

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING, May 14, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Janko at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2013.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Vargas, Thompson, Buckner,  
Vieyra, Rita, Stone, Ostling, Janko,  
Johnson, Frausto.

Absent: 4 Ald. Natalino, Spizzirri, Patoska,  
Ruthenberg.

Present Also: Carey Horvath, City Attorney

Mayor Pro-tem Janko read the certifications for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated General Election results for the following:

Alderman 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Tom Hawley	461
Alderman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Charissa Bilotto	337 votes cast
Alderman 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Kevin T. Donahue	224 votes cast
Alderman 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Candace Carr	281 votes cast
Alderman 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Michael L. Janko	460 votes cast
Alderman 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Dexter R. Johnson	330 votes cast
Alderman 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward	James D. Johanson	243 votes cast
Treasurer	Carmine Bilotto	2,286 votes cast
City Clerk	Randy Heuser	1,659 votes cast
Mayor	Domingo Vargas	2,110 votes cast

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Rita to approve to accept votes.

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Janko declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Janko recognized some distinguished people who were in the audience:

State Representative Robert “Bob” Rita

Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez

Calumet Township Assessor Fred Bilotto

Calumet Township Trustee Martin Sosnowski

Orland Hills Mayor Kyle Hastings

Moraine Valley Community College Trustee Joe Murphy

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Moved by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on April 23, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, Mayor Pro-tem Janko declared the motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF THE CANDIDATES**

The Honorable Judge Vincent Gaughan did the honors of swearing in of the newly elected officials.

Mayor Pro-tem Janko called Mayor Domingo Vargas up to be sworn in.

Mayor Vargas called Randy Heuser up to be sworn in as City Clerk.

Mayor Vargas called Carmine Bilotto up to be sworn in as City Treasurer.

Mayor Vargas called Tom Hawley up to be sworn in as Alderman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called Charissa Bilotto up to be sworn in as Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called Kevin Donahue up to be sworn in as Alderman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called Candace Carr up to be sworn in as Alderman of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called up Michael Janko to be sworn in as Alderman of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called up Dexter Johnson to be sworn in as Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas called James Johanson up to be sworn in as Alderman of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Mayor Vargas asked for a round of applause for the new Blue Island City Council.

Mayor Vargas took the podium and spoke of bringing the whole town together and how committed they were in serving all the people. The Mayor commented this was a historic day for many reasons; having elected the first Gay Alderman in Blue Island, having elected the first African American Alderwoman in Blue Island and electing the first Mexican American Mayor. The Mayor thanked his parents for their support and love and his daughter Jackie. He stated that Blue Island is a diverse community and will continue to be an immigrated community. He stated that his grandparents on his mother side came here 100 years today and that life has gone full circle. In his professional career, as an Attorney, he traveled all across the Country and always made a point of where he came from and was never ashamed of being from Blue Island. His goal is for Blue Island to be one of the best cities in Illinois. These troubling times and we need your help. Mayor Vargas quoted from the late President Kennedy saying “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” help us improve our town. Mayor Vargas thanked everybody for coming and God Bless Blue Island.

Mayor Vargas announced the Committee Assignments as follow:

Finance Committee – Chairman Ald. Rita along with Ald. Thompson, Ald. Donahue, Ald. Buckner and Ald. Hawley.

Judiciary Committee – Chairman Ald. Ostling along with Ald. Janko, Ald. Frausto, Ald. Bilotto and Ald. Stone.

Health and Safety Committee – Chairman Ald. Carr along with Ald. Johnson, Ald. Johanson, Ald. Vieyra and Ald. Buckner.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Ald. Janko, along with Ald. Stone, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Johanson and Ald. Donahue.

Community Development – Chairman Ald. Hawley along with Ald. Carr, Ald. Vieyra, Ald. Ostling, Ald. Bilotto, Ald. Thompson, and Ald. Frausto.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Thompson to approve Alderman Mike Janko to continue to be Mayor Pro-tem.

Ayes: 14 Ald. Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Rita to approve the Committee Assignments.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **Mayor**

Mayor Vargas stated that for the next 90 days all Department Heads will remain in the respected positions in order to give administration adequate time to review their experience and qualifications. They will review each department and each employee.

## **QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR**

No Questions.

**BIDS**

No Bids.

**CITY CLERK**

No Business.

**CITY TREASURER**

No Report.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Janko the heading be read and then a motion for adoption.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-227**

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOUTH SUBURBAN JOINT ACTION WATER AGENCY.**

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Bilotto to adopt.

Ayes: 14 Ald. Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Janko, Johnson, Frausto.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Fourteen (14) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

No Report.

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

No Report.

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

No Report.

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman**

No Report.

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

No Report.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Hawley to adjourn.

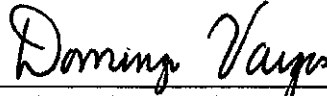
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Attorney Horvath reminded all newly elected Officials they must sign their Oath of Office before leaving.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2013.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor

