup>th</sup> Place, expressed concerns over flooding in her basement and alley.

The Mayor stated he would take her information and get in contact with her.

Director Robert Houlf, 13109 Winchester Ave, informed the council that Joe Heitz would be retiring that Friday and invited them to stop by city hall from 11:00 to 1:00 and wish him well and thank him for all his years of service.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, asked the Mayor if the city engineer could come up and explain the real problems with the flooding.

Mr. Nagel addressed the flooding issues in the 13<sup>th</sup> precinct. He stated that for the past 3 or 4 years they have been looking for funding sources to alleviate the flooding problems. Mr. Nagel stated it has always come down to funding; whether the investigative work can be afforded or not.

Mr. Stevo asked how the JAWA meeting was last week.

The Mayor stated he did not attend but Treasurer Bilotto did.

Mr. Stevo asked what was discussed in the executive session.

The Mayor stated it was pending litigation.

Mr. Stevo asked who made the decisions regarding the library matter and why didn't city council discuss it.

The Mayor stated he could not comment on it.

Reverend Reinhart, Saint Joseph Saint Aidens Episcopal Church, thanked the Mayor for attending the Annual Day of Prayer for the Environment and for organizing BIGG.

The Mayor thanked Reverend Reinhart for his comments.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS****MAYOR:**

Jim Klinker was appointed as Fire Chief by the Mayor and sworn in.

**BIDS:**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Stone to approve a request from George and Linda Krueger of Maplewood Inn to have their annual BBQ Party on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.**

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johanson, Buckner, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve a request from Kathy Gardner to have a block party on August 2, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. at 119<sup>th</sup> and Maple Avenue.**

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johanson, Buckner, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Rita to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2014.**

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johanson, Buckner, Johnson
Abstain:	0	

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

### **CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Carr to submit the proposed agreement with Metra to a committee for review.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

##### **Community Development Committee Report for Meeting on July 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Carr, Frausto and Thompson

Absent: Alderman Vieyra, Bilotto, Ostling

Also Present: Nicholas Crite, Supervisor of Buildings, Jason Berry, Muhamad Ramadan and Abdul Douba, Alan Stevo

Old Business:

Elite Marketing was a no show at the meeting. It was moved by Alderman Frausto and seconded by Alderman Carr to deny their application. All were in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

The committee then reviewed the Building Department report for June.

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### **PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

The Plan Commission recommended denial of the application for the Special Use for 2737 Union St. for a day care center in a R1, Single Family Residential District. They are now going to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

They will be reviewing the Sign Ordinance and will be considering a Special Use for Core Impex Group, Inc.: 2840 Vermont St. The Applicant is seeking a special use permit for Auto Body dismantling and recycling.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA ITEMS**

At their last meeting, they recommended approval of a variation for 12851 Clinton who was seeking a variation of the property lot line to allow for the construction of an addition to the home within the rear yard of the property. They also recommended approval of a Special Use for Blue Island Beer Co: 13357 Olde Western Ave. for Artisan Manufacturing of beer. Also recommended for approval was a lot subdivision at 2435 New St. to subdivide the original property into two separate lots. All three items were presented and approved at City Council.

### **APPROVED BUSINESS LICENSES**

No business licenses have been approved since the last CDHS meeting.

### **PENDING BUSINESS LICENSES**

#### **Blue Island Beer Company: 13357 S Olde Western Ave**

The business as presented is a **MANUFACTURING (ARTISAN)** use which will consist of brewery manufacturing of beer for wholesale distribution and retail sales in taproom located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. The owner will be performing a building out of the space. The business received special use approval from the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals on April 16, 2014 and June 16, 2014, respectively. Construction plans have been approved and the owner will receive permits once all fees are paid.

#### **The BoCa Bar: 12748 Western Ave**

The business as presented is an **EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT** (bar and lounge) located in the C-1: Central Area Commercial District.

#### **It Takes a Village: 1843 Oak St**

The home business as presented is a **HOME DAY CARE** located in the R-1: Single Family Residential District. Per the zoning ordinance as written this is a permitted business and must comply with the rules as established by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. As of the date of this report, the owner has not received authorization to from the Department of Children and Family Services to open.

#### **Latin Rhythm Lounge: 13308 Olde Western Ave**

The business as presented is a **FULL SERVICE: EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT** (latin food and liquor restaurant) located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. The building department has performed initial health and building inspections at the property. Owner stated that minor repairs and painting will be performed throughout the dining area. Additionally, owner will be testing for food service license and will be submitting the documentation to the building department. Ald. Thompson asked about the capacity. Mr. Crite said that would be set by the Fire Department.

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**Micro Tech Envios, Inc:** 2115 Vermont

The business as presented is a **PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT** located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District provides services for money wiring, bill payment, internet service and computer repair. They are opening a second location. Property has been inspected and the owner was given a list of items to complete prior to obtaining a business license.

**Old Town Barbershop:** 12352 Western Ave

The business as presented is a **PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT: BARBERSHOP** located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. Inspections have been completed; however, the department is waiting on additional materials from the business owner (they have an Oklahoma Cosmetology License and they need to get their license from Illinois).

**Scrap Metal Services, LLC:** 3000 W 139th St

The business as presented is **WAREHOUSE FACILITY FOR STORAGE OF SCRAP MATERIAL** located in the I-2: General Industry District. They are a brokerage firm for recycling of scrap material. All items would be kept inside a warehouse. As of the date of this report no inspections have been scheduled.

Ald. Hawley said there are already parking issues down on Olde Western Ave. and with the addition of at least two more potentially popular businesses will only make it worse. There has been talk about Valet parking and using the space under the bridge. Another idea is to acquire a building at Broadway and Greenwood from the bank and tear that down and make a parking lot which would be City owned. There is a possibility of a public/private opportunity. Would there be one Valet Service or would it be different ones. Mr. Berry is looking at some other cities regulations for Valet Parking. He believes offering it as a business that would include all of the regulations affecting a business would be in place. We would need an ordinance setting up this type of business in town because it would need a little more regulation than a normal business. Ald. Frausto and Ald. Hawley would like to see this move forward sooner than later as there are already issues and we need to make sure whatever we put into place is working before two more businesses open down there and add to the issues.

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department report for June 2014. Their revenues for June 2014 were \$33,363.78. Their total revenues for this Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2014 are \$70,525.85, for the year starting January 1, 2014, revenues are \$178,372.53.

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	<u>June 2014 Activity</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	QTY	Revenue	QTY	Revenue
Building Permits	101	\$ 14,607.28	403	\$ 53,190.61
Plumbing Permits	8	\$ 635.00	56	\$ 6,495.00
Electrical Permits	13	\$ 840.00	65	\$ 10,215.00
Penalties	2	\$ 250.00	23	\$ 2,600.00
Stop Work Orders			42	\$ -
Apartment Inspections	23	\$ 1,175.00	143	\$ 6,755.00
Residential Inspections	20	\$ 2,325.00	133	\$ 15,055.00
Commercial Inspections			16	\$ -
Health/License Inspections			131	\$ -
Elevator Inspections	1	\$ 64.00	25	\$ 3,264.00
Not Approved for Occupancy			82	\$ -
Code Violations (Door Tags)			437	\$ -
Court Summons Issued			1	\$ -
Housing Court Fines Issued	2	\$ 200.00	8	\$ 550.00
Vacant Properties Registered	12	\$ 2,400.00	76	\$ 15,300.00
Vacant Properties Inspected	10	\$ 5,000.00	49	\$ 24,400.00
Contractor Registrations	29	\$ 2,900.00	183	\$ 18,415.00
Street Openings	1	\$ 300.00	3	\$ 775.00
Parkway Openings	1	\$ 200.00	2	\$ 400.00
Misc/Wrecking	14	\$ 1,920.00	84	\$ 19,615.00
Sewer Permit			0	\$ -
Board-Up			2	\$ 355.42
Garage Sale	52	\$ 260.00	100	\$ 500.00
Business Licenses Issued			0	\$ -
Zoning	1	\$ 287.50	2	\$ 487.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 33,363.78</b>		<b>\$ 178,372.53</b>

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Ald. Hawley asked Mr. Berry and Mr. Crite about getting an overview of some of the things affecting the CDHSC that are included in the new Sign Ordinance that was passed at City Council the night before. It now is a comprehensive Sign Ordinance that is in affect for the parts of the City that are not included in the UTOD Sign Ordinance. It talks about signage in places like residential areas (church, home business, etc.), Commercial District and Industrial District. There's also special regulations for Hospitals since they have special signage needs.

There are specifically prohibited signs (animated, moving, flashing, twinkling, wind-blown, etc.). The Ordinance can always be amended if we feel it goes to far (or not far enough). The important aspect of any ordinance is enforcement. Signs in the right-of-way are not allowed except for A-frame style signs and overhead signs. Signs are not allowed in parkways and other public areas. Signs are not allowed to be made out of temporary material (vinyl, paper, etc.). Those are considered temporary and are limited to 30 days. Signs should not cover architectural elements of a building. There are also new regulations for billboards. They are allowed in industrial districts only. Any changes to billboards to the LED ones, would need a Special Use permit as would any rooftop signs. Those would go through Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and then need to be approved by City Council.

The CDHS was charged with Sign Code Variations. If there is something unique about their business or want to do a non-permitted sign, they could come to this Committee for a Variation. If this Committee denies a sign, it may be appealed to the entire City Council, but if this Committee approves it, they may get a permit the next day. These would arise from a denial from City Staff.

Non-conforming signs are a concern. There are a lot of them. The administration is asking to enforce signage and façade changes. If a sign was not properly permitted, it will not be considered a legal sign. If a business has gone through the process and gotten proper approvals and permits, it will be allowed to stay.

Discussion about the LED lights outlining the windows, etc. ensued. Everyone seemed to be OK with the outlining of windows with lights as long as they aren't to bright, or chasing, or flashing in some fashion. They did take that into account in the new sign ordinance. It is not allowed to outline architectural details of a building. They are also supposed to be turned off when the business is closed.

Discussion about window signs ensued. The code enacted the night before maximized the coverage to 40%. They are looking at how to enforce that. If there is a building with 3 bays of windows, can one full window be a sign and the other two be open? Consensus eventually was each division of glass is a window. Ald. Carr said the original intent was for safety reasons so that if something was going on inside the business, it would obstruct emergency personnel view into the business. It was also decided that enforcement is only for windows on the main store front or primary façade.

Handwritten signs have not been legal since 2006. Enforcement is difficult. It will be a gray and fuzzy area. There are other signs that are sunsetting in the UTOD area. There are a lot of now illegal signs that were legally obtained Uptown. Mr. Berry thinks we should eliminate that clause from the current UTOD Sign Ordinance. Consensus was that those signs should be allowed to stay, but if any of those signs were to come down, the City needs to be over there and let them know that their old sign was non-conforming and that a new sign would need to be approved.

Ald. Hawley has requested that a book of guidelines needs to be put together that is simpler than the entire ordinance, and easy to read. It was started and then it was put on hold for the passage of the new sign ordinance. We need one that would go with the Business Application as well as one that would go to current business owners regarding replacement of signs. Mr. Berry suggested a letter could be sent with a follow-up visit to businesses.

Muhamad Ramadan, attorney for Abdul Douba, was then asked to present their business. Since they were not on the agenda, no action will be taken at the meeting. They are looking to open a Hookah Lounge. It's a popular venue that is an alternative to your normal drinking establishment. There will be no alcohol or food served at this business. The location is a free standing building at 2002 Vermont St. (Vermont and Division). There is a good tax generating business with tobacco tax and sales taxes. They are looking to make it a nice, chic business. Ald. Carr asked about smoking in a public building and how that will work. He said it is similar to a cigar lounge. Mr. Crite said that State Statute says 80% of the revenue generated needs to be from tobacco sales and it must be a free-standing building in order to have tobacco smoked inside the building. The owner interested in opening the business owns another business in town and is very happy with working with the City and the diversity of the residents. They have submitted plans and the application to the Building Department.

Ald. Hawley said he has talked with the Mayor, Director Rita and Mr. Berry and Mr. Crite about the Zoning Ordinance revision could be something this Committee could work on. A revision was started a couple of years ago, but it stalled with the new administration due to many other pressing issues to deal with. It is thought it would be good to get that going again. It's a very important document that lays out what types of businesses can go where and it needs to be updated. A lot of work has already been done. In talking to Mr. Berry about this idea, he said it would be great to bring some issues to this committee for feedback. Ald. Hawley said it's not something that we would take on as a whole document, but that we would take on parts of it that Mr. Crite and Mr. Berry have some questions on and want feedback. It was thought that this Committee has half of the Council and is a good cross section of the City and would be a good place to get some feedback.

Mr. Berry talked about the Zoning Code. Part of the Code is the Sign Ordinance which has just been passed. Another part is the Use Table. He is working on looking at that for Zoning Conflicts: residential areas butting up to industrial uses. It causes a lot of problems for the City now. When the original Code was adopted, many people probably walked to work there and liked being so close. Now, it's different. There are two types of uses: permitted and special uses. Permitted uses, there is really nothing we can do or say to not allow it if it is permitted. A special use is like the day care center in a residential area. It's hard to think of every use possible. If it's not listed on a use table, it's assumed it is not allowed. He passed out the current Use Table and requested we take a look at it. Mr. Berry is going to workshop these things to show us how it works and get input from us. He is looking to get the current Use Table amended within the current Zoning Code. Do we have enough zoning districts? Do we need more? What kind of uses do we want? Then we would start looking at the 'conflicting' areas in town where two different zones butt up against themselves.

#### Aldermen Concerns:

Ald. Frausto and Hawley wished to bring up the need for a simple sign or something welcoming people to the Olde Western Business District. Also, Ald. Hawley would like one before the bridge that directs people over the bridge for Olde Western Business District. There are a lot of people going down the hill. Mr. Berry said the way-finding signs are picked up and are being put up around town.

Ald. Frausto asked about an overcrowding issue at 135<sup>th</sup> and Greenwood building. The Building Department needs to be 'invited in' to inspect or have some sort of complaint. He showed a picture of their dumpster. Mr. Crite said the basement was tagged as not fit for occupancy. They went over with a police officer. Has there been any follow up? Mr. Crite will check with the Police to see if there has been any problems.

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2609 Broadway is also jammed with commercial equipment and it is a single family home in a residential area. Mr. Crite will look into that.

Ald. Hawley reported two lots, one at James and Greenwood and one at Grove and Greenwood, need to be cut.

It was moved by Ald. Frausto and seconded by Ald. Carr to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hawley, Chairman

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex*

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

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex*

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

Ald. Carr invited everyone to attend National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The Benefit Softball Game has been rescheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at Hart Park at 6:00 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex*

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

*Next Meeting – Monday, August 4, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex*

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

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex*

**MOTIONS**

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:**

1. Approval of Payroll – July 3, 2014 for \$356,956.14
2. Approval of Accounts Payable – July 16, 2014 for \$256,331.01
3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
4. An Ordinance Authorizing Withdrawal from the South Suburban Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA) and Rescinding all Appropriate Ordinances.

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5. An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street at or Near 2518 Prairie Street for Handicapped Parking Only within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.
6. An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2534 New Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue,  
Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,  
Thompson

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johanson, Buckner, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.**

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Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2014-035**

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES AND CORRINE MARTIN  
ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR  
50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

<b>1st Ward</b>	<b>CHRISTINE BUCKNER</b>	<b>TOM HAWLEY</b>
<b>2nd Ward</b>	<b>LETICIA VIEYRA</b>	<b>CHARISSA BILOTTO</b>
<b>3rd Ward</b>	<b>NANCY RITA</b>	<b>KEVIN DONAHUE</b>
<b>4th Ward</b>	<b>MARCIA STONE</b>	<b>CANDACE CARR</b>
<b>5th Ward</b>	<b>JANICE OSTLING</b>	<b>KENNETH PITTMAN</b>
<b>6th Ward</b>	<b>DEXTER JOHNSON</b>	<b>JAIRO FRAUSTO</b>
<b>7th Ward</b>	<b>NANCY THOMPSON</b>	<b>JAMES JOHANSON</b>

**Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-035**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES AND  
CORRINE MARTIN ON THE CELEBRATION  
OF THEIR 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

**WHEREAS, Charles Martin and Corrine Beaty** were married on August 22, 1964 at City Hall in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS, Charles Martin** was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi on July 14, 1944 to Annalee and Charlie Martin; and

**WHEREAS, Charles** graduated from John Marshal High School in Chicago and became an active member of the community; and

**WHEREAS, Charles** worked for Chrysler Corporation located in Naperville Illinois for 31 years. He is 15 years retired.

**WHEREAS, Charles** has been a God fearing husband, father, grandfather and law abiding citizen of Blue Island; and

**WHEREAS, Corrine Beaty** was born in Norton, Virginia on May 18, 1947 to Geneva and Charles Beaty; and

**WHEREAS, Corrine** holds a Masters of Human Services Administration and she is a home based daycare provider at Corky's Playhouse and Academy; and

**WHEREAS, Corrine** has been a God fearing wife, mother, grandmother and law abiding citizen of Blue Island; and

**WHEREAS,** both **Charles and Corrine** serve at An Open Door Church and both minister at a nursing home monthly and have won the Blue Island 2013 Cavalcade of Pride Award of the 3rd Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** both **Charles and Corrine** have been great role models for the youth of our community. Their dedication to community, family and each other are truly remarkable. Many of us only dream of having the type of relationship and marriage that **Charles and Corrine** have had for the past 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** **Charles and Corrine** have raised three children, **Wanda Martin** of Chicago, **Tamara Sanford** of Chicago, and **Chaquoia Kelly** of Blue Island and;

**WHEREAS,** both **Charles and Corrine** are also the proud grandparents of two.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby congratulate and offer our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to **Charles and Corrine** on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**APPROVED:** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

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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  
 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

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**CITY CLERK**

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**Christine Buckner-Cheatle, Alderman**

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**Tom Hawley, Alderman**

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**Nancy L. Thompson, Alderman**

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**James Johanson, Alderman**

2024 #501

# BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

City of Blue Island  
13051 S. Greenwood, Blue Island, IL 60406  
708-597-8603

Representative: Norman Brown Title: Property Manager

Address: 2130 W. 122nd St Blue Island IL 60406

Daytime Phone: 708-489-2500 Nighttime Phone: 773-418-3044

E-mail: nbrown@kinzie.biz

Organization (if any): Blue Station Apartments

Secondary Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nighttime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location of Block Party: 122nd St Between Vincennes - Longwood

Requested Date: 8-15 8-16 Time - Beginning: 11:00 End: 4:00

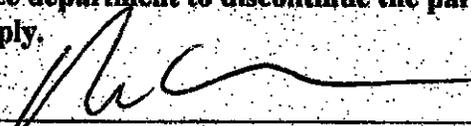
### City Services:

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Police Officer to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Fire Engine to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: at 1:00 both days

The Blue Island Public Works will deliver barricades as prescribed in the guidelines.

**The applicants are responsible for any injury, damage to property or illegal actions during the Block Party. In the event that there should be a directive, written or oral, from the police department to discontinue the party for proper reasons, then the applicants must comply.**

  
Signature of Representative

Norman Brown  
Printed Name

Signature of Secondary Representative

Printed Name

# BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

City of Blue Island  
13051 S. Greenwood, Blue Island, IL 60406  
708-597-8603

Representative: Yolanda Ortiz Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 13004 HOYNE

Daytime Phone: (708) 705-2860 Nighttime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Representative: LINDA SANCHEZ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 2011 YORK Blue Island

Daytime Phone: (708) 545-6527 Nighttime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location of Block Party: HOYNE AVE from New<sup>ST</sup> to York<sup>ST</sup>

Requested Date: 16 Aug 14 Time - Beginning: 6:00 P.M. End: 11 1/2

City Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Police Officer to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: N/A

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Fire Engine to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: N/A

The Blue Island Public Works will deliver barricades as prescribed in the guidelines.

**The applicants are responsible for any injury, damage to property or illegal actions during the Block Party. In the event that there should be a directive, written or oral, from the police department to discontinue the party for proper reasons, then the applicants must comply.**

Signature of Representative: Juan Ortiz Printed Name: JUAN ORTIZ

Signature of Secondary Representative: [Signature] Printed Name: LINDA SANCHEZ

TO: BLUE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL  
 THE UNDERSIGNED, Carmine Bilotto TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT, SHOWING THE STATE OF THE TREASURY AT THE  
 CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 7/31/14

FUND NAME	ON HAND LAST REPORT	RECEIVED	PAID OUT	CHECKING BALANCE	SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	TOTAL FUND BALANCE
GENERAL	\$455,908.01	\$2,452,762.09	\$2,456,661.61	\$452,008.49	\$0.00	\$464,575.21	\$916,583.70
WATER	\$576,410.93	\$556,703.87	\$529,950.44	\$603,184.36	\$0.00	\$896.50	\$604,060.86
GOLF	\$51,133.38	\$171,196.69	\$181,745.79	\$40,584.28	\$0.00	\$1,963.18	\$42,547.46
GOLF CONCESSION	\$8,031.95	\$17,357.66	\$18,032.37	\$7,357.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,357.24
MFT	\$4,062.92	\$73,615.73	\$73,625.55	\$4,053.10	\$0.00	\$199,841.67	\$203,894.77
CDBG	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81
TIF 2	\$643,127.73	\$47,754.79	\$68,469.30	\$622,413.22	\$0.00	\$1,541.90	\$623,955.12
TIF 3	\$412,385.37	\$101,805.42	\$0.00	\$514,190.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$514,190.79
TIF 4	\$10,403.30	\$1.76	\$0.00	\$10,405.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,405.06
TIF 5	\$3,823.82	\$0.16	\$0.00	\$3,823.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,823.98
TIF 6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRANT (INT BEARING)	\$117,410.51	\$9,735.62	\$32,843.42	\$94,302.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,302.71
VERMONT PARKING LOT	\$20,781.93	\$4,435.20	\$0.00	\$25,217.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,217.13
PARKING TICKET COL ACC	\$140,881.95	\$20,645.50	\$0.00	\$161,527.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,527.45
ALLIED A.S.O.	\$17,468.89	\$170.40	\$170.40	\$17,468.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,468.89
PAYROLL	\$52,329.06	\$1,169,414.97	\$1,130,849.06	\$90,894.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,894.97
GRANT(NON-INT BEARING)	\$419,718.95	\$14,989.28	\$124,774.45	\$309,933.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$309,933.78
MEADOWS VIDEO GAMING	\$5,698.07	\$3,587.26	\$0.00	\$9,285.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,285.33
BI/SPECIAL EVENTS FUND	\$10,359.98	\$1,302.12	\$0.00	\$11,662.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,662.10
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,950,045.56</b>	<b>\$4,645,478.52</b>	<b>\$4,617,122.39</b>	<b>\$2,978,401.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$668,818.46</b>	<b>\$3,647,220.15</b>

Checks approved but not sent to vendors \$0.00

Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes 8-5-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 6:33 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with Alderman Tom Hawley and Alderman Nancy Thompson present. Alderman Kevin Donahue and Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Director of Finance and Administration Matt Anastasia, Public Safety Director John Rita, Jr., Supervisor of Golf Betty Harmeyer, Director of Municipal Services Bob Houlf, Clerk Randy Heuser, Alderman Jan Ostling, Alderman Letty Viera and Mr. Allen Stevo.

Payroll for July 18, 2014 in the amount of \$376,620.21 with a motion to authorize by Alderman Nancy Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to approve the total payroll liability in the amount of \$376,620.21. Motion carried.

Payroll for August 1, 2014 in the amount of \$378,934.95 with a motion to authorize by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor to approve the total payroll liability in the amount of \$378,934.95. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable for August 6, 2014 was authorized for payment by Alderman Tom Hawley in the amount of \$631,539.49 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor to approve. Motion carried.

Betty Harmeyer provided the Meadows Golf Course July 2014 revenue report – discussion of total revenue for July 2014 totaling \$164,038.28. Alderman Ostling asked what is “other” on the revenue report. Matt explained that it is a combination of green fees, cart rental and the driving range.

Golf Bar Cart: Discussion. No action taken.

Golf Wall Net to catch flying golf balls from hitting 123<sup>rd</sup> street. Discussion. No action taken.

Motion to authorize an addendum to the Library Audit for \$4,500.00 by Alderman Nancy Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to move the Insurance Ordinance out of the Finance Committee and on to the full council for approval made by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

The July 2014 monthly Expenditure and Revenue Report was discussed briefly. No action taken. Further discussion regarding the report at the next finance meeting.

Insurance loss to be paid for invoices received for July 2014 discussed in the amount of \$9,228.33.

Blue Island’s portion of the gaming revenue total for June 2014 is \$10,180.81.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Nancy Thomson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report  
for the Meeting of August 6th, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johanson, and myself. Also present were Mr. Allan Stevo, Ms. Carol Greene and Alderman Marcia Stone. Absent were Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Buckner. The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

**Citizens Concerns**

Mr. Allan Stevo had three questions: The first was concerning the August 5<sup>th</sup> shooting at 125<sup>th</sup> and Western. The second was concerning the appointment of a Police Chief. The third was concerning a discussion which appeared on a internet message board.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 303 calls in July, 182 were EMS calls  
156 Patients were treated  
133 Patients were transported  
49 Patients refused transport

They responded to 19 general fire alarms, and 30 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 32 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 36 calls to man the station.

They received 4 mutual aid response call.

Calls of interest for June: A suicidal subject on the Western Avenue overpass on 7/16. Chief Klinker thanked the Police Department, particularly Officer Delgadillo for their assistance on this call. Chief Klinker also mentioned the odor investigations at 3301 Wireton Road on 7/17 and 7/25. It was determined that the natural gas smell was originating from NuStar Energy.

Medical Reimbursement Services for July \$48,304.74

Fire Recovery collected \$348.00 in July.

**General**

Chief Luety's retired effective July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Probationary Firefighter Martin Kaplnek started July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and has been working day shift. He will be assigned to shift after his 4 weeks of daily training. Probationary Firefighter Adam Marcolini has resigned to take a job on the Cicero Fire Department effective August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Firefighter Dennis O'Connell has resigned to take a job on the Chicago Fire Department effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The Fire Department is currently processing two new full time Firefighters.

The final Fill the Boot Drive for MDA date is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Department's 135<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Benedict's Charity Softball Game has been rescheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at Hart Park.

## **Maintenance**

The current situation with our ambulances is critical. At one point with two ambulances down, the Fire Department was forced to load EMS equipment onto a fire truck in order to respond to a call.

Director John Rita talked about how dire the ambulance situation is.

There are numerous ongoing vehicle maintenance issues. The Fire Department is currently tracking down parts for vehicles and prioritizing items for repair. Tom Kissell, Bob Athans and Marks from Public Works have been very helpful in repairing Fire Department vehicles.

## **Training**

The training division has completed 563.00 hours of training for the month of July.

U.S.Coast Guard conducted training for boat operations on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> along with our crews at Fays Point Marina.

## **Grants**

The AFG grant for 2 new ambulances was rejected.

Air Pack Grant update. We still have not received the approval from NIOSH.

Bunk Room has been remodeled with grant money from the Illinois Department of Commerce.

Small Equipment Grant will be applied for.

## **Police Department Report**

### **Statement by Deputy Chief Cornell**

The Blue Island Police Department saw a decrease in manpower due to retirements and injuries over the course of the last two years. That being said, the Blue Island Police Department has continued to do an admirable job by being more efficient and utilizing our resources more effectively to meet the needs of our citizens and keeping them safe.

The Police Department remains vigilant to trends in crime, crime rates and the impact it has on the City. We keep the elected officials informed of the trends so they can be aware of what is going on in their ward as well as the city.

Recently, the Blue Island Police Department was denied a grant that was based on crime statistics decrease. I felt this was a good thing and to keep you informed of how we are really doing, I compared statistics from January 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 to the same months in the preceding year and here is what I found:

Armed Robberies/Robberies are down 9%, Battery (not including domestic) down 35%, Burglary/Residential Burglary down 16%, Criminal Defacement (graffiti) down 66%, Aggravated Battery down 22%.

The Deputy Chief thanked all the Officers for during an outstanding job.

It is important to note that calls for service have gone up, partly because of the increased community services we are providing as part of our changing philosophy from traditional policing to community policing. Some of the new responsibilities now include senior services, business checks, walking a beat and Officers addressing quality of life issues program.

The quality of life program began as a way to change the perception of the City. The conception of this program resulted from complaints that were brought to the City's attention after problems festered and became big or troublesome. In an effort to address the quality of life problems when they are small and manageable, Officers that are already patrolling the streets were given a short course on building codes.

## **Reports**

The Police Department answered 2200 calls including 208 business premise checks, 104 domestic disputes, and 100 liquor establishment checks were done.

## **Stats/Cases of Interest**

109 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)  
    4 Armed Robberies (1 unfounded)  
    3 Robberies  
    8 Commercial Burglaries (2 unfounded)  
20 Residential Burglaries (2 unfounded)  
13 Shots Fired (8 unfounded)  
104 Domestic Disputes  
10 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods

Total money collected for the month of July \$28,750.31.

## **Calls of Interest**

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Officers responded to a burglary in progress at Radio Shack, 12125 Western. Two Officers were injured in pursuit of the subject.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> Officers responded to an armed robbery at the Dollar Tree on Ashland. This case is under investigation.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Officers responded to a shots fired call near 142<sup>nd</sup> and California. It was learned that people were in the area picking up what was believed to be drugs at the time of the incident.

\*On July 14<sup>th</sup> Officers Chickerillo and Cirullo were on Tactical patrol in the area of 127<sup>th</sup> and Honore. The Officers saw a group of young men that they believed may be involved in auto thefts in the area. They stopped the three individuals and one of the offenders dropped a firearm behind a car and attempted to run. The Officers did an excellent job in apprehending the offender.

\*On July 26<sup>th</sup> Officers were called to a Fight/Aggravated Battery at Gayla's Saloon, 13312 S Olde Western. This incident is being investigated by Cook County Sheriff's Department.

## **Liquor Establishment Calls**

5 disturbance calls, 2 subject removals and 1 suspicious person call were received in July on liquor establishments.

### **Injuries**

Two full time Officers are off on extended leaves. A total of five full time Officers were off for most of the month of July.

### **Miscellaneous**

In an effort to better serve our community, the Police Department has reached out to Father Ken Carlson of St. Benedict's Church and asked him to be a Public Safety Chaplain. This is an unpaid position.

### **Events**

National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> was a big success.

August 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Movie in the Park at the Father Sylvester Field.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> a health fair will be held in the East Annex.

September 7<sup>th</sup> the Active Transportation Alliance will be holding the Four Star Bike and Chow. We can expect about 500 cyclists riding through the City at various times.

September 20<sup>th</sup> will be the St. Benedict's Charity Softball Game at Hart Park.

September 27<sup>th</sup> will be the BBQ in the Park at Memorial Park.

### **911 Center**

The 911 Center received 13,934 calls in July. Committees are being formed in Springfield to help 911 centers deal with emergency text messages.

Jim McGeever supplied the Committee with a detailed time line of the armed robbery at the Dollar Tree.

There was a discussion about signups for Code Red, and the possibility of going through the schools.

### **BIEMA**

We did not receive a report from BIEMA.

### **Aldermen's Concerns**

Ald. Johanson asked about the money lost when a new Firefighter leaves to another Fire Department  
Ald. Vieyra expressed concern about various liquor establishments.

### **Citizen Comments**

Carol Greene asked about whether or not bonfires are allowed within the City limits. She reported graffiti on the large FOR SALE sign on Orchard.

Mr. Stevo asked if the Dollar Store has security cameras.

Ms. Greene asked if Blue Island had infrared equipment for the Police Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

Alexeychuk & Company LLC

873 Brigantine Drive

New Lenox, IL 60527

708-692-6840

August 1, 2014

Mayor Domingo Vargas  
& City Council  
City of Blue Island  
13051 Greenwood Ave  
Blue Island, IL 60406

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for considering Alexeychuk & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, as your accounting and business consulting firm. We wish to confirm our understanding of the terms, nature and extent of the services we will provide to you.

We will be responsible for coordinating all of the services we perform for you. It is our responsibility to make certain that you receive professional and timely services. We will, as necessary, call upon other individuals in the Firm with specialized knowledge and skills to assist. We will work with the Finance Director as to the work needed to be done and the time and location where the work will be performed.

It is our understanding that this work will include the following accounting and consulting services to assist the Finance Director in preparing for the audit for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014:

Reconcile the general ledger to the April 30, 2013 audited balances per the prior year auditor. Make adjustments in the general ledger in fiscal year ended April 30, 2014 to ensure the general ledger is in balance and properly rolls forward.

Reconcile all bank accounts for the year and make adjustments for any items that posted in the bank accounts, but were not recorded in the general ledger.

Our engagement is not designed and cannot be relied upon to disclose errors, irregularities, or illegal acts, including fraud or defalcations that may exist. However, we will inform you of any such matters that come to our attention. We will discuss with the Finance Director such suggestions and recommendations concerning the financial affairs of the Finance Department as may come to our attention in the course of our work.

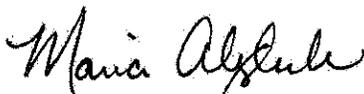
Our fees for these services will be billed at \$75.00 per hour. If we anticipate that the fees will exceed this amount, we will discuss with management and seek Council approval in advance of incurring additional fees.

This engagement does not include any services not specifically included in this letter. Additional services that you may request will be subject to separate arrangements made at the time requested.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Blue Island. We shall be pleased to discuss this letter with you at your convenience.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign the copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to us.

Very Truly Yours,



Maria Alexeychuk, Owner  
Alexeychuk & Company, LLC.

RESPONSE:

The letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the  
City of Blue Island:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2014-044**

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**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE  
HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESCINDING  
CERTAIN ORDINANCES.**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

<b>1st Ward</b>	<b>CHRISTINE BUCKNER</b>	<b>TOM HAWLEY</b>
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<b>7th Ward</b>	<b>NANCY THOMPSON</b>	<b>JAMES JOHANSON</b>

**Aldermen**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-044**

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESCINDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES**

Whereas, the city officials have conducted a review of the escalating cost of health care to the city for non-union employees and evaluated the fiscal impact of the current levels of employee and retiree contributions;

Whereas, the city officials have determined it is in the best fiscal interest of the City to require additional contributions for the provision of health care to employees and retirees;

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

**SECTION ONE: SCHEDULE OF HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Effective immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance, all employees and retirees shall contribute 10% of the premium cost for the health insurance plans selected.

Effective January 1, 2015, all employees and retirees shall contribute 12.5% of the premium cost for selected health insurance plans.

Effective January 1, 2016 and thereafter, all employees and retirees shall contribute 15% of the premium cost for selected health insurance plans.

This contribution schedule shall apply to all employees and retirees except as indicated in Section 2 of this Ordinance. This schedule may be reviewed, modified, adjusted, amended or otherwise altered at any time as deemed appropriate under the circumstances as determined by the finance department in consultation with aldermanic committees and/or city council.

## **SECTION TWO: PROSPECTIVE AND RETRO-ACTIVE EFFECT**

Those persons whose names are listed in Appendix A attached to Ordinance 90-212 shall not be affected by the terms of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall apply to all other employees and retirees not listed in the referenced Appendix A.

## **SECTION THREE: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Disputes between employees and the city as to health contributions or any entitlement shall be resolved by the Mayor or Director of Finance and Administration. The decision of the Mayor or Director shall be final and no hearing or appeal may be had.

## **SECTION FOUR: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

All other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the end of the fiscal year of its passage as required by law.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
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Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**APPROVED:** this 12th day of August, 2014.

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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  
 12th day of August, 2014.

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**CITY CLERK**

**PUBLISHED** in pamphlet form this  
 12th day of August, 2014.

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**CITY CLERK**

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2014-036**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS GOVERNING THE  
CAL-SAG HISTORIC WATERWAYS ENTERPRISE ZONE AND  
ZONE ADMINISTRATION**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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<b>7th Ward</b>	<b>NANCY THOMPSON</b>	<b>JAMES JOHANSON</b>

**Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-036**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS GOVERNING THE CAL-SAG HISTORIC WATERWAYS ENTERPRISE ZONE AND ZONE ADMINISTRATION**

Whereas, the City has received federal and other funds for a certain project involving the construction of the Cal-Sag Trail and necessary components;

Whereas, there are multiple governmental entities involved in said project and have contributed funds in accordance with duly executed intergovernmental agreements;

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

The authority under this Resolution shall extend to the execution of the amended intergovernmental agreement with Alsip, Blue Island, Calumet Park, Dixmoor and Cook County governing the creation of the Enterprise Zone and administration of the same, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS**

The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the City shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the City to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Resolution.

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**APPROVED:** this 12th day of August, 2014.

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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  
 12th day of August, 2014.

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**CITY CLERK**

**CAL SAG HISTORIC WATERWAYS  
ENTERPRISE ZONE  
AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made by the Village of Alsip, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "Alsip"), the City of Blue Island, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "Blue Island"), the Village of Robbins, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "Robbins"), the Village of Calumet Park, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "Calumet Park"), the Village of Dixmoor, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "Dixmoor"), and Cook County.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to provide for the joint administration of the Enterprise Zone, to create uniform financial incentives throughout the Enterprise Zone; and to designate Designated Zone Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Alsip, Blue Island, Robbins, Calumet Park, Dixmoor and Cook County, are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements by Article Seven, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (1981 Illinois Revised Statutes Chapter 127, Section 741 et. seq.) and the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in the agreement, Alsip, Blue Island, Robbins, Calumet Park, Dixmoor and Cook County agree as follows:

**Section 1:     Creation of Enterprise Zone**

The parties to this agreement hereby covenant to designate all or a portion of property located within their respective boundaries as Enterprise Zone pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act and to be bound by all of the provisions pertaining to said Enterprise Zone as hereinafter set forth.

**Section 2: Definitions**

- A. "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of the State of Illinois.
- B. "Designated Zone Organization" means the organization recommended by the administrative entity as authorized by the Enterprise Zone Act.
- C. "Enterprise Zone" means the Cal-Sag Historic Waterways Enterprise Zone.
- D. "Parties" means the parties to the agreement: Alsip, Blue Island, Robbins, Calumet Park, Dixmoor and Cook County.
- E. "2/3 of the membership" shall mean 8.
- F. "2/3 of the participating governmental entities" shall mean 4.

**Section 3: Description of Enterprise Zone**

The Enterprise Zone which is the subject matter of this agreement shall be known as the Cal-Sag Historic Waterways Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone is comprised of those areas of Alsip, Blue Island, Robbins, Calumet Park, Dixmoor and Cook County designated by the respective ordinances of each governmental entity. The Enterprise Zone is legally described and schematically depicted in Exhibit "I" which is attached to this agreement and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Section 4: Zone Administration**

- A. Administrative Entity and Zone Administrator

In accordance with the joint nature of the Enterprise Zone, a management organization is hereby established and known as the Cal-Sag Historic Waterways Enterprise Zone Administrative Entity (CSHWEZAE). The CSHWEZAE shall be the advocate and advisor for Enterprise Zone development and shall select Designated Zone Organizations. The

CSHWEZAE shall consist of the chief elected official (CEO) of each participating governmental entity, the City of Blue Island, the Village of Alsip, the Village of Robbins, the Village of Calumet Park, the Village of Dixmoor, and Cook County, and one representative appointed by each CEO. A-quorum shall be considered 2/3 of the participating governmental entities and a vote shall requires 2/3 majority of the participating governmental entities including at least one representative from four (4) participating governmental entities. Before any measure is undertaken, a Zone Administrator shall be selected by a 2/3 majority vote of the CEO's of the participating entities. The Zone Administrator shall have the duties and responsibilities described in Section 8 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act and shall be such.

**B. Administration Fee**

Each project within the boundaries of the Cal Sag Enterprise Zone, shall contribute an administrative fee equal to 0.5% (½ of 1 %) of the estimated building materials costs, but no more than \$50,000.00 per project.

**C. Term of Office**

The term of office of the CEO and his designee shall expire simultaneously with the expiration of the term of municipal office of said mayor, village president, board chairman, or board president.

**D. Designated Zone Organization(s)**

Designated Zone Organizations shall be elected by a 2/3 majority of the participating governmental entities and 2/3 vote of the CSHWEZAE in accordance with subsection (A) of this section and shall meet the following standards:

1) The majority of the membership of a Designated Zone Organization shall consist of residents of the Enterprise Zone.

2) The majority of the Board of Directors of a Designated Zone Organization shall consist of residents of the Enterprise Zone.

3) A Designated Zone Organization(s) shall meet the requirements of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4) A Designated Zone Organization shall have as its primary purpose to perform the functions of Section 8 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act for the benefit of the residents and businesses of the Enterprise Zone.

**Section 5: Financial Incentives**

The following programs are established and authorized within the Enterprise Zone Act and the provisions of each governmental entity. Enterprise Zone Ordinance, Section 3 and all other amending ordinances, which are titled herein:

- A. Property Tax Abatement
- B. Sales Tax
- C. Permit and Fee Reduction
- D. Industrial Revenue Bond Fee Reduction
- E. Urban Homesteading
- F. Program Targeting
- G. Development Streamlining
- H. Homesteading
- I. Utility Tax Abatement
- J. Additional Incentives as may be Applicable

**Section 6: Enforcement**

All rights, responsibilities and covenants of this agreement shall be subject to binding

arbitration between the parties hereto by the American Arbitration Association pursuant to this Associations rules and regulations pertaining to contractual disputes.

**Section 7: Severability**

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be stricken and shall not affect any other provision of the agreement.

**Section 8: Term of Agreement**

This agreement becomes effective upon approval by the Department. This agreement terminates on the same date that the term of the Enterprise Zone expires or six (6) months after the execution of a decertification agreement with the Department.

**Section 9: Duration of Zone**

The program established herein shall expire at the termination of the Cal Sag Enterprise Zone.

**Section 10. Amendment and Decertification**

Nothing in this agreement shall preclude either party from amending its designating ordinances to either amend or decertify those portions of the Enterprise Zone within their jurisdiction. Such amendment shall be in accordance with the Section 5.4 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act of 1982 as amended and shall not require the approval of any other party to this agreement.

**THIS AGREEMENT** entered into by and between the parties on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**-SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS-**

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Village of Alsip, Patrick Kitching, Mayor

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City of Blue Island, Domingo Vargus, Mayor

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Village of Calumet Park, Ronald Denson, Mayor

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Village of Dixmoor, Dorothy Armstrong, Mayor

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Village of Robbins, Tyrone Ward, Mayor

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Cook County Board of Commissioners, Toni Preckwinkle, President