

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Peloquin at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska,
Rita.

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
Burt Odelson, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Stone the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on December 11, 2012 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Ruthenberg the Journal Of Proceedings for the regular meeting on January 8, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Peloquin announced the best thing about the City of Blue Island is the fact that we have a lot of people who donate their time, energies and expertise to make the City better. At that time the Mayor invited Mike Mech to the podium for a presentation. Mayor Peloquin presented Mr. Mech with a certificate of Special Recognition.

Mike Mech stated that he loves Blue Island and because of the segment of This Old House, the Bungalow Chef will be on PBS starting in March.

The Mayor is requesting Council's permission to allow Mr. Derik Scott an exclusive 6-month development project for 119th Street with a possibility of a 3-month extension.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vargas to approve.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Natalino,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 1 Ald. Thompson.

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

Mayor Peloquin is requesting Council's permission to continue to develop a Riverfront Plan from Kedzie to Ashland for the cost of \$120,000 paid in 4 increments of \$40,000.00.

Motion by Ald. Ruthenberg, second by Ald. Ostling to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Thompson asked what the salary of the consultant is.

The Mayor stated it is \$120,000.00 total for everything.

Ald. Patoska stated that the Mayor said it was 4 payments of \$40,000.00 but it is 3 payments not 4.

The Mayor apologized and stated it would be 3 payments.

Ald. Johnson asked if the Park District is in on paying also.

The Mayor stated no not at this time, this is coming out of TIF.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Natalino,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska.

Nays: 2 Ald. Thompson, Rita.

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Peloquin announced that MetroSouth Hospital will be presenting a final agreement in ordinance form at the next City Council Meeting and the Alderman has a list regarding to this.

The Mayor, as Liquor Commissioner is informing Council that he will be sitting down with The Island Sports Bar & Grill to discuss issues that were brought up at the last meeting so we could proceed ahead with due process.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

Mr. Nagel, Robinson Engineer, opened sealed bids at the City of Blue Island Clerk's Office on January 18, 2013 at 11:00 am for cured in place sewer pipelining for Grunewald, Orchard and

Collins Streets from Greenwood to Western Avenue. The bids are as follows:

Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.	\$68,000.00
American Pipe Liners, Inc.	\$94,225.00
Visu-Sewer, Inc.	\$119,250.00

Mr. Nagel's recommendation is for the contract to be awarded to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Natalino to accept bid.

On the Question: Ald. Thompson asked how far in advance do they know about the CDBG Grant and where they are going to be used and what part of town. She stated that the 7th Ward is being neglected.

The Mayor stated that they have to submit a 5-year plan but one of the things that they are trying to do in the 7th Ward is that part of the JT that they are working with is the flooding that is in that area.

Ald. Thompson stated she put in a request of things that she would like done in the 7th Ward and she would like to see it done.

Ald. Frausto asked if that company has done other streets in the City in the past.

Mr. Nagel stated yes they have.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

CITY CLERK

Blue Island American Legion Post 50 would like to request permission to conduct their annual “Poppy Days” sale on Friday and Saturday, May 17th & 18th, 2013 with rain dates of May 24th & 25th, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Natalino to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

No Report

CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Ald. Spizzirri, second by Ald. Rita the headings be read and then a motion for adoption.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 218

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Location: 2322 W. 122nd Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 219

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ONLY DISTRICT B7 WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Johnson to adopt.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to approve Accounts Payable for January 22, 2013 for the Total Amount of \$628,069.92.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for January 18, 2013 Net Pay - \$231,541.96 and Total Gross - \$395,304.21.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Ruthenberg, Stone, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Vargas, Thompson,
Natalino, Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Janko, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska reported that State was behind 4 months in State Income Tax in the amount of \$660,000.00 and the County owes the City \$250,000.00 for property taxes.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report due to no quorum.

Ald. Ostling stated that she did announce at the last City Council Meeting that her next meeting would take place on January 21, 2013 and nothing was canceled.

Ald. Ostling is announcing that the next meeting will be on January 28, 2013 at 6:30 at the lower level of the Police Department.

Mayor Peloquin informed Ald. Ostling that as Chairman she could make a minority report if you don't have a quorum.

Next meeting – Monday, January 28, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Mayor Peloquin announced he would like to commend Chief Contreras and the Police Department on the arrest of an individual who committed some heinous crimes in Michigan. The Mayor stated it was done professionally with no harm to anyone.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. – East Annex

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

New Business's –

Mc Auto Mechanic Body Shop & Sales at 13547 Western Ave. – must go to the Planning Commission and Zoning to get a special use permit in order to do auto repairs on other vehicles.

Approved pending signage approval, building inspections and an approved fire alarm installed.

Division Warehouse #59 at 13037 Western Ave. – approved pending inspections and finishing of repairs on the outside of the building and signage approval.

La Finka Restaurante at 1964 Vermont Street appeared at the request of the Committee. They explained they have 6 security guards, 2 of which are Posen Police Officers, on the premises during parties and functions. They have been no police calls at their establishment in a few months. They were asked to get any signs approved prior to putting them up.

Spice of Life at 12157 Western Ave. was asked to appear before the Committee. The building owner, Mr. Fayyaz Karim of 4914 W. 83rd Street, Burbank, Il appeared before the Committee. This business was closed down to selling of illegal cigarettes, dealing in knock off brands and dealing with stolen goods. The building it self has many building code violations.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Ostling, seconded by Ald. Thompson to have the business license revoked. The motion carried on a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

The Committee also discussed the proposed News Rack Ordinance. Ald. Patoska will make the change that were discussed and bring it back to committee for possible approval to send it to the City Council at the February meeting.

Building Department Report for November –

• Building Permits	76
• Apartment Inspections	46
• Residential Inspections	16
• Commercial Inspections	15
• Letter of Conditions	3
• Demand Notices	0

- Court Summons Issued 7
- Complaints Checked 45
- “Not Approved for Occupancy” 5
- “Code Violations” door tags 30
- “Notice of Christmas Decorations” 0
- “Stop Work” 13
- Vacant Properties Registered 10
- Vacant Properties Inspected 9

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would like to clarify 2 things for the record. In regards to Spice of Life they were closed down for building and fire code violations not for any criminal acts. The Mayor asked what the address for the car repair shop was.

Ald. ~~Estling~~ ^{Stone (1p 2/12/13)} stated it was 13547 Western Avenue.

The Mayor stated that it is outside the realms of the Downtown Business District.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENING BUSINESS

Rachael Orosco at 11957 Longwood Drive is representing Watch Group #37 and announced that next month is Black History Month and will be held at the East Annex. Ms. Orosco also announced that they made arrangements for the Tuskegee Airmen and the Du Sable Museum to also be here next month.

Mayor Peloquin asked Ms. Orosco if she could contact the City of Robbins because they have a new Black History Area and part of that ties up with the Tuskegee Airmen and is very unique.

Ms. Orosco also announced that the Blue Island Library will be having programs and to contact them for dates and time and if you need tickets.

Mayor Peloquin asked Ms. Orosco if she could give him the dates and times so it could scroll on the T.V. channel.

Ms. Orosco stated that she already did that.

Willie Scott at 11917 Longwood Drive commended Ms. Orosco for bringing African American culture to Blue Island. Mr. Scott stated at the last meeting he brought up his concerns with the City hiring of African Americans and would like a response from the Mayor regarding this.

Mayor Peloquin stated he watched Mr. Scott's presentation and he will give him a written response.


Bryan Murray of 3136 W. 141st Street thanked the City and Street Department of cleaning up Coopers Grove of the vegetation and asked if the City could spray more.

ADJOURNMENT

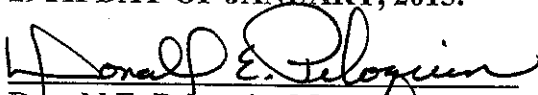
Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Stone to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.


Pam Frason, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.**


Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor