

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 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 November 24, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Ald. Johnson, Rita

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2015 is accepted as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Gatrell, 12607 Artesian Ave, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He complimented the city council on their endeavor regarding the redrawing of the ward maps. He urged everyone to take this chance to participate in city government and attend the public hearings. He hopes the public hearings will be aired on channel four so those who can't attend can at least watch.

RaeAnn Zylman, 12057 Artesian Ave, thanked the council for participating in the 12 Days of Santa. Those participating are to meet at Memorial Park at 6:00 and a security car will take them to their assigned park. There will be a \$5 charge which will be donated to Angel's Touch.

Carol DiPace-Green, 2731 Orchard St, stated her disappointed regarding neither the handicapped crosswalks along western nor the stairs to city hall being cleaned after the snow.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, stated Blue Island is his home town and he comes to the meetings as a public service. He asked why the judiciary committee isn't handling the ward map redistricting. He also asked how much of an increase would the Kasperek contract be from last year. Mr. Stevo also asked if it went out to bid.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Moved by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling to establish a special committee consisting of five members for the Ward Map Redistricting.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

The Mayor appointed the following five aldermen to the committee: Thompson, Donahue, Frausto, Bilotto, and Slattery with Ald. Bilotto serving as the chairman. The first public hearing

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will be Thursday, December 3 at 7 pm at which the committee will discuss its business and announce plans for future meetings.

The Mayor announced that Reverend Reindhart passed away early that morning. Reverend Reindhart was a priest, a poet, a radio preacher, a progressive evangelical writer, teacher, and activist. He was the pastor of Saint Joseph Saint Aidens Episcopal Church in Blue Island. The Mayor asked everybody to keep him and his family in their prayers.

He challenged Blue Island residents to change one light in their home to green in support of our veterans.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

CITY TREASURER:

Treasurer Bilotto thanked the administration, council, and employees that worked so hard the past year and previous years.

CITY ATTORNEY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-036

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CERTAIN LITIGATION PENDING IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Poulos to approve Resolution No. 2015-036.

Ayes: 12

Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos,
Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Johnson, Rita

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Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Payroll for October 23, 2015 for \$345,105.59 and November 6, 2015 for \$340,313.41.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Accounts Payable for November 13, 2015 for \$612,349.99.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-034

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF UTILITY LICENSE AND EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NONEXCLUSIVE UTILITY LICENSE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH IOWA INTERSTATE RAILROAD, LTD.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2015-034.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-035

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-044 GOVERNING EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance 2015-035.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-037

A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Poulos to approve Resolution 2015-037.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-038

A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Resolution 2015-038.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-039

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHN KASPEREK CO. INC AND CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Doanhue, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Resolution 2015-039.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 2015, 5:30 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-036

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PERMIT PARKING ONLY DISTRICT B1-A WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Ordinance 2015-036.

Ayes: 11 Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Donahue

Nays: 1 Ostling

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Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-037

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DIRECTION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-037.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue announced Ald. Rita is collecting cereal for Angel's Touch. Cereal can be dropped off at the Clerks Office at City Hall, Calumet Township Senior Center, and State Rep. Bob Rita's office. Also, Ald. Rita and himself would be at the Centennial Park Santa House; he invited the residents from the third ward to go visit.

Ald. Hawley thanked all those who did the planters on Western Ave, around City Hall, and the library. He invited everyone to the Christmas Light Parade, Saturday, December 5 at 5:30 pm. The parade will start at Union and Western.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Hawley to go into Closed Session.

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Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

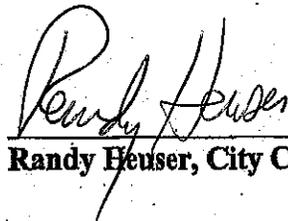
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

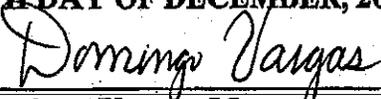
The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor