

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
JUNE 13, 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 June 13, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Fahrenwald

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
ShawnTe Raines, 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 Regular Meeting from May 23, 2017 with the addition of Ald. Carr's comment regarding committees.

Ayes: 12 Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Hawley,
Ostling, Thompson, Carr, Pittman, Slattery,
Poulos, Johnson

Nays: 1 Donahue

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Henry, GM Republic Services, stated the current contract is set to expire on June 30th. Council has 17 days left to review, negotiate, and decide on contract terms. They have offered a 6 month extension in order for the city to have enough time to review and negotiate a new contract.

Carol DiPace-Greene, 2731 Orchard St, stated there is chatter about what is going on at city hall as well as concerns regarding payroll costs. She asked that information be posted online for all citizens. She also asked that council be transparent and inform citizens about what is going on.

Tony Lee, 2800 127th St, thanked the council and city for the John D. Rita Recreation Center. He stated Bob Jackson is doing a great job there.

Marsha Rauch, 2510 Cochran St, asked what ward she is in and who her alderperson is.

RaeAnn Cantelo-Zylman, 12057 Artesian Ave, invited everyone to the farmer's market featuring new vendors. She also invited everyone to the golf course and driving range.

Gloria Rose, 12652 Irving Ave, asked why the ward changes were done and who stands to benefit from that unbelievable action.

Greg Lochow, 12915 Elm St, requested that the council consider opting out of the minimum wage sick time laws before the June 30 deadline.

Lisa Durbin, 2406 Union St, invited everyone to attend a ceremony at Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate Flag Day.

Pastor Lloyd of Mission Covenant Church, thanked everyone for welcoming him to Blue Island.

Maria Martinez, 2249 123rd Pl, asked when payroll will be posted and if previous payrolls will be posted as well.

Kevin Brown, 2450 New St, thanked everybody who helped with a successful dragon boat festival.

Eduardo Campos, stated he goes to the golf course several times a week. He commended Teddy Ruthenberg on doing a good job and he sees much improvement.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

1. Aldermen Committees

Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Hawley

Public Health & Safety
Candace Carr, Chair

Kevin Donahue, Dexter Johnson, Ken Pittman, and George Poulos

Municipal Services
Nancy Rita, Chair

Fred Bilotto, Candace Carr, Kevin Donahue, and Alecia Slattery

Community Development
Tom Hawley, Chair

Fred Bilotto, Jairo Frausto, Dexter Johnson, Nancy Rita, and Nancy Thompson

Finance Committee
Jan Ostling, Chair

Bill Fahrenwald, Jairo Frausto, Tom Hawley, Nancy Thompson, and Leticia Vieyra

Judiciary

Bill Fahrenwald, Chair

Ken Pittman, George Poulos, Alecia Slattery, and Leticia Vieyra

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Ostling to table the aldermanic committee appointments.

There was discussion about the Mayor pro tem being separate from the committees.

Motions to table were rescinded.

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Poulos to approve the aldermanic committee appointments as amended to remove the mayor pro tem.

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

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

2. Appointments

Jim Klinker – Fire Chief

Tom Nagle – City Engineer

To be determined – City Attorney/Corporation Counsel

To be determined – Police Chief

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to sever the appointments into individual items.

There was discussion as to what criteria was sought for the appointments. Several aldermen asked that all the appointments be listed before they are voted on.

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Pittman to appoint Jim Klinker as Fire Chief.

Ayes: 5 Vieyra, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson

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

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

There being Eight (8) Nays Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Thompson to appoint Tom Nagle as City Engineer.

Ayes: 5 Vieyra, Hawley, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson

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

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

There being Eight (8) Nays Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor congratulated everyone involved with the dragon boat races. They are also looking to make a decision on opting out soon as the deadline is approaching. The Mayor is receiving status reports from each department to see how things are going. He thanked everyone who participated in the search for the autistic young man who was found and is doing well. There was a fire at the building next to the blue kangaroo, though the renters were displaced no one was hurt. The Mayor took out the members of the St. Benedict band for lunch as promised. He stated we are here to build a better Blue Island and be transparent.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from Raymond Thomas of Raven's Place to host their 1st Annual Outdoor Customer Appreciation Festival on Sunday, August 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. They would like to block off New Street between Western Avenue and Gregory Street for the stated times.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

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

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ms. Raines gave a clarification in regards to the codification process. The council has voted on substantial amendments from title 1 through 9 which includes over a hundred chapters. After codification was done the council has reviewed over half of the city code and updated it.

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

Next Meeting – TBD

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue asked the Mayor his stance on Metra cutting service of the electric line.

Ald. Rita asked who attended the Metra meetings.

Ald. Donahue congratulated Teddy Ruthenberg on a fantastic job at the golf course.

Ald. Thompson asked the Mayor to stated the date for the Metra hearing. It will be June 21st.

Ald. Pittman thanked the city, Police Department, and Blue Island television for all their cooperation and help with Mission Covenant's Blessing of the Motorcycles event.

Ald. Vieyra asked if there could be a special Municipal Services meeting or as a whole to discuss the waste management contract. Ald. Rita stated she is looking to have a Municipal Services meeting on Monday at 6 p.m.

Ald. Donahue asked what the bill back log is now.

Ald. Johnson asked how the interest on the bank account is allocated per quarter. He also asked for copies of what appointed positions make a year. He thanked Korbakes for everything they have done.

Clerk Heuser announced city stickers are now for sale and city hall is open Saturdays from 8-12.

Ald. Bilotto thanked Mr. Brown and his wife for their work on the dragon boat races it was a phenomenal experience.

Ald. Donahue thanked the fire department and all responding fire departments who worked on the fire in the east side last week.

Ald. Frausto thanked the members of the Judiciary committee especially Tom Hawley for their work and help on that committee. He also announced he is running as a charity runner for Ronald McDonald House.

Ald. Ostling announced that she is Marsha Rauch's alderman along with Nancy Thompson.

Ald. Carr thanked Tom Hawley and stated she enjoy working with him on the community development committee.

Ald. Ostling asked those in the finance committee to see her after the meeting to schedule a meeting time.

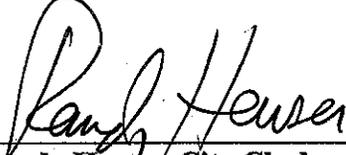
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

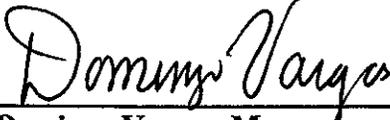
The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor