

**NOTICE OF CALL**  
**FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

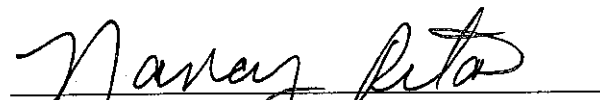
NOTICE, pursuant to Section 30.03 of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois as well as 65 ILCS 3.1-40-25, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois is hereby called for January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois 60406 for potential action in relation to:

**MOTION TO APPROVE AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH AKERMAN, LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES, PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/8-1-7(b), TO: (1) CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF ALL AVAILABLE FINANCIAL AND OTHER RECORDS AND INTERVIEWS OF POTENTIALLY RELEVANT WITNESSES, REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PURCHASE AND USE OF TWO CHEVROLET TAHOE MOTOR VEHICLES IN 2018, THE REGISTRATION OF THOSE VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, AND THE ACTIONS OF CITY OF BLUE ISLAND OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS ANY THIRD PARTIES, WITH RESPECT TO THOSE TRANSACTIONS, AND (2) PREPARE AND PRESENT A REPORT OF THE FOREGOING INVESTIGATION'S FINDINGS TO THE CITY COUNCIL.**

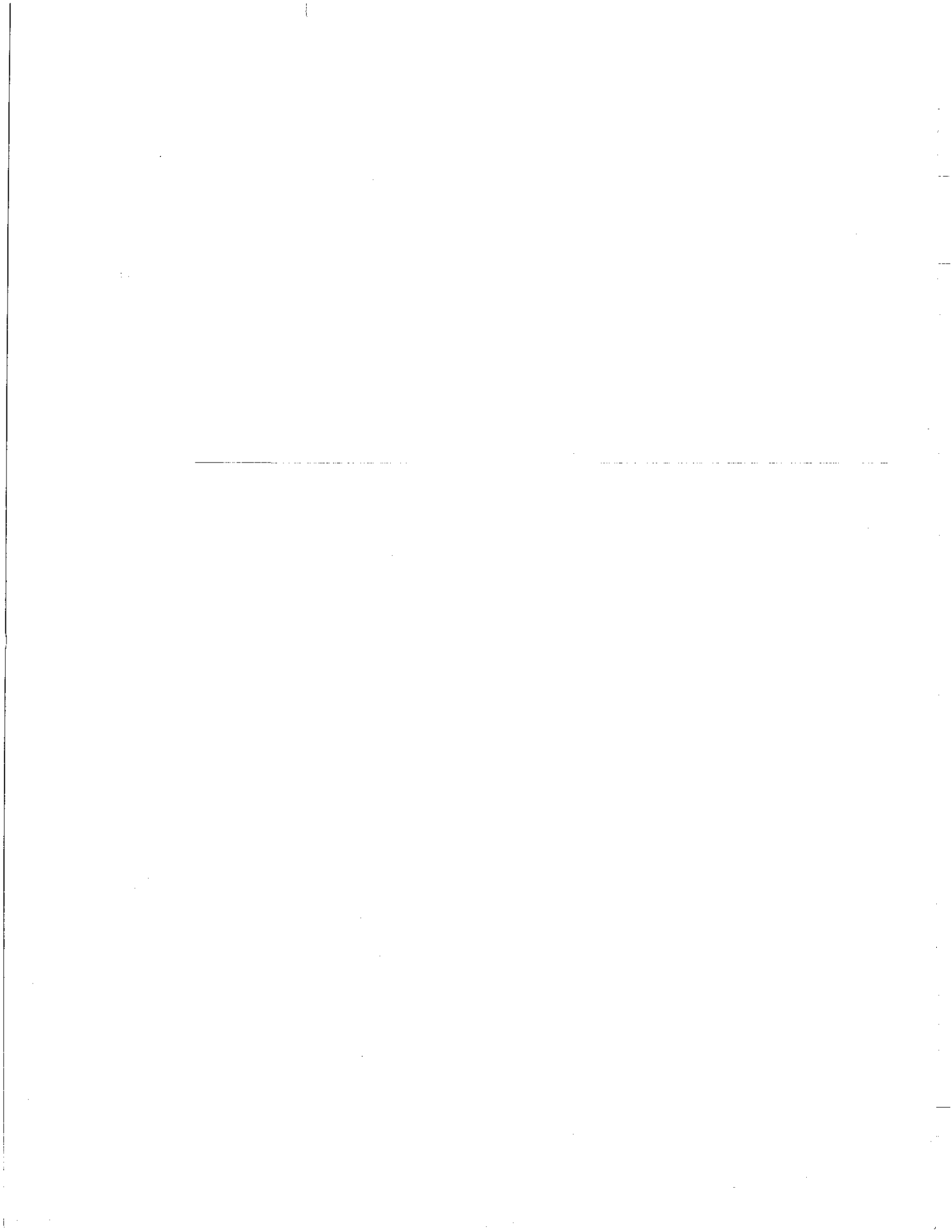
The agenda for the January 28, 2019 Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island is attached hereto for public review. Thank you.

Dated: January 22, 2019.

  
Alderman, City of Blue Island

  
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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:           14           Frausto, Bilotto, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald,  
Ostling, Thompson (7:07), Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos, Johnson

Absent:            0

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

**MAYOR**

The Mayor apologized to the council and the public for the confusion regarding the purchase of two vehicles by Mr. Korkis. He stated he believed there was no wrong doing in the purchase of the vehicles. He believed an investigation was unnecessary and that it would not be a wise use of Blue Island assets. But, if the council chose to appoint a special investigator he would fully cooperate.

The Mayor read into record a notice of the call for a special meeting pursuant to Section 30.03 of the Code of Blue Island as well as 65 ILCS 3.1-40-25. A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Blue Island is called for potential action relating to a motion to approve an engagement letter with Attorney Akerman, LLP as special counsel to the corporate authorities, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-1-7(b) to conduct an independent investigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several residents spoke in favor of a third party investigation taking place.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Vieyra to refer to the Finance Committee and then to Judiciary Committee for consideration before any action is taken.

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Ayes: 6 Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson

Nays: 8 Frausto, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

There being Six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve An Engagement Letter with Akerman, LLP as special counsel to the corporate authorities to conduct an independent investigation.**

Ayes: 8 Frausto, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Pittman, Slattery, Poulos

Nays: 6 Vieyra, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Ostling, Thompson, Johnson

Absent: 0

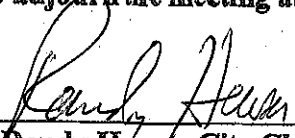
Abstain: 0

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

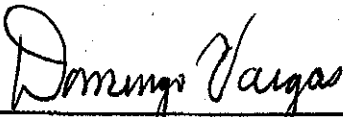
The Mayor stated he would be happy to respond to any questions put in writing but given the amount of money that will be needed to be spent on an investigation he would have to say no. He also stated if they find another law firm, he would do it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Hawley to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.**  
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor