

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 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 February, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 14 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos,
Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Absent: 0

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Johnson the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 14 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

52 residents spoke at the meeting. 46 spoke in favor of the COBI map and 6 spoke in favor of the CASA map.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Vieyra to accept a request from ComEd to have volunteers at select locations to provide customers with information about Smart Meters on February 23, 24, 25, and 29 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor wished Ald. Carr a Happy Birthday.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Slattery to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on January 31, 2016.

Ayes:	13	Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	1	Johnson

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

ORDINANCE 2016-002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Ordinance 2016-002.

Ayes: 14 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

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

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Appropriation Committee Meeting - Monday, February 15, 2016, 5:00 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

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Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 18, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 16, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Special Redistricting Committee – Ald. Bilotto, Chairman

Presentation and Reports

The committee met a total of six times, five of which were public hearing where residents had to chance to speak for as long as they wanted. There was a lot of contribution by the public, committee members, elected officials, and the CASA group that was taken into consideration.

There are two maps that are up for approval to the city council. Both maps follow the one by one rule as well as state and federal mandates.

ORDINANCE 2016-003

AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WITH THE CASA MAP.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Poulos to approve Ordinance 2016-003.

Ayes: 0

Nays: 14 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Zero (0) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion not carried.

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ORDINANCE 2016-003

**AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WITH THE COBI MAP.**

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Ordinance 2016-003.

Ayes: 14 Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr,
Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared
the motion carried.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Johanson thanked the administration, the Mayor, and the council for moving this item forward quickly.

Ald. Donahue thanked the residents of the third ward for coming out to the Santa House and helping raise money towards Angels Touch.

Ald. Johnson asked when the project to improve the living quality of the trailer homes can be restarted.

Ald. Frausto reminded residents about the senior registration forms available at the City Clerk's office for reduced process for seniors on their water bill. He also thanked the residents who came out today and made comments.

Ald. Carr announced the Police Department will be doing the Polar Plunge in March and is accepting donations.

Ald. Mayor asked residents to change a light to green in support of the vets.

Ald. Thompson reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Watch will be hosting Black History Night on February 19 at 7:00 in the East Annex.

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CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Carr to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Vieyra to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

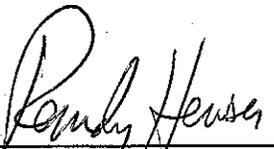
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

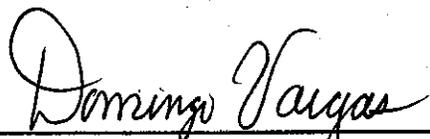
The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor