

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 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 September 24, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	12	Donahue, Hawley (7:03), Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita
Absent:	2	Mech, Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer Kelly Burke, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from September 10, 2019 and the Special Meeting on September 4, 2019.**

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

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

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rosemary Murphy asked that Blue Island hire an Economic Developer to promote Blue Island and asked that we stop fighting and work together.

Ron Bloom asked that we work together and asked that Police monitor speeding along Western and the alleys near Western.

Carol Greene thanked those elected officials that came to Metro South when learning of its closing and asked that the City not disburse any further TIF funds to Quorum. She asked that Public Health & Safety meet regularly. She also asked that water not be sold to Posen. Ms. Greene asked that we not allow cannabis be sold in Blue Island and asked that precious resources not be spent on any Tahoe investigation and let the appropriate authorities finish their investigations first.

Efrain Ortiz stated that there is economic opportunity in allowing cannabis sale.

Alan Stevo asked that any discussion about Metro South be held in open session. He also asked that the people responsible for the Robby Silva settlement be paid for by those that caused it.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas read a statement regarding Metro South Hospital and the attempts to save the Hospital in the eleventh hour.

### **CITY CLERK:**

Motion to approve a block party on 119<sup>th</sup> Place from Longwood Drive to Washington Street, on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Cantelo-Zylman to approve request.**

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

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

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**BIDS:**

No Bids

**CITY TREASURER:**

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

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Cazares to approve Ordinance No. 2019-044. An Ordinance for the Amendment to the Current Existing Cal Sag Enterprise Zone Subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

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**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hawley to put out an Request For Proposal (RFP) for Cleaning, Replanting, Watering and Maintaining Existing Landscaped Areas for the City of Blue Island, IL.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Cazares to Approve Mixed Use Development, Shared Parking Study, City of Blue Island**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Donahue to Initiate an Amendment to the City's Zoning Code to Allow for the Operation and Regulation of Cannabis Business Establishments within the City's Municipal Boundaries.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting Monday September 30, 2019

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve Accounts Payable for September 25, 2019 in the amount of 268,535.29**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Payroll for September 20, 2019 in the amount of \$361,716.48**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting October 15, 2019

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting October 8, 2019

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting October 15, 2019

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### **ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked Alderman Hawley for maintaining various City owned properties.

Alderman Johnson spoke about his concern for Public Safety with the closure of Metro South.

Alderman Hill expressed his disappointment in the closing of Metro South without proper authority from the State.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to go into Executive Session to discuss**

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)  
MetroSouth Medical Center
2. Discussion of Collective Bargaining Negotiations – AFSCME  
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
3. Pending Litigation –Haro v. City of Blue Island, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

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

Attorney Burke informed the Audience that in closed session, we discussed

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)  
MetroSouth Medical Center
2. Discussion of Collective Bargaining Negotiations – AFSCME  
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
3. Pending Litigation –Haro v. City of Blue Island, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

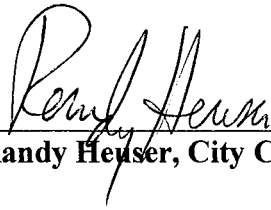
**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Johnson to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
8th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.**

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**Domingo Vargas, Mayor**

