

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
MAY 23, 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 May 23, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Johnson, Vieyra, Rita (7:15), Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling,
Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Absent: 3 Ald. Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

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

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Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from April 25, 2017 and May 9, 2017.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Frausto, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Trent, Outreach Director at Oak Street Health, wanted to introduce himself to the council and looked forward to working with the city in the community.

Lisa Durbin, 2406 Union Street, stated her concerns over possible personnel changes at city hall. She wanted it to be known that there are many residents and business owners who do not want this to happen.

Thomas Madrigal Jr., 13437 Mozart Street, announced that this Saturday, May 27th at Lincoln School at 10 a.m. there will be a Mexican American Memorial Service. He also expressed his concerns around his neighborhood including trains and loud music.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor stated he has been working and will continue to work on lightening his case load. He takes his job as Mayor very seriously and his interest is in the City of Blue Island. He also stated that it is his full responsibility to do what he has to do for the City. He further stated that this is not a ceremonial position, it's a working position and that he would get blamed for everything, so he is going to get in there and do what he has to do. Last week he participated in Whittier School Career Day, attended Fit for Life event, and worked at White Castle for a day.

The Mayor issued an order on May 11th directed at the directors. Effective immediately no director will transfer an employee from one city position to another without the Mayor's consent. Additionally, no city director will terminate a city employee's employment without the Mayor's consent. Within the next couple of weeks the Mayor will inform every one of his appointments and committees.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Poulos to approve a request from MDA to grant the Blue Island Fire Fighters to hold a "Fill the Boot" Tag Day ratifying May 19th and approving June 23, July 28 and August 25th, at the intersection of 127th and Kedzie, 119th & Western, and Vermont & Western.

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Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery,
Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from District 130 Public Schools to host their annual block party on May 30, 2017 from 11:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. They are requesting the use of Maple Avenue between High and Union to be blocked off.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery,
Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Thompson to approve a request from ACCESS Blue Island Family Health Center to host a summer community health fair on July 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery,
Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to approve a request from Blue Island Church of Christ to have their annual Vacation Bible School from June 19th to June 23rd from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from St. Benedict Church to have their St. Benedict Fest on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Street closing would start at 8:00 a.m. for set-up on York Street from Western to Gregory)

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from Bethel Pentecostal Church to have their annual Community/Kid Day on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from Mission Covenant Church to hold a “Blessing of Motorcycles” service on June 11, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. They are asking to block off Greenwood Avenue from Collins Street south to the alley that runs immediately south of the church. Program will be approximately one hour.

Ayes: 10 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Slattery, Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 1 Pittman

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

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a request from St. Donatus Church to hold its 108th Annual Feast and Carnival starting on Wednesday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 6th. Feast Day Mass will start at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 6th, 2017.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from Tom Mantel to have a Block Party on May 28, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Ayes: 10 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Nays: 0

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Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 1 Hawley

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Poulos to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending on April 30, 2017.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 1 Fahrenwald

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve a Resolution accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Pittman

Nays: 2 Rita, Slattery

Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue

Abstain: 2 Carr, Poulos

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

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

Next Meeting – TBD

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – TBD

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – TBD

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – TBD

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to Deny Damage Claims – 2017-2305 (4 tires were stolen while parked in Metra Lot) and 2017-14504 (Damage to front tire due to pothole).

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve an Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2056 119th Place in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
Nays:	0	

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Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
 Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Pittman to approve an Ordinances Restricting Portions of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at 2233 W. 121st Place, 2200 W. Grove Street, 2433 Oak Street, 2033 High Street, 2100 York Street, Unit 1R and 2729 W. Grunewald Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and providing penalties for the violations thereof.

Ayes: 11 Johnson, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 3 Frausto, Bilotto, Donahue
 Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – TBD

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Fahrenwald thanked everyone from the city and council who has welcomed him and offered help. His whole reason for running for alderman was to build a better Blue Island and everything he does will be run through that basic filter.

Ald. Hawley thanked everyone who came out on Sunday to help with planters in town.

Ald. Rita stated the reason she voted no was not because she was against the grant, but because it did not go through the proper committee.

Ald. Thompson thanked everyone for the courtesy and kindness of those who have contacted her or tried to while she's been away due to illness.

Ald. Carr mentioned that last week was National Police Week. She thanked the Police Department for everything they do.

Ald. Johnson asked if there is a grant writer for the city. He congratulated the administration on everything they have accomplished.

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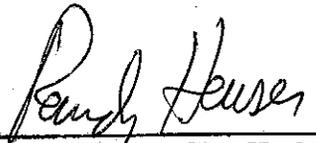
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

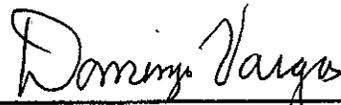
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Henser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

