

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
October 13, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Vargas as permitted by Executive Order 2020-07 signed by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	11	Hawley (7:12), Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Absent:	3	Donahue, Cazares, Rita
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:**

**Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Alexander to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from September 22, 2020.**

Ayes:	10	Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Donahue, Hawley, Cazares, Rita
Abstention:	0	

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol DiPace Greene announced that Together #BlueIslandStrong will distribute Face Masks, Gloves Hand Sanitizer and Food at Eisenhower High School, Saturday, October 17, 2020, 10:30am – 12:30pm “while supplies last.” For the last six months; since May 2020, Together #BlueIslandStrong has distributed and delivered to anyone & everyone; and “We continue to support our neighbors No; Questions Asked .” Special Thank You to Our Numerous Donors and Volunteers. Everyone remains Welcome to pick-up, donate, volunteer, participate and share. Should you have questions or need more information; please Contact Carol DiPace-Greene.

### **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

#### **MAYOR:**

The City Council readdressed whether we should allow trick-or-treat hours in the City of Blue Island. After much discussion it was decided that the City would not have Trick-or-Treat Hours

**Motion by Ald. Mech, seconded by Ald. Fahrenwald to not have Trick or Treat Hours in the City of Blue Island.**

Ayes: 8 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Vargas

Nays: 1 Bilotto

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 3 Carr, Zylman, Alexander

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

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**Motion by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mech for the Appointment of Ronald Bloom to the Zoning Board to replace Clifford Griffin. Appointment will expire on 4/30/23.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Mayor Vargas reminded everyone about the giveaway this Saturday at Eisenhower High School and reminded all to follow CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic

There has been an increase in vandalism throughout the City, Mayor asked that if you See something, say something to help curb this activity.

Mayor Vargas thanked the volunteers who are helping Cleanup efforts throughout the City.

The Western Avenue Bridge project is moving along and the Cal-Sag trail will be up and running soon after some punch list items are complete.

Shop Small is usually in November but the Mayor asked that we start now to help our small businesses.

Fall is upon us and Public Works asks that you bag your leaves so that they don't end up in the streets and or clog our sewers.

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**CITY CLERK:**

Bids: No Bids

**CITY TREASURER:**

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

Ayes: 9 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 2 Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No Business

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting October 14, 2020

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting September 28, 2020

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to approve Payroll for September 18, 2020 for \$375,164.60 and October 2, 2020 for \$471,114.40.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,  
Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

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Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable for October 14, 2020 for \$463,352.95 which includes removing Akerman LLC from the payables.**

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,  
Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 1 Hill

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

Ordinance No. 2020-038 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement between Cook County and the City of Blue Island for Coronavirus Relief Funds.

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to approve Ordinance No. 2020-038.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,  
Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**Resolution No. 2020-043 A Resolution Approving Renewal of the City's Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Voluntary Dental Insurance Benefit Plans for Current and Former Employees with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for Fiscal Year 2021 and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Submit the Application.**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Resolution 2020-043.**

Ayes: 8 Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 3 Fahrenwald, Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – Next Meeting is October 20, 2020

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – Next Meeting is November 10, 2020

1. **Ordinances No. 2020-039 & No. 2020-040** An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 2551 Grove Street and 2416 New Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

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**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinances No. 2020-039 & No. 2020-040.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – Next Meeting is November 10, 2020

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Fahrenwald explained his no vote on Health Insurance and asked that all Aldermen be able to participate in Committee meetings.

Alderman Zylman asked if we have security cameras in the East Annex Council Chambers and City Clerk's office.

Alderman Johnson asked about fire sprinkler meters and what the minimum charge is. Clerk Heuser informed the Council that the typical minimum charge is ½ of the Domestic Water meter minimum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

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Nays: 0

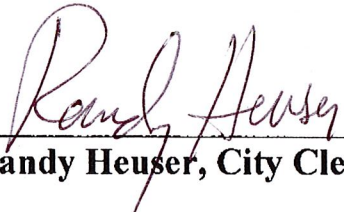
Absent: 3 Donahue, Cazares Rita

Abstention: 0

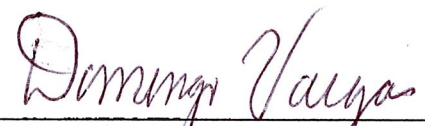
There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor