

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
MEETING, AUGUST 13, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:10 p.m. on August 13, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 0

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Kevin Morphew, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

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Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on July 23, 2013 is accepted as printed.

On the Question: Ald. Stone asked for a 2 corrections to be made on page 8 of the minutes in the Municipal Services report. Forum should be quorum and the next meeting was tentatively on August 19th.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Ald. Buckner asked if Citizens wanting to address Council could do so at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Vargas stated no, this is the procedure that we follow.

Willie Scott at 11917 Longwood Drive congratulated the new offices and looking forward for great changes to be made in Blue Island and stated that he still has not receive any response from his F.O.I. regarding NWACP. Mr. Scott also is hoping the Saturday morning tutoring class at the Rec Center will continue and also asked what the progress of the JAWA project is.

Mayor Vargas stated he is still working on the F.O.I. for him and the JAWA is not on the agenda for discussion.

Treasurer Bilotto stated he will be giving an updated report within a few weeks regarding JAWA.

Mr. Scott asked what if it is not favorable.

Treasurer Bilotto stated if the City backed out we would have to pay only 10% of what has already been spent.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union Street asked why Pam Frasor is getting paid until October.

Mayor Vargas stated the Finance Committee is investigating it.

Mr. Stevo asked for all the names of all the Appointees, their annual salaries, qualifications, where they live, if they help with the campaign and if they donated any money to the campaign.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vargas stated that on May 14th the Citizens of Blue Island voted him along with the majority of Council into office and that he was not there to win a popularity contest. The following are his recommendations that he feels would be best for that department and for the City.

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Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Mayor Pro-tem is Alderman Tom Hawley.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Stone stressed it would have been respectful if one of the elder Alderman would have been asked.

Ald. Buckner agreed with Ald. Stone.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 2 Ald. Johnson, Ald. Buckner.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Fire Chief is Mark Luety.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Deputy Fire Chief is James Klinker.

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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

Nays: 1 Ald. Stone.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Deputy Police Chief/ 911 Director is Mike Cornell.

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor of 911 is Jim McGeever.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Buckner to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

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Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for B.I.E.M.A. is Don Marchbanks.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Buckner asked about what his salary would be and would like to hear their qualifications.

Mayor Vargas stated there is \$12,000.00 for this fund.

Ald. Buckner asked if that was his salary.

Mr. Don Marchbanks at 2456 York Street approached the podium and stated his qualifications.

Ald. Buckner asked how many times we have used this service.

Chief Vrshek stated they are very active with 40 to 50 events, emergency services, directing traffic, contacting other emergency services and so on.

Ald. Buckner asked what his salary is.

Mayor Vargas stated she would have to contact the Finance Department.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 3 Ald. Stone, Carr, Buckner.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Superintendent of Public Works is Frank Berrini.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

On the Question: Ald. Buckner asked if Ken Stachulak would be out of a job

Mayor Vargas stated yes.

Mr. Berrini approached the podium and gave his qualifications.

Ald. Buckner asked Mr. Berrini several questions regarding if he had a CDL license, if he drove a salt truck, if he ever managed a 4 million dollar budget or if he ever was a foreman or supervisor.

Mr. Berrini stated no but he runs and owns a restaurant.

Ald. Buckner asked how many employees he has at his restaurant.

Mr. Berrini stated 8.

Ald. Thompson asked Mr. Berrini if he was a native Blue Islander.

Mr. Berrini stated yes.

Ayes: 8 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Carr, Ostling,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 2 Ald. Stone, Buckner.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 3 Ald. Frausto, Johnson, Thompson,

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ald. Buckner stated she was only notified on Monday morning of the new appointments she would have liked more time.

Mayor Vargas stated he had been trying to contact her all weekend and thought it was not proper to address her when he seen her at the St. Donatus Carnival.

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Ald. Buckner stated she has been e-mailing him and she has not received any response from him.

Ald. Rita stated this was about the same length of time that past Mayors gave.

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Superintendent of Water is Robert Houlf.

Motion by Ald. Thompson, second by Ald. Johanson to approve.

Mr. Houlf approached the podium and gave his qualifications.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,
Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,

Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Building Commission is Jason Berry.

Mr. Berry approached the podium and gave his recommendations.

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Frausto to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor of Planning is Jodi Prout.

Ms. Prout approached the podium and gave her qualifications.

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked why the Building and Planning are split.

Mayor Vargas stated they will be working together.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

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

Nays: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor Buildings is Nicholas Crite.

Mr. Crite approached the podium and gave his qualifications.

On the Question: Ald. Ostling asked what his duties are.

Mr. Crite stated he currently is working on CDBG

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

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

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Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor of Special Projects is Mark Miller.

Mr. Miller approached the podium and gave his qualifications.

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor of Inspections/Facility Management is Mario Gomez.

Mr. Gomez approached the podium and gave his qualifications.

On the Question: Ald. Buckner asked if he has any certificates or degrees or legal background.

Mr. Gomez stated no.

Mayor Vargas asked Mr. Gomez if he is currently an inspector and he has that position for the last 3 years.

Mr. Gomez stated yes.

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Ald. Ostling asked what this position is.

Mayor Vargas stated he will be in charge in checking the air conditioning units in the City are working properly and to maintain them, maintenance and up keep on the buildings.

Ald. Buckner asked what his current job is now and will Mr. Adams lose his job.

Mayor Vargas stated he is currently an inspector and yes Mr. Adams will be leaving.

Mr. Gomez stated the only time you need to be certified is when you're changing out fluids.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

Ayes: 9 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Carr, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Bilotto.

Nays: 3 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Buckner.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 Ald. Johnson.

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Electrical Inspector is Jerry Marchione.

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Frausto to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas clarified these positions/appointments are only good until April 30, 2014.

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Health/License Inspector is Thomas Mailhiot.

Mayor Vargas stated his qualifications.

Ald. Thompson asked if he lived in Blue Island.

Mayor Vargas stated he lives in Midlothian.

Motion by Ald. Buckner, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Golf Course Pro is Jerry Vidovic.

Mr. Vidovic approached the podium and stated his qualifications.

Mayor Vargas congratulated Mr. Vidovic on his tournament.

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Rita to approve.

Ayes: 11 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson,
Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 2 Thompson, Buckner.

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Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Director of Golf is Elizabeth Harmeyer.

On the Question: Ald. Thompson asked if this was a new position.

Mayor Vargas stated that is correct.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Supervisor of Budget and Finance is Matt Anastasia.

Matt Anastasia approached the podium and stated his qualifications.

Ald. Stone asked if he no longer will be the director of finance and if there will be another director of finance.

Mayor Vargas stated no.

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,

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Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Marketing is Mary Poulsen.

Mary Poulsen approached the podium and stated her qualifications.

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Vargas's recommendation for Chairman for Municipal Services is Alderman Johanson.

On the Question: Ald. Bucker asked shouldn't an Alderman with more seniority be asked first.

Mayor Vargas stated when he was elected 22 years ago as Alderman he was the first to be in charge of Judiciary there was no requirements.

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Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 Ald. Johanson.

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

Ald. Johanson stated the August 17th meeting will be a good date to begin the Municipal Committee again.

Mayor Vargas asked for Chief Vrshek to join him at the podium to present recommendation certificates.

Chief Vrshek congratulated Fire Chief Luety and Deputy Chief Klinker and state they were good choices.

Chief Luety thanked all the Alderman and his wife Brandy for all their support and promised to make the Fire Department the best one around and make the City of Blue Island proud.

Deputy Chief Klinker supported what Chief Luety stated.

Chief Vrshek commended the following Firefighters for 2 outstanding EMS calls that the patients were successfully resuscitated. The Firefighters are as follows:

Williams Abbatacola
Larry Bethscheider
Nathan Lichtenfeld
Mark Luety
Thomas Zelinski
Joseph Guarascio

Chief Vrshek stated he enjoyed working with the Blue Island Firefighters for the past 1 ½ years

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Ald. Johnson stated that whenever there was a problem in his Ward Chief Vrshek would allow him to ride with him and also allowed him to join him when he did inspections and would like to hold Chief Luety to that also.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide Health Insurance to City Employees and Retiree's.

Clerk Heuser stated that Finance suggested that they hold it to review it and Judiciary passed it.

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

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked by changing the insurance does it save the City money.

Clerk Heuser stated it would save the City roughly \$400,000 based on the past 2 years.

Ald. Carr asked if Finance can hold on to this to review.

Clerk Heuser stated it could.

Ald. Hawley asked for clarification in writing for when the start date would be.

Ald. Johnson would like it in writing also from the Unions.

Ald. Rita stated the Finance Committee would like to see it in writing from the Unions as well. Ald. Rita stated this is a great plan but would like to have a special meeting regarding this.

Ayes:	2	Ald. Ostling, Johanson.
Nays:	11	Ald. Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto.
Absent:	0	

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Abstain: 0

There being Two (2) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion denied.

Mayor Vargas stated there will be a special City Council Meeting regarding the Insurance issue next Tuesday.

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto to approve a request from Eisenhower Cardinal Dance Team for Tag Days for September 14th & 28th, 2013.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to approve a request for a BBQ, Brews & Bluegrass Festival on Sunday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Maple Tree Inn.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to approve a request for a Block Party at 119th – 120th & Maple Avenue on August 17th between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Darnell's Garage Sale, Swap-Orama & Flea Market on Saturday, August 24, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Tommy Brown Center.

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked if the City is liable for anything incase anything happens.

Mayor Vargas suggested they must sign a waiver.

Ald. Stone requested that the streets be blocked off.

Ald. Johnson stated he didn't think the streets needed to be block off the flea market would be in their parking lot.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2013 and to be placed on file.

On the Question: Ald. Johnson asked if the general fund is a true balance.

Treasurer Bilotto stated yes.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Treasurer Bilotto stated the 2013 audit is still in progress.

CITY ATTORNEY

No Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

No Report.

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

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Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll Payable for July 19, 2013 for Gross - \$411,977.77 and a Net - \$242,330.98.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Buckner to approve Payroll Payable for August 2, 2013 for Gross - \$403,767.17 and a Net - \$244,906.07.

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

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. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for July 17, 2013 for \$727,151.45.

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

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Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Rita stated there was further discussion regarding payroll on Phil Contreras and Pam Frasor and savings on trees that need to be cut down.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6:30 pm – East Annex

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to open the discussion for the City Insurance.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Johnson to table the motion until the August 20th meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Fire Department Report –

The Fire Department had 294 emergency calls in July, 208 were EMS calls; 189 patients were treated, 172 patients were transported and 36 patients refused transport.

The Fire Department responded to 19 fire alarms which were assisted by other towns.

They responded 31 times to assist other towns.

They had 32 calls to man the fire houses.

Other responses:

3 calls for downed power lines, 1 call for a power line on fire, 1 trouble alarm, 2 calls for carbon monoxide alarms, 1 elevator rescue, 1 outside natural gas leak, 1 call to check the odor of chemical fumes, 1 car fire, 1 call for a child whose foot was stuck in a bike

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wheel, 1 call to rescue a cat in the sewer (rescued by a Police Officer), 1 call to assist the Police Department with a ladder.

Marine One is back in service and docked at Fay's Point, the propeller was replaced. There is a crack in the fiberglass frame for the emergency lights bar. An estimate will be made on the repair cost.

The aerial tower is back in service after being out for three weeks for maintenance. It will be going back for service on the hydraulics systems.

The Robbins Fire Department has requested our assistance for automatic aid. We will respond for fires but not to fire alarm calls.

Engine 2103 is back in service, and the front line engine from fire house one will be sent out for maintenance. The annual pump tests were performed on truck 2104 and engine 2103. Truck 2104 was sent out for a problem with the hydraulic system.

Engine 2133 will be sent out for maintenance work next week. Engine 2123 will be sent out after 2133 is back in service.

The water tower compartment at firehouse one has been power washed and will be painted on Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 10th. The roof to the tower still leaks as it has not been repaired.

We still have not received bids on repair to ceiling of the bay at firehouse one or for the water tower storeroom.

The new compressor and fill station should be installed by the end of the month. This is part of the \$44,000.00 grant amendment award that was included with the SCBA FEMA grant award.

Firefighter Apryll Dueshop was granted a disability pension and a replacement is needed for the shift.

The passenger door to ambulance 2182 needs to be repaired at an estimated cost of \$1,100.00. Ambulance 2152 had shims installed in one door hinge to prevent it from binding and had the broken shackle for the rear spring replaced.

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Ambulance 2152 had two alternators replaced. Tom Kissel replaced the alternators vacuum pump and the belt. We do need a new ambulance.

Old Bess was brought back after having the motor rebuilt and new tires and batteries put on. Our thanks to Manny at Harvey Pallets for his generous donation to put the engine back in service.

The Fire Department participated in honoring Alderman Janko by flying the American Flag at 123rd Street and Western Avenue for the funeral procession. The Crestwood Fire Department loaned the flag to us and the Alsip Fire Department assisted with their ladder truck. Chief Vrshek expressed his thanks to both departments.

The Fire Department participated in the “National Night Out Against Crime” with the Police Department.

The bunting that was above Firehouse one was to honor former Firefighter Hank Runge.

Chief Vrshek asked to send Chris Adlington for training to be a CPR instructor and for tuition reimbursement for Adam VanEvery.

For the month of July most Firefighters received approximately 20 hours of training.

The RIMKUS investigative team conducted a two day fire investigation class at the Public Works Department on Thursday, August 8th and Friday, August 9th. We will have use of the props when the class is completed.

A discussion took place regarding the Civil Service Commission closing the current eligibility list and the lieutenants’ promotional list.

Chief Vrshek checked into the possibility of a SAFER grant to pay for six Firefighters. Deputy Chief Luety is working on the grant.

Alderman Johnson asked where job openings are being posted. They are posted on the Blue Line; they will be on the City’s website and possibly on Channel 4.

Last month the Committee approved a schedule of increased fees, which was forwarded to the Judiciary Committee for review. The Judiciary Committee has requested that these increases be approved

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by Director John Rita before any action is taken. I have forwarded Director Rita a copy of the email outlining the fees.

The cooperation in the community to support the donations for the FEMA Radio Grant has been very good. The fundraiser will be held at the Double Play Saloon on August 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Great Lakes Bank has offered to collect donations for the FEMA Radio Grant. Checks should be made out to "Blue Island Firefighters Radio Grant Fund" and write in the memo section: "Fire Department Radio Grant." The bank is located at 13057 Western Avenue. As of this meeting we have collections and promises of approximately \$11,000.00 including a \$2500.00 donation by MetroSouth Medical Center. This means that the City's portion of the grant will be paid exclusively by private funds. Our thanks to the business community and the private citizens who made donations and purchased tickets.

Police Department Report --

The Meadows Golf Course shooting incident is still open.

The Police Department patrolled 17,789 miles for the month of July and 2865 calls answered.

Parking citations -- 541, 426 moving citations, 301 traffic stops, 23 felonies, 81 misdemeanors, 13 warrant arrests, 45 local ordinance violations (admin towing fees) and 52 vehicles impounded.

Total Fees Collected: \$33,335.21.

Detective Division --

Case assignment in July -- 43, 79 cases closed, 13 cases pending apprehension, 23 cases pending lab, 76 open cases and 7 warrant cases.

Officer Leverton resigned on July 3rd to go to a larger Police Department, closer to where he grew up.

Officer Kaczanowski has returned to work after being off injured.

Ethics and diversity training will resume in September, most of the Police Department has already attended.

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The 911 Director had recently resigned. Sergeant Thomas Morey and Deputy Chief Cornell will oversee the day to day operations. Sgt. Morey and Jim McGeever are doing a staff study on the 911 Center.

Director John Rita and Deputy Chief Cornell are looking over the applications for the 911 Center and should be able to determine how many dispatcher we will need to hire.

Six of the seven part time officers took the physical agility test and passed. The last person to take the test will have to do so by Saturday, August 10th.

The boot program will officially begin in approximately one week. The parking tickets clerks received training on the software on Wednesday, August 7th. The letters notifying the violators were sent out last week. The worst offenders will be targeted first.

Follow ups on vehicle stickers will be done to be sure that car owners are compliant.

Sergeant Morey is reviewing traffic situations around schools before the school year starts.

The information regarding the increase in the fine for violation of the Handicapped Ticket Ordinance to \$350.00 was brought before the Judiciary Committee for amendment to the current Ordinance.

National Night Out celebration was held on Tuesday, August 6th in front of Blue Island Police Department. Everyone appeared to have a good time. In the dunk tank, the Fire Department raised \$43.00 for the Eisenhower High School football team and the Police Department raised \$85.00 for An Angel's Touch. There ensued a lively discussion about what type of swim wear the Fire Department should wear next year in order to increase their revenue.

Alderman Stone remarked on the wonderful tour that Officer King gave of the Police Department to the children at National Night Out.

Director John Rita expressed appreciation to Chief Vrshek, Deputy Chief Cornell and Deputy Chief Luetz for their help in assisting him in taking on difficult tasks in their departments.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2013 - 7:00 pm -- East Annex.

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Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

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

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Insurance Loss all Medical Bills –

Compsych employee assistance program up for annual renewal fee \$3,160.20. This program is in place for employees that have family issues & problems that they can use. This is important to the City to have in place because of the drug testing program that we have enforced. Motion carried.

Claims –

An individual fell on 2nd hole of golf course due to construction on site. Motion made to pay in the amount of \$161.17.

Individual windshield hit by golf ball on 123rd Street. Claim denied.

Present noise ordinance on record is not enforceable at this time. Committee would like to request Public Safety Committee and Director to look into a sound level meter the purchase price and the training of Police Officers. Tabled until further advice from Director.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to approve to raise handicap parking fine from \$250.00 to \$350.00.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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Ald. Carr also brought forward from Public Health & Safety, fine to raise ambulance fees & use of other medical services this was tabled until further clarification from the Director of Public Safety.

Ald. Carr also brought to Committee a letter from a resident on Wahl Street requesting CSX crossing in that area become a quiet zone for the train horns this would have a tremendous monetary responsibility to the City to do this. Tabled at this time.

Mr. Stevo requested that the law suits be place on line also to look into Pam Frasor payment for her vacation and sick time. Also to change agenda of city Council to have residents speak in the beginning and at the end of meeting on new and old business.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex.

Mayor Vargas announced he will be the MC for the 5th year for the Mexican Dance Troop En La Piel at the Springfield State Fair this weekend.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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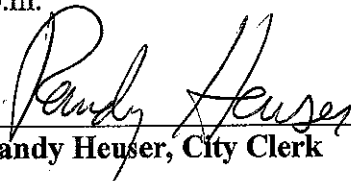
No action needed in closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

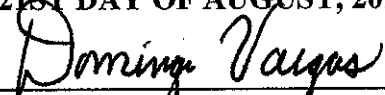
Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.


Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.


Domingo Vargas, Mayor

