

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 February 14, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 9 Ald. Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto

Absent: 5 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from January 24, 2017.

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Orozco, co-captain of Neighborhood Watch 237, announced the Black History program will be on Friday, February 17. There will be a dinner from 6-7 p.m. followed by a program.

Raeann Zylman, 12057 Artesian, introduced Tom Wogan the new Director of Blue Island Park District.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**MAYOR:**

The Mayor recognized the Dwight D. Eisenhower Cardinal Dance Team on winning the National Championship in their Division.

The Mayor recognized Veterans Student Council for all their volunteer hours. They took part in community events including: National Night Out, the Robbins Day parade, BBQ on the Hill, Trunk-or-Treat, 4th of July, Farmer's Market, Blue Island Light Parade, and the Craft Fair.

The Mayor announced that the Sun Times did an article on Josefina Sanchez' life; he encouraged everyone to take a moment to read it.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to recess the Regular Meeting to go into the Public Hearing for the proposed TIF 7.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The process was started in October 2016 regarding the proposed TIF District No. 7. The area is roughly bounded by 139th Street on the North, 142nd Street on the South, part of Coopers Grove on the West, and California Street on the East. The City complied with all proper notices given before this meeting. No action will be taken in this meeting.

Public Comment:

Quitman Hartzel, 2825 140th Street, asked what benefits this will bring to the homeowners besides a tax increase on their homes.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Pittman to close the Public Hearing for the proposed TIF 7.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Pittman to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve a request from Lincoln Elementary School to have their 5th annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday, April 28th at 9:15 a.m. to approximately 10:45 a.m.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Payroll for January 27, 2017 for \$348,070.17.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Accounts Payable for February 8, 2017 for \$606,560.28.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-003

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TRAVEL, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Slattery to approve Ordinance No. 2017-003.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH WERMER, ROGERS, DORAN & RUZON, LLC FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Resolution No. 2017-008.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH MATT ANASTASIA FOR PER DIEM CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution No. 2017-009.

Ayes:	7	Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	2	Donahue, Johanson
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-010

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLASS 6(B) REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13611 THORNTON ROAD, CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Pittman to approve Resolution No. 2017-010.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

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Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-004

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 1814 HIGH STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Slattery to approve Ordinance No. 2017-004.

Ayes:	9	Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Vieyra, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue thanked the Police Department for catching the people responsible for the home invasions, burglaries, and car break ins that were occurring in east side neighborhoods. He stated the tactical unit that caught the people responsible was not created exclusively for the third ward.

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Ald. Johanson echoed Ald. Donahue's thanks to the Police Department. He also thanked Public Works and the Fire Department.

Ald. Carr reminded everyone that Black Culture Night will be held at the East Annex on Friday at 6:00 p.m.

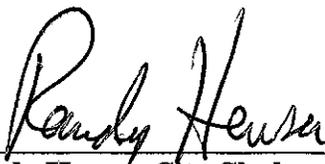
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

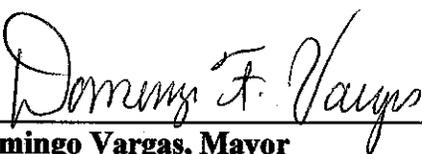
The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

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



Domingo Vargas, Mayor