

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 23, 2013**

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 July 23, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Absent: 0

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Cary Horvath, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

Mayor Vargas asked for everybody to stand for a moment of silence remembering Alderman Michael Janko.

Mayor Vargas stated it is hard for Administration, friends and family for the loss of Alderman Janko but we must move forward, that is what he would have wanted. The Mayor stated that he and Alderman Janko became close friends before he became an Alderman as a result for their love for their vehicles which they still own today. Alderman Janko wore a button he designed saying "I like Mike" and the Mayor asked him where he could get one and as the result they all wore one. He went on to say that Mike was Blue Island, Mike is Blue Island his commitment was to bring the town together and he did it. He would want us to continue and we will continue. The night before the Administration had all gotten together, it was a difficult night and the Mayor thanked everybody stating that everybody is his extended family. We are a very diverse community and that is what Mike liked, he loved that, he enjoyed that, that was his passion and we will continue with that legacy. Mike was a big man with a big heart involved in Blue Island and he will be missed but never forgotten.

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Moved by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on July 9, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

No Citizens.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Buckner to accept the resignation of Water Superintendent Joe Werner effective immediately.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas along with Deputy Chief Cornell approached the podium to present citations of honorable mention to the following Police Officers who responded to an armed robbery on June 11, 2013:

Sgt. Kevin Sisk
Cpl. Francisco Navarro
Officer Sean Donica
Officer John McSweeney
Officer John Chickerillo
Officer Lasalle King

Deputy Chief Cornell presented each one with an Honorable Mention Certificate and stated this is what they do every day and he is very proud of them they did an outstanding job.

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The Mayor stated there is a sympathy book at City Hall for Alderman Janko and would highly request for people to sign in it. It will be at City Hall for the next 9 days.

Mayor Vargas stated items 3 & 4 on the agenda will be done at a later date.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

No business.

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE NO. 13-235

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2014.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-236

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF

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COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Location: 2733 Grunewald Street.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling to adopt.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-237

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING AND REGULATING THE DIRECTION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO DRIVE ONE WAY ON PORTIONS OF GREENWOOD AVENUE ON SCHOOL DAYS WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-238

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION TO FACILITATE

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**ENFORCEMENT OF STANDING, PARKING,
COMPLIANCE OR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS.**

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Carr to adopt.

On the Question: Ald. Donahue asked for clarification on this.

Attorney Horvath explained this ordinance provides notification to owners of vehicles who have five or more outstanding violations and will have 14 days to pay or request a hearing. If the owner does not respond the City could then arrange for a booting and tow of the vehicle.

Ald. Donahue asked if the Police would be putting the boot on.

Deputy Chief Cornell stated yes.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 1 Ald. Donahue.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Tobacco and Cigarettes Discount, Inc. at 11925 Western Ave. - Approved pending final Building and Fire inspections and approval of signage.

Santana Energy – No one appeared for the second month in a row.

La Finka – They were asked to appear and they did not attend the meeting. They will be asked to come to the August meeting.

Tuscan Grill at 13000 Western Avenue – approved to open as soon as the punch list from Building, Fire and Health Inspectors are cleared and the illegal signage is removed.

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Dotty's at 12601 Western Avenue – approved pending approval of Liquor License and all final Building and Fire inspections.

Dream Bags at 13636 Western Avenue – Mr. Simborg was not present at meeting. A final 30 day extension was granted. If Mr. Simborg does not appear at the August 14th meeting, Dream Bags will need to be closed.

Ald. Vieyra asked about the signage for the Tattoo Parlor at 119th & Western. It seems to be more of a temporary sign in nature and asked if it was approved. Commissioner Adams said the Building Department has been in touch with the owners regarding the sign.

Building Department Report for June – 2013

• Building Permits Issued	120
• Apartment Inspections	53
• Residential Inspections	42
• Commercial Inspections	14
• Letters of Conditions	10
• Demand Notices	0
• Court Summons Issued	10
• Complaints checked	35
• Not Approved for Occupancy	36
• Code Violations Door Tags	67
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	0
• Stop Work Notices	0
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$6,750.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	18
• Vacant Properties Inspected	4

The revision of the Business Application Process was discussed. Planning Director Nick Crite presented a packet of information with items to look at from other cities. Discussion about how and where in the process the Community Development Committee should fit in. What is the role? The sample materials were reviewed and it was decided that Planning Director Nick Crite would work with Building Commission Adams and Chief Vrshek on a "Welcome Packet" similar to one from Oak Park in the packet and revise the business application to take out the redundancy while still getting all of the required information. They will try to get something together by August 7th to send to the Committee members to review before the August meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Ald. Rita stated that Mayor Vargas addressed the Committee to thank us for our hard work and long hours regarding the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance. Chief Vrshek addressed the Committee requesting approval of the FEMA grant for the SCBA equipment portion; a voice vote with all in favor to approve. Ald. Janko addressed the Committee asking the Finance Committee to conduct one ore Appropriation meeting with all the Aldermen present to answer any final questions before its passage at the next City Council Meeting. After much discussion, the Committee agreed to hold the meeting on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the East Annex and to email the Public Notice to the Clerk the next day. Voice vote with all in favor.

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Payroll for July 2, 2013 – Net Amount of \$242,187.27 and Gross Amount of \$404,839.45.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Buckner to approve Accounts Payable for July 17, 2013 for \$371,925.71.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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The revenue for the City of Blue Island reported by the Illinois Gaming Board for video gaming for June 2013 is \$8,200.62.

A motion was made by Ald. Hawley to pass the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance out of Committee pending no changes at the Friday, July 19, 2013 meeting. Ald. Donahue seconded the motion, a voice vote with all in favor.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 6:30 pm – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 7, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

In memory of Alderman Mike Janko Alderman, Stone read the minutes.

Ald. Stone stated due to not having a ^{quorum 1p} forum there were no votes casted in the meeting.

Director of Golf, Jerry Vidovic presented his report and Superintendent of Public Works presented his report.

Tentatively 1p

Next Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2013, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0 Ald. Thompson, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

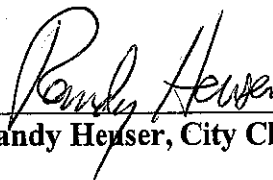
No action needed in closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Hawley to adjourn the meeting.

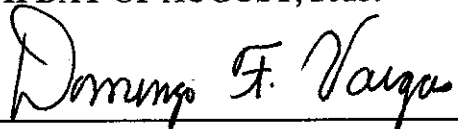
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

