

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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 December 17, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	10	Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita (7:04), Hawley (7:04), Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the Regular City Council Minutes and the Special Meeting from December 10, 2019.

Ayes:	8	Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	0	
Absent:	6	Slattery, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman
Abstention:	0	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Coppari, Community Development Manager introduced Mr. Ahmed Sandino as the new Building Official.

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Carol DiPace-Greene stated that City taxpayers are not treated fairly and asked that City officials work towards better spending practices.

Allan Stevo referenced a CNET survey 8 years ago stated that Blue Island needs strong retail stores. He asked that the Council Minutes are posted on the website on a more regular basis.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas is in favor of a forensic audit and will be seeking proposals.

Mayor Vargas is requesting a hearing next month in regards to Alderman Slattery’s residence.

Mayor Vargas stated that he will be creating a Mayor’s Advisory Committee

Mayor Vargas wished a Merry Christmas to all and shared a story to show how blessed we are.

CITY CLERK:

Clerk Heuser clarified that Cash Collection Reports and Bank Deposits are done on a daily basis.

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes: 9 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 4 Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting January 8, 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting January 6, 2020

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for December 18, 2019 for \$647,167.46.

Ayes:	8	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	2	Johnson, Rita
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman
Abstain:	0	

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

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to approve Payroll for December 13, 2019 for \$350,861.61.

Ayes:	8	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	2	Johnson, Rita
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman
Abstain:	0	

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

Ordinance No. 2019-059 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Blue Island for the Current Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2019 and Ending December 31, 2019.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-059 by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Carr.

Ayes:	9	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman

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Abstain: 0

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

Motion to approve Abatement of \$396,606.25 of Real Estate Taxes Levied pursuant to Ordinance 06-046 by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hill.

Ayes: 9 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 4 Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman

Abstain: 0

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

Resolution No. 2019-044 A Resolution Authorizing a Contingent Fee Professional Services Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Incorporated for the City of Blue Island

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-044 by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hill.

Ayes: 8 Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr

Nays: 2 Johnson, Rita

Absent: 4 Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman

Abstain: 0

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

Resolution No. 2019-045 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Metropolitan Industries, Inc. for the Monitoring Services for the Thornton Elevated Tank, the Highland Pump Station, the Vincennes Pump Station and certain Meter Vaults

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Motion to approve Resolution 2019-045 by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Fahrenwald

Ayes:	9	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman
Abstain:	0	

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting January 21, 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting January 14, 2020

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting January 21, 2020

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Rita thanked all who contributed to the Angels Touch Cereal Drive

Alderman Johnson asked for a date that we can expect to see an audit, and when we will be getting a new Finance Director.

CITY ATTORNEY

Motion to Approve Release and Settlement Agreement in Haro v. City of Blue Island et. al. – 14 L 010312.

Much discussion was had amongst the Aldermen about trying to get Liability Insurance for the City instead of being Self Insured.

Motion to approve Release and Settlement Agreement by Ald. Hill, seconded by Ald. Bilotto

Ayes:	9	Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	4	Slattery, Donahue, Mech, Cantelo-Zylman

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Abstain: 0

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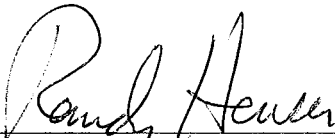
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to adjourn the meeting.

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


The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor