

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS  
February 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: Regular Meeting – February 12, 2013

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

BIDS:

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. ABATEMENY OF \$786,427.50 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 98-197.
2. ABATEMENT OF \$337,219.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 03-441
3. ABATEMENT OF \$389,625.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 06-046.
4. AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HARRISON AVENUE AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IN AND AS DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF VACATION ATTACHED HERETO IN BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
5. 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.
6. AN ORDINANCE RECINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET

WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND  
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN  
CONNECTION THEREWITH.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

**ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to Ordinance 98-197, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,250,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS, SERIES 1998, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND FOR A TAX INCREMENT REVENUE SOURCE TO PAY AND SECURE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") on February 24, 1998 (with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, the "Ordinance"), the undersigned, as Mayor of the City hereby certifies to the County Clerk (i) the irrevocable deposit of a sufficient amount under Section 8 of the Ordinance to discharge the bonds and (ii) the abatement of certain taxes under the authorizing Ordinance, (as filed March 10, 1998 with the Cook County Clerk), as follows:

(1) The taxes levied under Section 8 of Ordinance 98-197 sole and only for the year 2012 shall be abated as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Abated (\$)</u>
2012	\$786,427.50

(2) In all other respects, including tax levies for the year 2013 and thereafter, the Ordinance shall be given effect according to its terms.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto subscribed our respective official signatures and impressed hereon the corporate seal of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

**CITY OF BLUE ISLAND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**RECEIPT**

The County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2013 and agrees to abate (and otherwise to continue to extend) the taxes therein provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

**ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to Ordinance 03-441, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2003, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND FOR A TAX INCREMENT REVENUE SOURCE TO PAY AND SECURE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") on July 8, 2003 (with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, the "Ordinance"), the undersigned, as Mayor of the City hereby certifies to the County Clerk (i) the irrevocable deposit of a sufficient amount under Section 8 of the Ordinance to discharge the bonds and (ii) the abatement of certain taxes under the authorizing Ordinance, (as filed July 23, 2003 with the Cook County Clerk), as follows:

(1) The taxes levied under Section 8 of Ordinance 03-441 sole and only for the year 2012 shall be abated as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Abated (\$)</u>
2012	\$337,219.00

(2) In all other respects, including tax levies for the year 2013 and thereafter, the Ordinance shall be given effect according to its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our respective official signatures and impressed hereon the corporate seal of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

**CITY OF BLUE ISLAND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

(SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**RECEIPT**

The County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2013 and agrees to abate (and otherwise to continue to extend) the taxes therein provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

**ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to Ordinance 06-046, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2006, OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR AN ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, passed and approved October 24, 2006, by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "Issuer") (with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, the "Bond Ordinance"), the undersigned, as Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, hereby certify to the Cook County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2012 (to be received in 2013) as provided in Section 10 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on October 31, 2006, with such County Clerk), as follows:

<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year</u> 2012	<u>(Amount Abated (\$))</u> \$389,625.00	<u>Remaining Levy Amount After Abatement</u> <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of:</u> \$ -0-
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The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2012, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 06-046 shall be given effect according to its terms.

**CITY OF BLUE ISLAND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**RECEIPT**

The County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2013 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance) the taxes therein provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

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

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HARRISON AVENUE  
AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IN AND AS DEPICTED ON THE  
PLAT OF VACATION ATTACHED HERETO IN BLUE ISLAND,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blue Island after due investigation and consideration has determined that the nature and extent of the public use or public interest to be subserved is such as to warrant the vacation of portions of a street as hereinafter described.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**SECTION ONE**

That the following described property, to wit:

THAT PART OF HARRISON AVENUE, 60 FEET WIDE, AS HERETOFORE DEDICATED IN PLAT OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET RECORDED JUNE 22, 1990 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 90298572 BEING PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 197.00 FEET OF LOT 1 IN OWNER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 4 OF PETER ENGLAND'S SUDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1 AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 60 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 60 FEET OF THE WEST 197.00 FEET OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST , ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 106.36 FEET, TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SHAMROCK LANE AS HERETOFORE DEDICATED IN PLAT OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET RECORDED JUNE 22, 1990 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 90298572, THENCE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY PROLONGATION OF SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE, 63.27 FEET, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 197.00 FEET OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 126.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 0.160 ACRES (6,974 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS.

be and the same is hereby vacated; and the portion of the street so to be vacated is indicated by the words "HEREBY VACATED" on the Plat of Vacation attached hereto, which plat for greater certainty is hereby made a part of this ordinance. Said portion of the street so vacated is no longer required for the public use and the public interest will be subserved by such vacation.

**SECTION TWO**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to file for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, a certified copy of this ordinance and said plat.

**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 by a vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the corporate authorities now holding office and approved in the manner provided by law.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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

**ATTESTED and Filed** in my office this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY CLERK**



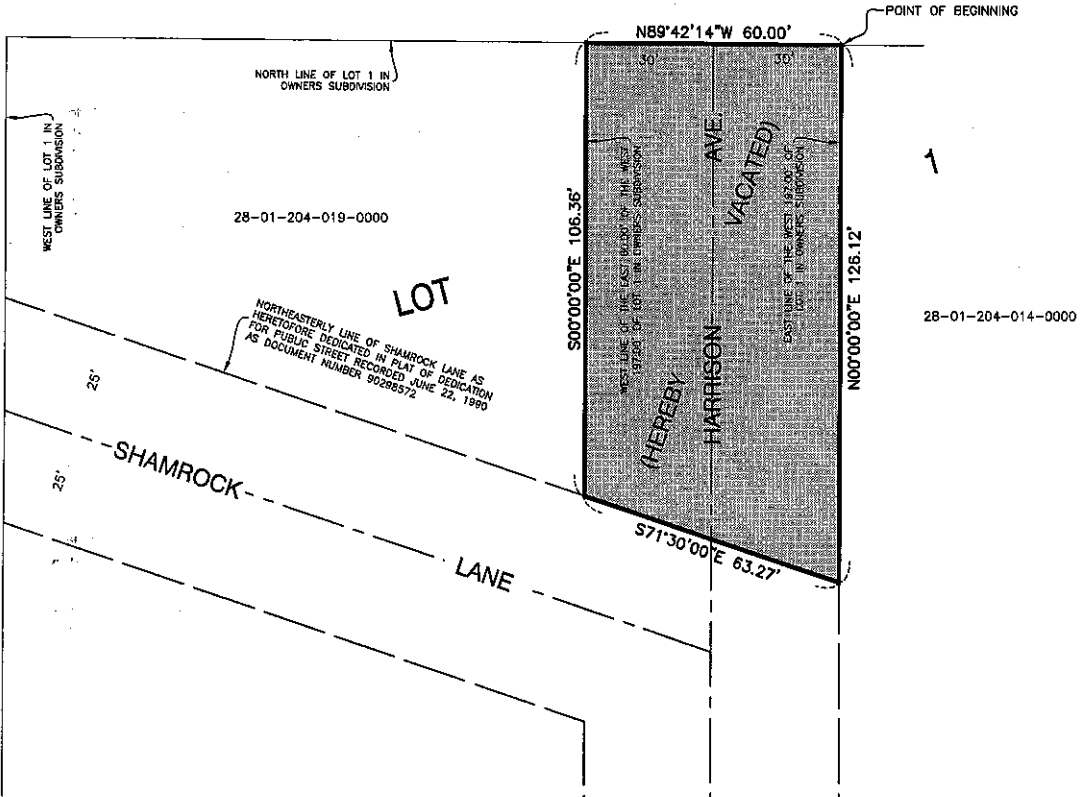
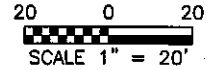
# PLAT OF VACATION

of

That part of Harrison Avenue, 60.00 feet wide, as heretofore dedicated in Plat of Dedication for Public Street recorded June 22, 1990 as document number 90298572 being part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 38 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Cook County, Illinois described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the east line of the west 197.00 feet of Lot 1 in Owner's Subdivision of Lot 4 of Peter England's Subdivision of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1 and the north line of said Lot 1; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 14 seconds West, along said north line, 60.00 feet, to the west line of the east 80.00 feet of the west 197.00 feet of said Lot 1; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said west line, 106.36 feet, to the northeasterly line of Shamrock Lane as heretofore dedicated in Plat of Dedication for Public Street recorded June 22, 1990 as document number 90298572, thence South 71 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along the southeasterly prolongation of said northeasterly line, 63.27 feet, to the east line of the west 197.00 feet of said Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said east line, 126.12 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.160 acres (6,974 square feet) more or less.



STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF COOK } SS

I, Randall E. Gann, an Illinois Professional Land Surveyor, do hereby state that I have prepared the hereon drawn plat for the purpose of vacating public alleys in the manner shown hereon.

SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS FEBRUARY 20, A.D. 2013

License No. Q35-003241  
Expires 11/30/14



The CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS reserves unto itself as a corporate municipality and to any public utility, its successors or assigns, the right to inspect, maintain, construct and relocate their respective facilities in, under, across and along those parts of the public streets and/or alleys as herein vacated, with the right of access thereto at all times for any and all such purposes as may be reasonably required for said construction, maintenance and efficient operation of said facilities.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Robinson Engineering, Ltd., and its employees do not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information relative to the ownership of the property covered by this instrument.

A thorough search of the title should be made prior to any reliance on the ownership indicated herein. Use of this instrument as evidence of title is done at the user's risk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF COOK } SS

Approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS, at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 201\_\_\_\_

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF COOK } SS

This plat was filed for record in the recorder's office of Cook County, Illinois.

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ m, as

Document Number \_\_\_\_\_

COOK COUNTY RECORDER - RECORDER OF DEEDS

**S13-02-001**

**ROBINSON ENGINEERING, LTD.**  
CONSULTING REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS  
17000 SOUTH PARK AVENUE SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS 60478  
(708) 331-6700 FAX (708) 331-3326  
ILLINOIS DESIGN FIRM REGISTRATION NO. 184601128

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 south side of Edison Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2947 Edison 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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

**ATTESTED and Filed** in my office this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY CLERK**

**PUBLISHED** in pamphlet form this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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**CITY CLERK**

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 2035 Union Street, 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 2035 Union 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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**CITY CLERK**

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY CLERK**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN  
CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island have heretofore established a continuing Community Development Program to promote the welfare of the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Blue Island that existing housing stock, residential neighborhoods and commercial and industrial sectors be maintained and, where necessary, be rehabilitated to enhance the value of all properties within the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of said policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island deem it appropriate to request funding from the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program for the 2013 Program Year for the purpose of improving the general living environment of the City of Blue Island in accordance with the intent and requirement of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois;

**SECTION ONE**

That the City of Blue Island, Illinois has developed a Plan which addresses development plans to improve the local community, its' housing, its' infrastructure, and its' local tax base, which Plan was previously adopted by the City of Blue Island, Illinois.

**SECTION TWO**

That a request is hereby made to the County of Cook, Illinois for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Program Year 2013 in the Amount of \$400,000.00 for each of the following projects:

PROJECT	AMOUNT
1. Cochran, Lewis, Birdsall & Artesian Street Reconstruction: Between Western Avenue and Greenwood Avenue;	\$400,000.00
2. Grunewald, Orchard & Collins Street Reconstruction: Between Greenwood Avenue and Maple Avenue:	\$400,000.00
TOTAL:	\$800,000.00

as identified in the City's CDBG 2013 Program Year application.

**SECTION THREE**

That the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island are hereby authorized to sign the application and various forms contained therein, make all required submissions and to do all things necessary to make application for the funds requested in Section Two of this Resolution, a copy of which application is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**SECTION FOUR**

That the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Blue Island are hereby authorized to certify that local matching funds which have been identified as supporting its' project as set out within its' application will be made available upon the approval of the projects by the County of Cook, Illinois or the prorated share thereof.



**PASSED** this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2013.

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**PAM FRASOR  
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 26th day of February, 2013.

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

**ATTESTED** and **Filed** in my office this

26<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2013.

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**PAM FRASOR  
CITY CLERK**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**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 February 12, 2013.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk  
Felicia Frazier, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Patoska the Journal Of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2013 is accepted as printed with the amended correction on page 9.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

**BLUE CAP FEES WAIVED**

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Spizzirri to approve to waive permit fees for Blue Cap School for the northwest corner of Chatham Street parking to be repaved.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESIGNATION LETTER**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita to approve to accept the resignation letter from Sandra Quinn from the Forestry Board.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**KINSELLA LANDSCAPE**

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto to approve to allow the City Attorney and Robinson Engineer to draw up a dedication to vacate portions of Harrison Street and Shamrock Lane at 139<sup>th</sup> Street to Kinsella Landscape.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked what the 60-foot section that is marked exception is.

The Mayor stated that is by the bottom of the bridge.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**GIRL SCOUTS**

Mayor Peloquin thanked the young ladies that were there interviewing him from the Girl Scouts.

The Mayor announced there would be a motion on the redevelopment later into the meeting but wants Council to be aware that the property is still pending litigation on back taxes.

**QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR**

No Questions.

**BIDS**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK**

**TAG DAYS**

Salvation Army is requesting permission to tag “Donut Days” on Friday and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and for their Red Kettle Campaign starting on Friday, November 15, 2013 through Tuesday, December 24, 2013.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**HEROES PARADE**

Clerk Frasor announced Officer LaSalle King and Jim Reihel are requesting a welcome home celebration for Adam Lietz on February 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Meadows Golf Club. Any one who would like to participate should notify Officer LaSalle King or Jim Reihel for more information.

**MEETING CANCELED**

Mayor Peloquin asked Council if they would like to cancel the April 9<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting due to it being Election Day.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY TREASURER**

Motion by Ald. Natalino, second by Ald. Rita to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2013 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 220**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND BLUE ISLAND HOSPITAL COMPANY, LLC D/B/A METROSOUTH MEDICAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

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

Ayes: 10 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,  
Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino,  
Ruthenberg and Mayor Peloquin.

Nays: 1 Ald. Rita

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner

Abstain: 3 Ald. Vierya, Spizzirri, Patoska.

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. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for February 12, 2013 - Grand Total for the amount of \$635,025.15.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

**PAYROLL**

**Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for February 1, 2013 for Net Pay - \$231,505.12 and Total Gross - \$392,476.76.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced income tax is still 3-months behind and property tax is approximately behind \$230,000.00 and third quarter financial report will be available on line.

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

Ald. Vargas stated no meeting held due to not having a quorum.

Ald. Vargas reported there had been an accident involving a police car. Damages were up to \$6,000.00 on the other vehicle.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Kuehner addressed the Committee with concerns of the F.O.I. requests about hiring practices in Blue Island.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex

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

Police Department Report for December – 2012

Parking tickets issued – 379, 370 moving violations, 19,368 miles patrolled, 6,165 computer aided dispatch (Cad calls) and \$33,112.37 fines collected.

Detective Division Report –

3 aggravated battery, 6 burglaries, 6 burglaries residential, 2 death investigation, 1 home invasion, 1 kidnap/abduction, 6 larceny, 1 missing person, 1 search warrant, 5 property damage, 5 robberies and 3 sex offenses.

Results of the year-end “Drive To Survive” campaign designed to buckle up to lower vehicle fatalities December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

25 seat belt violations, 1 fugitive apprehended, 1 drug arrest, 1 felony aggravated fleeing and attempting to elude police. This is funded by a federal traffic safety grant of \$9,843.60.

9-1-1 Center Report –

Blue Island Police & Fire Calls - 2,676  
Midlothian Police & Fire Calls – 1,717  
Calumet Park Police & Fire Calls – 1,482  
Posen Police & Fire Calls – 1,092

Department down 2 officers due to accidents.

Fire Department Report –

298 emergency calls in Dec., 209 were Emergency Medical Service. 47 medical, 17 psychiatric evaluations, 33 injuries, 23 cardiac calls, 22 breathing problems, 17 diabetic response, 10 vehicle accidents, 1 overdose, 7 intoxication, 12 seizures, 3 DOA, 44 refused transport, 6 lift assists no transport, 2 labor pains, 4 battery victims, 1 dog bite, 189 patients treated and 164 patients transported.

The Fire Department responded to 31 fire alarms, 4 caused by smoke, 1 pull box pulled by child, 1 power surge, 6 undetermined cause, 3 burned pop corn, 2 dust while working, 4 over heated motors, 1 back yard bon fire, 1 barbeque grill on balcony, 1 broken sprinkler head, 3 order investigation, 3 garbage fires and 1 check furnaces, 19 assists to other towns, 31 times we received aid from other towns and 30 calls man to station.

1 Firefighter is in therapy after shoulder surgery and 1 Lt. Off with surgery from knee injury.

The roof has been replaced at Fire House 2. Mobile home test unit removed from City property at Fire House 2 in bad condition, new suction chargers installed in 2 ambulances. 4–100 foot lengths of new 5-inch supply hose was put in service.

Medical reimbursement collection for December - \$28,659.95  
Processing fee - \$2,722.70

Paul E. Johnson Coordinator for Blue Island Emergency Services & Disaster Agency requested to change name to Blue Island Emergency Management Agency this change will keep inline with Department of Homeland Security and the State of Illinois. This agency was established under Blue Island Civil Defense October 6, 1957.

2012 Summary –

2348 total Emergency Medical Service  
2099 patients treated  
1852 patients transported  
1865 emergency response  
480 non-emergency responses  
1349-day response  
998-night response

Next meeting – Monday, February 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Ald. Ostling commented that in the Municipal Review there is a nice article about our Fire Department and would like signed copies from the Chiefs.

**RED-LIGHT CAMERAS**

Mayor Peloquin stated in regards to the red-light cameras, he has asked Attorney Sullivan along with the Police Department to follow up with our contacts to make sure that everything is up and on board with everything.

**F.Y.I.**

Mayor Peloquin stated that he has gotten several calls on why the news stations were at the Police Department today. They were here for the incident that occurred on the Calumet Express Way in regards to the individual who was thrown out of the car. The driver was arrested in Alsip and brought to Blue Island to do the interview. Blue Island was not interviewed or on camera.

Ald. Johnson asked if the bilingual 911 operator were fully trained.

The Mayor stated they are trying to bring everything up to speed.

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

Ald. Frausto read the minutes.

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Stone approve for an Ordinance be draft to rescind handicapped parking for 2035 Union Street and for handicapped parking for 2947 Edison Street.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.



Director of Golf, Mr. Vidovic submitted the monthly report for January and mentioned that he still in negotiations with Service-Scape in regards to our contract. There has also been some repair work to hole # 13 and is looking to add a tee off position for more options on the course.

Public Works Superintendent Stachulak reported that so far 250 tons of salt have been used this winter season, all from last year's stock. New signage was received for streets that where recently redone and for the permit parking area in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, the signage will be installed soon. The EPA has removed more than 300 tires that where located east of 136<sup>th</sup> and Kedzie. Burnt out street light control panels where repaired on a portion Western Avenue as well as Francisco and 141<sup>st</sup> area. 15 new radios where received for public works 3 desktop and 12 vehicle. Mr. Stachulak noted that the City has received the "Tree City USA" award for a third year in a row. Public works ill be ordering 100 replacement ash trees for citywide placement.

Water Department Superintendent Werner reported pump station upgrades nearly complete – finishing touches on cosmetic items and ASSE/ASME standards for pipe makings and safety controls are all that remain at the Highland Pumping Station. He hope to be complete by the end of the month.

This work is often set aside as other issues arise that require our full attention. We are still operating with field staff levels well below 2010. Current field staff remains at 7 full time / 0 part time vs. 8 full time / 2 part time in May of 2010. I have no immediate intention of adding to staff, preferring to concentrate on additional training for existing water operator as a priority.

Water Department Financial Management - Superintendent Werner is in the process of shifting a significant amount of focus to the Office / Financial Management component of the Water Department. Billing and collections continue to be a major issue and require significant evaluation and analysis. He has been developing an outline for this analysis in order to establish a list of priorities. He believes that a wholesale review will be necessary to establish what methods can be utilized to improve this important function.

It is his goal to define and implement a complete and comprehensive business model including job descriptions, process and procedures manual and enforcement policies supported by ordinances where necessary. This will be a long and arduous task, but he believes the outcome is well worth the effort. In addition he

is working with office staff to facilitate discussions regarding ways to improve customer service and the residents experience when they come to City Hall.

Superintendent Werner reported day-to-day operations that they have experienced a series of water main breaks of late related to the drastic temperature fluctuations. They discovered a major water break at the Old Prairie Material property, which thankfully was metered and chargeable to them. Our SCADA System has given us the opportunity to better measure and monitor the effects of breaks in terms of being able to look at what effects can be seen on our data and learning how to recognize losses sooner. Other than that the Water Department continues to manage the day-to-day tasks and believes that overall they are performing well, providing good service to our residents.

Perry Recker and members of the UFB submitted a report on the recommendation for the need of a “Professional Urban Forester” to provide the many functions/services needed to address the issues we face here in the City such as a matured tree Scape, emerald ash borer and regular upkeep / maintenance of City trees. Ald. Frausto thanked the members of the UFB for all of the work they have done thus far for the City and the Committee noted the presentation and would have to evaluate options, department recommendations and continue dialogue about our city tree Scape and recommendation submitted.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

Ald. Janko stated that the Committee was waiting for the evaluation for the Division Street Bridge that occurred a few months back. The Committee would like to know what the status is and asked if it was possible to get a report on it.

Mayor Peloquin stated yes, as soon as they get the report he would give a copy of it to everyone.

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

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

Mayor Peloquin would like to make it public knowledge that in his private owned business, he and his partners are trying to purchase the old Blue Island Nursing Home in order to make additional parking. They have since found with dealing with the bank, the bank has turned it back to the owners because of back due taxes which exceeds the value of the property. The Mayor has asked the City Planners to proceed to try to get it on the City's Tax Scavenger Sale at that time he and his brother-in-laws would purchase it from the City.

Mayor Peloquin wanted to make this publically knowledge so everyone would know what they are trying to do.

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

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive announced Black History night will be on Friday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. and Know Your Candidate Night will be on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army. Mr. Scott requested the letter the Mayor stated he would have for him.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would give him the letter after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasar, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

  
Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor