

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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 November 14, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita,
Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr

Absent: 1 Ald.Frausto

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Thompson to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from October 10, 2017.

Ayes: 12 Pittman, Poulos, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra,
Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling,
Thompson, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 1 Slattery

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

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Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Thompson to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Special Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2017.

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

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

RECOGNITION

Recognizing the 911 Telecommunicators for their service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wogan, Executive Director of the Blue Island Park District, gave a few highlights of the park district for the past year including: the highest ever day camp attendance, largest BBQ on the Hill event, new Perillo Park, upgrades to Kiddie Korral, working on opening soccer field near Perillo Park, and the partnership with the recreation center. He also announced the will be having a Santa House.

Joe Dinovo, 12808 Maple Avenue, preemptively thanked the Mayor and council for voting on a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Blue Island Firefighter Club for a Museum and Education Center.

Annette Alexander, 2804 141st Street, asked for a clarification regarding the removal of the city attorney in the meeting of October 24.

Marilyn Bush, 12202 Longwood Avenue, asked how the city goes about putting more lights out near stores.

Joseph Martin, Fay's Point, asked that everyone work together to continue building a better Blue Island.

Carol DiPace-Green, 2731 Orchard Street, asked if the item in the agenda regarding the settlement was moving forward. She wanted to know how much money it was going to cost Blue Island tax payers. She reiterated that Blue Island cannot afford these tax increases.

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REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**MAYOR:**

No announcements.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on October 31, 2017.

Ayes:	11	Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Carr
Nays:	2	Johnson, Thompson
Absent:	1	Frausto
Abstain:	0	

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve the Settlement Agreement, General Release and Covenant Not to Sue in the lawsuit, Harris v. Nettles and Calumet Park, 2014 L 9643, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement and direct payment to be made in accordance with the Agreement.

Ayes:	13	Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr
Nays:	0	

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Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for October 20, 2017 for \$387,332.55.

Ayes: 12 Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Bilotto, Vieyra,
Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll for November 3, 2017 for \$349,261.67.

Ayes: 12 Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Bilotto, Vieyra,
Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for November 8, 2017 for \$560,432.48.

Ayes: 10 Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Bilotto, Vieyra,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson,
Carr

Nays: 3 Johnson, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-041

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ESTIMATED TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Resolution No. 2017-041.

Ayes: 8 Pittman, Poulos, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr

Nays: 5 Slattery, Johnson, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Absent: 1 Frausto

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-042

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Resolution No. 2017-042.

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Ayes:	12	Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr
Nays:	1	Donahue
Absent:	1	Frausto
Abstain:	0	

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-043

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND THE BLUE ISLAND HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Resolution No. 2017-043.

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

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – East Annex

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Judiciary Committee – Ald. Fahrenwald, Chairman

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue thanked the dispatchers for their dedication and hard work. He also thanked Commander Sisk, Deputy Chief Cornell, and Director Rita for their hard work put into the transition.

Ald. Pittman asked if there had been any communication between the city and the Walgreen's property.

Ald. Johnson announced the Blue Island Untouchables will be playing in the Superbowl game on Saturday.

Ald. Hawley thanked everyone who attended the final fundraiser for the parade. The parade will be December 2nd and there will be many free family friendly activities. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. at Union and Western and head south.

Ald. Rita thanked the 911 operators for their dedication and service. She also welcomed the Eisenhower students who were in attendance.

Ald. Carr asked if there has been any progress made in finding a fire chief.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Rita to adjourn the meeting.
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

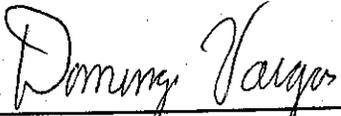
The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

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



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

