

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 1 Johnson

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Pittman the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from September 8, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Annette Perry, 13201 Ashland Ave, spoke in reference to the petition regarding parking restrictions for the residents of the senior building by the Fay's Point Town House Association. She asked the Mayor and council to help the residents with this issue.

The Mayor state the city lawyer will review the petition and see what if anything the city can do.

Rachel Orozco, 11957 Longwood Ave, stated her concerns over an ordinance that came up at the Public Health and Safety meeting regarding annual safety inspections for alarm systems. Ms. Orozco was concerned about the added expense that would impose on citizens. Ms. Orozco also spoke about the traffic on Longwood due to both the city and Chicago working on their sewers.

Ald. Frausto stated that ordinance still needed to go to the Judiciary committee before going to council and that he would let Ms. Orozco know when that meeting was so she could attend.

The Mayor stated his office received a message stating that work should be completed by the end of the week.

Anthony Ruiz, 2202 121st Place, wanted to find out what was going on regarding a parking permit.

Ald. Frausto stated it is still in committee. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20.

Rita Brown, 12005 Longwood Drive, stated that when she attended prior meetings to alleviate the flooding issues she was under the impression that this would be something that would improve the city. Ms. Brown stated she has respiratory problems due to the construction.

Ester, 12150 Vincennes Ave, stated her concerns regarding the residence at 2136 122nd Street.

Ron Bloom, 2421 Walnut St, stated his concerns regarding decayed trees between Union and Walnut.

Jordan, 2208 121st St, stated her concerns regarding pit bulls at the neighbors across the street from her residence where she has a licensed daycare.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, thanked the residents for their comments. He asked to be placed on the agenda for the Judiciary's October meeting. Mr. Stevo asked what happened with Blue Island's 180th birthday party.

The Mayor stated it was postponed due to lack of funds.

Mr. Stevo asked that accounts payable and payroll be made available before meetings. He also stated his concerns over the Calumet Township Tax Assessor, Ald. Bilotto, and how he takes away senior exemptions.

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Greg Lochow, 12915 Elm St, gave a report on Cruise Night for the 2015 season; overall it was a very successful season.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor stated that on September 10, Crain Chicago Business made an announcement about Blue Island stating that home values went up at a minimum 23 percent. Also, the Green Infrastructure started phase I. There will be an announcement regarding the Jewel property shortly. July 1, 2016 is the target date for traffic to go across the Division Street bridge.

BIDS:

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a Bid Recommendation for IDOT Grant: Street Resurfacing Program – Vine Street, Chicago Street and Hoyne Avenue.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue,
Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from E.F. Kerr Middle School to participate in the Cook County School District 130 Bike Day on October 2, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue,
Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

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CITY TREASURER: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY: No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll for August 28, 2015 for \$345,608.06 and September 11, 2015 for \$351,253.65.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue,
Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for September 4, 2015 for \$524,331.64 and September 18, 2015 for \$116,838.48.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue,
Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

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Next Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2015, 5:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinances Restricting Portions of Certain Streets at or near 1804 High Street and 2853 Everett Street for Handicapped Parking Only within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and Providing for Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Vieyra to table An Ordinance Regarding Parking Restrictions at 2100 Vermont Street.

Ayes: 7 Poulos, Vieyra, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Thompson

Nays: 6 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley

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Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to approve An Ordinance Amending the Residential Use Table.

Ayes: 13 Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: Ald. Thompson thanked her community and the 7th ward for showing up and encouraged them to continue doing so. Ald. Frausto stated he will always be in favor and support his colleagues with any improvements to infrastructure which is at no cost to the city. Ald. Johanson invited everyone to attend the events that will be taking place at the Park District on Friday and Saturday. Ald. Rita invited everyone to attend St. Walters October Fest on Saturday, September 26. Tickets are \$10 now and \$15 at the door and must be over 21 to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

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

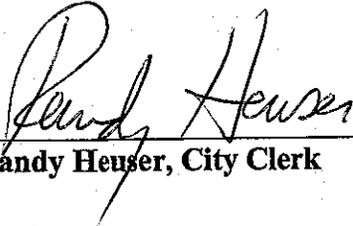
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for

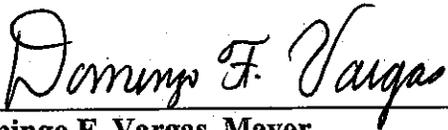
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October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

