

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2019**

**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 25, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:           12           Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Absent:            2           Slattery, Klinker

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve the Regular City Council Minutes and the Special Meeting from June 11, 2019.**

Ayes:            11           Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Nays:            0

Absent:           2           Slattery, Klinker

Abstention:    1           Rita

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

**MAYOR**

Mayor Vargas swore in Firefighter Hugo Aguinaga

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anita Kinney is concerned about a lack of transparency in contracts and bids.

Anna Stange is asking that the City Council find a new home for BIOS Farm.

Carol DiPace Greene is asking for transparency in the way decisions are being made within committees without public input and asked that the Council start working together

Alderman Carr asked what type of business Anita Kinney has in town. Ms Kinney didn't bring this up because of her business; she reiterated that she has not seen an RFP for anything and asked for better transparency.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas announced that the Independence Day celebration would be Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> at the MWRD SEPA station

Mayor Vargas thanked Aldermen Carr & Cantelo-Zylman for attending the Blessing of the Waters ceremony.

Mayor Vargas announced that there would be a Summit on July 11<sup>th</sup> to come up with an action plan with impacts and solution for the Metro South Hospital closure, and that the City has reached out to Federal Elected Officials for their support. He also informed the Council that there are negotiations in the works with a buyer for Metro South.

### **CITY CLERK:**

No Business

### **CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts.**

Ayes:	11	Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman
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Nays:	1	Johnson
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Absent:	2	Slattery, Klinker
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Abstention:	0	
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There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

1. **Ordinance No. 2019-021** An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing The First Amendment to Lease Agreement dated June 11, 2013 between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the City of Blue Island.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-021 by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Johnson.**

Ayes:	11	Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman
Nays:	1	Rita
Absent:	2	Slattery, Klinker
Abstain:	0	

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

2. **Ordinance No. 2019-022** An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Blue Island, Illinois.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-022 by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Bilotto.**

Ayes:	12	Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Slattery, Klinker
Abstain:	0	

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

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3. **Ordinance No. 2019-023** An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Portions of Highland Avenue within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-022 by Ald. Cazars, seconded by Ald. Hill.**

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Klinker

Abstain: 0

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

4. **Resolution No. 2019-026** An Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (Sidewalk Improvements – Location: 123<sup>rd</sup> Street from Maple Avenue to Gregory Street) Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2733 Grunewald and 2518 Prairie Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-022 by Ald. Hawley, seconded by Ald. Fahrenwald.**

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Klinker

Abstain: 0

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting July 10, 2019 7:00 pm

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting Monday July 8, 2019

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for June 26, 2019 for \$598,128.52.**

Ayes: 11 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Slattery, Klinker

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for June 14, 2019 for \$348,621.39.**

Ayes: 11 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Slattery, Klinker

Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting July 16

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting July 9

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting July 1

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Cantelo-Zylman reminded everyone to buy their vehicle stickers.

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Alderman Cazares announced that the Park District will be hosting their Splash for Cash on July 13, also they are hosting a Back to school Drive.

Alderman Johnson asked about the Tahoe status and the status of the procedural audit. He also asked about contacting the County for maintenance along some roads and bridges in his ward.

Alderman Rita reported that there are a couple addresses that need grass cutting. Mayor Vargas asked for citizens to help neighbors if they see grass cutting needed.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked that the City attorney be at future Judiciary Committee meetings. He also asked why 3 aldermen have not been contacted by Montana Welch law firm that represents the Aldermen. He also announced that we have gotten a commitment for 65 trees to be planted next year.

Mayor Vargas asked that citizens report unauthorized fireworks use to keep our City safe.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation**

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Attorney Horvath announced that we discussed a pending litigation with Affordable Recovery, purchase of property and a settlement agreement in Lewis v. City of Blue Island.

**Motion to authorize the finalization of settlement agreement in the case of Lewis v. City of Blue Island in the amount of \$18,000 by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Hawley.**

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita,  
Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech,  
Carr, Cantelo-Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Slattery, Klinker

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Abstain: 0

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to adjourn the meeting.**

Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

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**Domingo Vargas, Mayor**