

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
October 27, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 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:	12	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Cazares, Donahue
Absent:	2	Bilotto, Rita
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Kelly Burke, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:**

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Zylman to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from October 13, 2020.**

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Cazares, Donahue
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Stevo*, Bilotto, Rita
Abstention:	0	Cazares

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

\*Connectivity issue

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked the Council for voting to approve overdue Advanced Life Support Services for the City of Blue Island. She further asked that Aldermen repeal the 20% water rate increase. Ms. Greene stated that there are missing Committee Minutes on the website. Carol thanked all that gave to the October Mask Giveaway and stated that the next Together #BlueIslandStrong distribution of Face Masks, Gloves Hand Sanitizer and Food at Eisenhower High School, Saturday, November 21, 2020, 10:30am – 12:30pm “while supplies last.”

### **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

#### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas introduced Anna Wassenaar, Director of the Blue Island Public Library, to give the annual report of the Library to the City Council.

Mayor Vargas read a proclamation recognizing Deborah Beasley for her years of her service as she retires from the Blue Island Public Library

#### **Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Ald. Zylman to approve the Proclamation honoring Deborah Beasley**

Ayes:	11	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Cazares, Donahue
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Carr*, Bilotto, Rita
Abstention:	0	Cazares

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Mayor Vargas announced new Mitigation taking effect in Region 10 of the Restore Illinois Plan this evening.

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle will be coming to Blue Island for a groundbreaking ceremony for the remediation of the site at 119<sup>th</sup> & Vincennes

Southwest Conference of Mayors approved funding for Division Street resurfacing between Broadway and Canal as well as the Engineering Study for the return of Western Avenue to two-way.

Mayor Vargas congratulated Jim McGeever on the announcement of his retirement from the Police Department effective October 30, 2020.

Mayor Vargas announced that Police Chief Rzab will be retiring on January 8, 2021.

He also thanked all the volunteers who continue to clean up Blue Island streets

The month of November is upon us and Mayor Vargas reminded citizens to Shop Local, Shop Blue Island.

The Mayor Western Bridge

**CITY CLERK:**

Bids:                      No Bids

**CITY TREASURER:**

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

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Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Cazares,  
Donahue

Nays: 2 Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No Business

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting November 11, 2020

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting November 9, 2020

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Payroll for October 16, 2020 for \$505,804.18.**

Ayes: 12 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,  
Alexander, Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

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**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Accounts Payable for October 28, 2020 for \$111,839.86.**

**Alderman Stevo asked that Montana Welch be removed from the Accounts Payable – there was no second. Roll Call taken**

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Cazares,  
Donahue

Nays: 2 Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**Resolution No. 2020-044 A Resolution Authorizing Participation of the City of Blue Island in the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program and Committing Funds to Pay for the City's Share of Preliminary Engineering, Design and Construction Expenses.**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Cazares to approve Resolution No. 2020-044.**

Ayes: 12 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,  
Alexander, Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**Resolution No. 2020-045 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Hanover Insurance Company for Commercial Property Insurance for 2020-2021 to insure the Real Property and Business Personal Property of the City.**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution No. 2020-045.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander, Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 1 Stevo,

Absent: 2 Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – Next Meeting is November 17, 2020

**Ordinance No. 2020-041 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Blue Island – NOT CALLED**

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

**Ordinance No. 2020-042 An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2336 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and 12809 Hoyne in the City of Blue Island, Illinois**

**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Ordinance No. 2020-042.**

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Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander,  
Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stevo\*, Bilotto, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

\*Connectivity issue

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

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Alderman Fahrenwald asked that all Aldermen be allowed to talk at Committee meetings and asked that staff bring items to the Committees in a timely manner so that if a rebid needs to be done there is time for that to be done.

Alderman Zylman asked that if there are any personal conflicts amongst Aldermen that it gets worked out prior to the Council meeting.

Alderman Alexander asked when

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Zylman, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.**

Ayes: 11 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,  
Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander,  
Cazares, Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stevo\*, Bilotto, Rita

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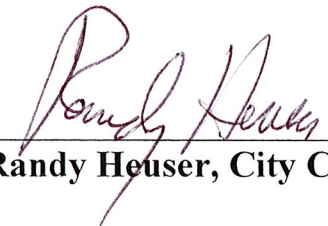
Abstention: 0

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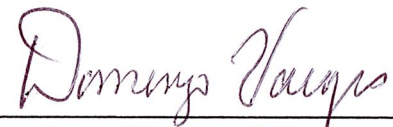
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor