

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, November 10, 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: 13 Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto,
Cazares, Rita, Hawley

Absent: 1 Donahue

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Cary Horvath, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from October 27, 2020.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 1 Rita

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked all of the October Donors of the Facemask, gloves, hand sanitizer and food give away and announced that the next Drive Thru Event is: November 21, 2020, 10:30am -12:30pm at Eisenhower High School while supplies last.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas informed the Council of a motorcycle accident over the weekend where former Alderman Chrissy Buckner was seriously injured and her friend died.

Mayor Vargas also informed the Council of the passing of Eddie Burns formerly of E & B Auto, a long time vendor of the City of Blue Island.

Mayor Vargas wished the U.S. Marine Corp a happy birthday and thanked all Veteran's for their service.

Mayor Vargas reminded everyone that COVID 19 is on the increase and asked that we all be vigilant in wearing masks and washing our hands and asked that we all support our local businesses during this pandemic.

Mayor Vargas announced that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle will be coming to Blue Island for a ribbon cutting for the CDBG demolition project at 119th & Vincennes in the very near future.

With the upcoming retirement of Police Chief Berni Rzab, Mayor Vargas and Chief Rzab are interviewing candidates for interim Police Chief.

Western Avenue Bridge repair is on schedule and there are several Railroad Crossing Repair projects coming up and asked that residents be patient during these projects.

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There was an Introductory Meeting of the Civil Rights Committee and they discussed several topics that needed to be addressed in Blue Island.

Mayor Vargas also thanked all the volunteers who continue to clean up Blue Island streets.

The Blue Island Police Department is accepting applications for Patrol Officers, Mayor Vargas asked that anyone interested please apply.

CITY CLERK:

Bids: CDBG Building Demolition, 11955 Vincennes Road
Award Recommendation: Signature Demolition Services in the amount of \$465,000.00

Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Mech to approve the Award Recommendation.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to approve Monthly Treasurer's Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

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

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

Nays: 3 Stevo, Johnson, Rita

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Horvath informed the City Council that they need to schedule a Business License record review for the Mayors findings for Ravens Place. Consensus was reached that the meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting December 9, 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting November 23, 2020

Motion by Ald. Klinker, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Payroll for October 30, 2020 for \$387,833.88.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Klinker, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for November 11, 2020 (with the removal of Akerman LLP) for \$362,990.92.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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Resolution No. 2020-046 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon, LLC for Financial Consulting Services for the City of Blue Island.

Resolution was not called

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting December 8, 2020

Ordinance No. 2020-041 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Blue Island, Illinois.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Ordinance No. 2020-041.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-043 An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 2545 W. 123rd Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to approve Ordinance No. 2020-043.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting November 17, 2020

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Rita announced that the annual Angels Touch food drive is upon us and asked for cereal donations.

Alderman Klinker asked that Mayor Vargas find out who directed Finance Director Carthan not give anyone financial information except the Finance Chair.

Alderman Stevo asked that we look into the need for repair of a sidewalk vault at Grove and Western.

Alderman Johnson asked that the City look into an all-way stop sign at 143rd & Francisco.

Alderman Carr asked that the Police Department develop a plan to curb the spike in violent crimes, Alderman Mech reiterated that request. Attorney Horvath stated that there is a draft ordinance to reduce hours of liquor sales at restaurants and that that might help with the crime. Alderman Rita also agreed and asked that we have extra police patrols to help with the increased violence being seen in the City.

Alderman Zylman asked about the CDC guidelines for bowling alleys.

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

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

Nays: 0


Absent: 1 Donahue

Abstention: 0

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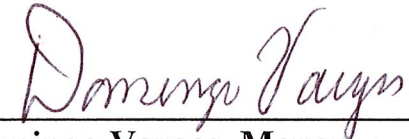
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor