

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016**

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 January 26, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Johnson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue,
Carr, Slattery, Ostling

Absent: 4 Ald. Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Rita

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Shawn Te Raines, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Johnson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Regular Meeting - January 26, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Orozco, 11957 Longwood Drive, announced events and activities going on for Black History Month at the library. There will be a program featuring Martin Luther King Jr. at the East Annex on February 17.

Carol DiPace-Greene, 2731 Orchard Street, asked if there was a date for the next public hearing and if there were any new proposed maps.

Ald. Bilotto stated there was nothing concrete at the moment and there were no new proposed maps other than the last one.

Ms. Greene asked if there was any news on getting money back from the JAWA. She also asked about payments to cigars on consignment and a \$59,000 payment for a roof.

Ms. Greene was informed that cigars are sold at the golf course and that \$59,000 payment was for the roof at the Recreation Center.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, stated the prayer the city attorney says before public comment seems to be unconstitutional. He suggested that one of the seven aldermen who are up for reelection next year take turns saying that prayer. Mr. Stevo also stated he was told the policy for addressing the chair is not in compliance with the open meetings act. Residents have the right under the act to address any public official. He asked the treasurer about the latest news regarding JAWA. He lastly asked for the dates for appropriation meetings.

Corine Jones, 2843 135th Place, stated her concern regarding her water bill.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Poulos to accept a Resolution Honoring the Accomplishments of Mike Mech.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BIDS:

No bids.

Regular Meeting – January 26, 2016

CITY CLERK:

No business.

CITY TREASURER:

No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Payroll for December 18, 2015 for \$374,314.80 and December 31, 2015 for \$413,939.21.

Ayes:	10	Johnson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Pittman, Fransto, Thompson, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

Regular Meeting - January 26, 2016

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Vieyra to Approve Accounts Payable for December 28, 2015 for \$540,871.65 and January 15, 2016 for \$439,402.71.

Ayes: 10 Johnson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Monday, February 8, 2016, 5:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: No comments.

CLOSED SESSION Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Hawley to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

Regular Meeting - January 26, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Carr to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 10 Johnson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

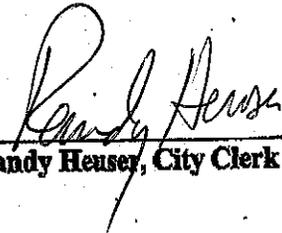
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Vieyra to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

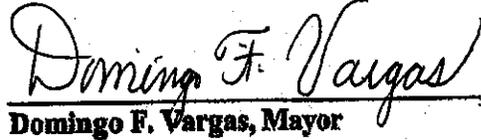
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 9th at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor

0

01

0