

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2017**

**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 24, 2017.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent:            0

Present Also:           Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
Cary Horvath, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Special Meeting from September 27, 2017.**

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

Nays:            0

Absent:           0

Abstain:         0

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

**SWEARING IN**

Swearing in of Firefighter Jake Hoffman

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Heuser, 11907 Greenwood Avenue, stated there has been a drastic change in the operations of the city. The regular weekly director meetings have ceased. There has been no communication with senior staff going on six months now. He urged the Mayor to collaborate with staff and fellow elected officials to continue building a better Blue Island.

Nancy Madrigal, 13427 Mozart Street, would like to see some support for the Mayor when he makes decisions because it would be helpful in moving the city forward.

Carol DiPace-Green, 2731 Orchard Street, stated there are concerns coming from the taxpayers. She would like to see a stop to the coaching that goes on in committee meetings. She also stated we do not yet have the regulations or state statutes to determine if the water rates can or should be raised.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to go into Executive Session to discuss hiring and firing of City Attorney.**

Ayes: 8 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Frausto, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Nays: 6 Johnson, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

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Meeting reconvened at 7:14 pm

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to go into Closed Session to discuss firing of attorney inviting John Rita and Shawn Te Raines.**

**Mayor Vargas ruled he was out of order and that we would follow the posted agenda.**

1. The Mayor announced he removed Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman, LLP serving its position as City Attorney on October 19, 2017. He stated his reasons being: he lost confidence in the attorney-client relationship with the law firm and he lost the confidence legal advice was coming directly to his office from the lawyers.
2. The Mayor asked council to appoint the law firm of Odelson & Sterk, LTD as City Attorney.

**Motion by Ald. Viera, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the law firm of Odelson & Sterk, LTD as City Attorney.**

Ayes: 6 Johnson, Viera, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson

Nays: 8 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Frausto,  
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

The Mayor made the temporary appointment of Odelson & Sterk, LTD to serve as City Attorney.

Alderman Bilotto motioned that Sanchez Daniels be hired on a Contractual Basis, Alderman Donahue seconded. Mayor Vargas stated it was an inappropriate motion.

Treasurer Bilotto, Aldermen Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita and Donahue left the meeting at 7:25

3. There was a consensus for Halloween Hours to be from 3:00 p.m. until 7 p.m.
4. Mayor's Announcements: The Mayor acknowledged the Director of Band and Orchestra at Eisenhower High School, Dr. Justin Antos, as well as the administration and the band

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students. They have participated in multiple competitions and have won numerous awards in all of their divisions.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a request from the Blue Island Park District to have a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

**Ayes: 8 Poulos, Johnson, Frausto, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson**

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue**

**Abstain: 0**

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

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY TREASURER:**

No business.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

No business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Payroll for October 6, 2017 for \$376,403.47.**

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Ostling, Thompson, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Poulos to approve Retro 2014 Police Payroll for October 13, 2017 for \$46,764.86.**

Ayes: 8 Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Manual Check Accounts Payable for October 3, 2017 for \$2,488.75.**

Ayes: 8 Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Accounts Payable for October 18, 2017 for \$374,776.88.**

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Ayes: 8 Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Robinson Engineering to oversee demolition of 11941 Vincennes in the amount of \$15,000.**

Ayes: 8 Poulos, Frausto, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson, Mayor Vargas

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Presentation regarding a new business development proposal at 12625 Western Ave (former Walgreens business).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-040**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/DEMOLITION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Resolution No. 2017-040.**

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

Nays: 0

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Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

Reconsideration of Ordinances: 2017-035, 036, 037 and 038

ORDINANCES RESTRICTING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY AT OR NEAR 2533-35 OAK STREET (SINGLE PROPERTY), 2642 GRUNEWALD STREET, 2520 UNION STREET AND 2155 120<sup>TH</sup> PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Ordinances 2017-035, 036, 037, and 038.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 6 Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Ald. Johnson asked if Four Star Auto Parts and Horace Mann were in Blue Island. He also asked for the contract between the city and park district. He asked if any of the new hires came through the Mayor or council. He stated he is voting no for financial reports because he thinks a forensic audit needs to be done.

Ald. Frausto asked the Mayor that he respect the council and communicate with them.

Ald. Thompson is thankful for the improvements coming into the 5<sup>th</sup> ward.

Ald. Fahrenwald spoke regarding his vote as an important moment to get the city moving. He hopes to see all the alderman pull together.

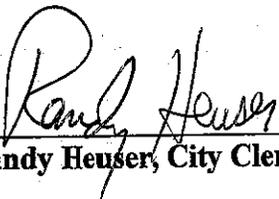
Ald. Hawley announced the final fundraiser for the parade will be Saturday, November 11 at Eagles Bowling Alley at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

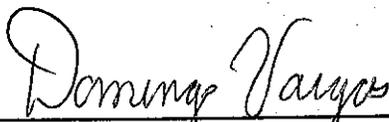
**Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Thompson to adjourn the meeting.**  
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 14, 2017 at 7:00  
p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor