

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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 October 13, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra

Absent: 2 Rita, Johanson

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

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Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on September 22, 2015 and the Special Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2015 are accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Jude Coyle, 15108 Kostner Ave, stated she suffered a stroke back in April and was hospitalized. She then went to a rehabilitation Center named Providence. She had a very positive experience, but during her stay she noticed they needed help with certain things. She would like to have a drive for them at Christmas time. She asked for a space at city hall to collect goods (puzzles, adult games, adult socks, lotion, gift bags, and playing cards). Ms. Coyle also asked for new and gently used coats for their drive. Collections will start in the beginning of November.

Ronald Young, 12440 Maple Ave, stated his concerns regarding the proclamation regarding the Daughters of American Revolution and their negative attitude towards minorities.

Ruby Owens, 2243 W. 119th Street, had a complaint about the parking ordinance regarding overnight parking and how it was only put on the water bills. She asked how residents who don't receive water bills are supposed to know about the ordinance.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked questions regarding the Division St Bridge including: why was it painted, why the engineering for the bridge did not go out for bid, and how was it paid for. Mr. Stevo said he talked to IDOT and they said it is a Blue Island bridge. Mr. Stevo asked what Bob Ritas role was with Lockner Engineering. Mr. Stevo stated that a celebration should not occur until the bridge is completed. He asked Alderman Frausto to put him on the Agenda for the next Judiciary Committee meeting in October. Mr. Stevo stated it is important how residents are treated by elected officials and that the tyranny in Blue Island needs to stop.

Ms. Younger, 2067-68 135th Place, stated she doesn't believe they are getting the service they deserve. She has to call multiple times for snow removal, street sweeper doesn't come by, and the water bill has tripled.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

1. Presentation of the winners of the Fire Prevention Week Poster contest.
K- 3rd Grade Winner – Abigail Davila
4th & 5th Grade Winner – Mallory Barrientos
2. Proclamation – 125th Anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the Proclamation.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

3. Halloween Hours are 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st.

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BIDS:

No Bids

CITY CLERK:

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Poulos to approve a request from Park Lawn Association to have their annual Tag and Candy Day Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, March 25th and 26th and April 15th and 16th, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or dusk.

Ayes:	9	Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Hawley, Poulos
Nays:	3	Johnson, Thomspson, Vieyra
Absent:	2	Rita, Johanson
Abstain:	0	

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER:

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on September 30, 2015.

Ayes:	10	Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra
Nays:	1	Thompson
Absent:	2	Rita, Johanson
Abstain:	1	Johnson

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

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Presentation by John Kasperek of John Kasperek Co., Inc. for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2014 Audit.

The Audit took much longer this year partly because adjustments from prior audits were not posted to the books and the old accounting software didn't maintain a balance sheet. An outside consultant had to recreate a balance sheet and post the old audit adjustments.

Some of the highlights of the audit John Kasperek, CPA reported:

General Fund showed a slight operating surplus of \$101,958, a 1.3 Million dollar improvement over last period.

Water Fund had an operating surplus of \$280,000

Golf Course had a deficit of \$154,000

Interfund borrowing over the years has grown to \$15 Million dollars.

Several aldermen asked Mr. Kasperek questions after his presentation. Ald. Donahue and Ald. Bilotto asked questions regarding the time period the audit was for and reiterated the point that the current administration took over after that period. Ald. Frausto asked about the police and fire pensions and the city's obligation. Ald. Johnson asked if it was a forensic audit. Ald. Thompson asked about the deficit reported for the golf course.

John Kasperek stated the city's financial position is improving over past years.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Reported the findings regarding a petition regarding the residents of the senior suites and a parking dispute. It was confirmed that Broadway St at that point is a private roadway and the city does not have jurisdiction. The recommendation was for the mayor and aldermen to act as mediators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

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

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

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RESOLUTION 2015-030

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S AWARD OF FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution 2015-030.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-031

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION FOR THE PROVISION OF BUSINESS SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Resolution 2015-031.

Ayes: 8 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Thompson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra

Nays: 4 Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Absent: 2 Rita, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-032

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PASSPORTPARKING, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Resolution 2015-032.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 22, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue made an announcement regarding the Park Lawn Association. It is a group for the developmental and intellectual disabled. There are Blue Island residents who are served by that organization. He thanked his colleagues for their support. He thinks it is imperative that they offer their support to an organization that does serve a group of people like that.

Ald. Frausto gave an update on former aldermen Carli Jackson. He is now back at home and doing good. Ald. Frausto also wished his colleague from the 6th ward, Alderman Johnson, a happy birthday.

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Ald. Johnson stated he had complaints from his constituents regarding the Kedzie bridge and people throwing bottles from there and weeds. He would like to have fencing like there it at 139th St. He also asked that District 143.5 be added to the poster contest for next year. Ald. Donahue asked that District 132 be added.

Ald. Thompson would like to get traffic issues in the 13th precinct resolved as soon as possible.

Ald. Hawley announced the 2015 Christmas Light Parade will be on Saturday, December 5. There is a fundraiser planned for Friday, October 23 from 7-10 p.m. at Double Play. Tickets are \$30.

Ald. Bilotto thanked Director Houlf and Superintendent Poelsterl for their hard work taking down the dying ash trees around town.

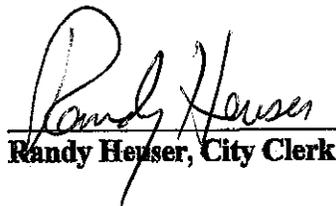
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

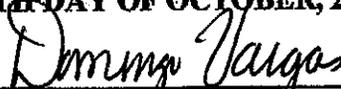
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

