

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 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 7:25 p.m. on November 12, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:           13           Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill

Absent:            1           Slattery

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Mech to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from October 22, 2019.**

Ayes:    13           Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill

Nays:    0

Absent:  1           Slattery

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from the Public.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

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**MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas thanked all the Veterans for their service.

**CITY CLERK:**

No Business

**BIDS:**

**Motion by Ald. Klinker, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the bid for resurfacing of Edison and Francisco in the amount of 188,680.20 to be awarded to Lindall Brothers.**

Ayes:	13	Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson , Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Slattery

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

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Treasurers Reports September 30, 2019 and October 31, 2019.**

Ayes:	12	Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	1	Slattery

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts on 10/28/19 & 11/12/19**

Ayes:	12	Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill
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Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Slattery

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

Treasurer Bilotto announced that the Levy to be filed for the collection of Real Estate Taxes for Tax Year 2019 will be in the amount of 8,964,296 and will be going to the next Finance Committee Meeting for review and approval.

### CITY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Horvath asked for approval of **Resolution No. 2019-037** A Resolution Adopting the Update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Alderman Donahue asked that this Resolution be referred to the Public Health & Safety Committee.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked if there is any update on Metro South. Attorney Horvath stated that the original deal to offer cash to the city was off the table and that People's Choice is now defunct.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6:00pm

The only Agenda item will be for the Public to speak for or against any upcoming local Cannabis legislation that the City of Blue Island might be called to act upon.

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Payroll for October 18, 2019 in the amount of \$346,697.32 and November 1, 2019 in the amount of \$354,826.85.**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Slattery

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

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**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for November 13, 2019 in the amount of 582,714.35**

Ayes: 11

Nays: 2 Johnson, Fahrenwald

Absent: 1 Slattery

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Resolution No. 2019-033, A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Appointing Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Sergio Acosta and Akerman LLP as a Legislative Counsel Solely for the purpose of conducting an Independent Investigation into the purchase of Two Chevrolet Tahoe Motor Vehicles in 2018 and advising the Council on the legality of the circumstances surrounding the purchase pursuant to Section 30.06 of the City of Blue Island Code of Ordinances.**

Mayor Vargas declared the Motion out of Order.

After much discussion on the matter, and further advice from Legislative Counsel, Matt Ingersoll, with rebuttal from City Attorney Horvath, a vote was taken to override the rule of the Chair.

**Alderman Bilotto motioned to override the rule of the Chair, seconded by Alderman Rita.**

Ayes: 10 Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hill

Nays: 3 Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald

Absent: 1 Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

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**Motion to amend the motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Johnson to include investigating those at fault in the Haro lawsuit.**

Ayes: 3 Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald  
 Nays: 10 Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker,  
 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
 Hill  
 Absent: 1 Slattery  
 Abstention: 0

There being Three (3) Affirmative Votes, the motion failed.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Rita to override the Mayors veto of Resolution No. 2019-033**

Ayes: 10 Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker,  
 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue,  
 Hill  
 Nays: 3 Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald  
 Absent: 1 Slattery  
 Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting November 19, 2019

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting December 10, 2019

**Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinances No. 2019-050 and Ordinance No. 2019-051 Ordinances Restricting Portions of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 2322 Collins Street and 2451 Collins Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**

Ayes: 12 Mech, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander,  
 Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Donahue, Hawley,  
 Fahrenwald, Hill  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 1 Slattery, Johnson

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

**Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Donahue to approve Ordinance No. 2019-052 An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Restrictions at 12827 Division Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1      Slattery, Johnson

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

**Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2019-053, An Ordinance Establishing Residential Permit Parking of Motor Vehicles on the South Side of Canal Street between its Intersection with Hoyne Avenue on the East and Chicago Street on the West in the City of Blue Island and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1      Slattery, Johnson

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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting November 19, 2019

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Bilotto thanked all who participated in St. Donatus' Pizzamara

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked those who have helped with the tree replacement campaign and that there will be a fundraiser at City Limits on Friday, 11/22 6pm-10pm.

Alderman Donahue thanked the Veterans for their service.

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Alderman Klinker asked if there are plans to replace the Finance Director. Mayor Vargas said there were plans to replace him. Alderman Rita echoed the same concerns.

Several Aldermen discussed Public Works ability to

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Klinker to go into Executive Session to discuss:**

1. Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
2. Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Klinker, second by Ald. Cantello-Zylman to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

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

Attorney Horvath informed the Audience that in closed session, we discussed:

1. Pending Litigation – Haro v. City of Blue Island
2. Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property – 13747 S. Western Ave.
3. Brief update on the status of negotiations with AFSCME

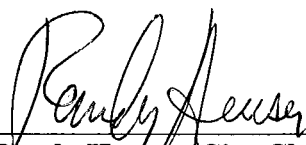
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, 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 November 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.**

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**Domingo Vargas, Mayor**

