

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

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 February 25, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	11	Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Johnson, Alexander
Absent:	3	Donahue, Mech, Slattery
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Bilotto to amend the Regular City Council Minutes from February 11, 2020 to correct the date of the Metro South/Amazon Job Fair.

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

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Rita to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from February 11, 2020.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT;

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Rachelle Orozco thanked those who attended and helped with the Black Culture Night.

Kimberly Byrne expressed her concerns about sales of Cannabis in the City of Blue Island.

Allan Stevo also expressed his concern about Cannabis Sales in the City of Blue Island. He also stated that he had an interested party for the sale of 2427 Burr Oak. He asked Alderman Bilotto about the Metro South closing, he also asked about the Robbie Silva settlement.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas asked if there was consideration for an ethics statement in the Cannabis Ordinance. He also asked if a vote by Committee members that had not taken Open meetings act training was valid. City Attorney Horvath informed the Mayor that their vote is still valid

Mayor Vargas congratulated Rochelle Orozco and Block 37 for a successful Black Culture Night.

CITY CLERK:

Clerk Heuser informed the Council that Lou Gallo has been placed in Good Shepherd Manor in Momence.

Motion to approve a request from St. Benedict's Catholic Church to hold a Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) on Good Friday, April 10th at 12:00 p.m. They are asking for street closures and a police escort.

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve request.

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

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

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BIDS:

No Bids

CITY TREASURER:

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

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

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

Treasurer Bilotto introduce Stephanie Blanco to present the 2018 Audit

Motion by Ald. Hill, second by Ald. Carr to approve the 2018 Audit

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Horvath announced that there was a change in Springfield relating the 3% gas tax and stated that the City will have to rescind the previous Ordinance relating to the gas tax and approve a new Ordinance with new language.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting March 11, 2020

Motion to approve for demolition of properties located at 2050 W. 119th Place, 12419 Greenwood and 13826 Chatham

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Demolition.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-006 An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement Dated June 11, 2013 between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the City of Blue Island.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2020-006.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-009 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the City of Blue Island for the Acquisition of Certain Properties through Abandonment Proceedings.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve

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Ordinance No. 2020-009.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-010 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois regarding Adult-Use Cannabis.

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, seconded by Ald. Johnson to approve Amending Ordinance No. 2020-010 to include an Ethics Statement.

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

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

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cazares to approve Ordinance No. 2020-010.

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

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

Resolution No. 2020-008 A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois supporting the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for Instant Trucking, Inc. (13551 Chatham).

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cazares to approve Resolution No. 2020-008.

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

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

Resolution No. 2020-009 A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois supporting the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for Instant Trucking, Inc. (13550 Chatham).

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cazares to approve Resolution No. 2020-009.

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE -- next meeting March 2, 2020

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Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for February 26, 2020 for \$838,427.33.

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

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

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for February 7, 2020 for \$366,748.99.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-004 An Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property located at 12751 Lincoln Street to Blue Bridge Properties 135, LLC

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance No. 2020-004.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-011 An Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property located at 2427 Burr Oak Avenue to Lyric Venture, LLC.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hill to approve Ordinance No. 2020-011.

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

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

Resolution No. 2020-007 A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving an Inspection and Maintenance Services Agreement with Crawford Roofing Experts, LLC.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution No. 2020-007.

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – next meeting TBD

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – next meeting March 10, 2020

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – next meeting TBD

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Ordinance No. 2020-007 An Ordinance Amending the Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Blue Island.

Motion by Ald. Rita, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2020-007.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2020-008 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 112 (Tobacco) of Title XI (Business Regulations) of the Municipal Code of the City of Blue Island.

Motion by Ald. Rita, seconded by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2020-008.

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

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

Property Damage Claim #2455-2019 Tree branch from a dead tree fell on car.

Motion by Ald. Rita, seconded by Ald. Hill to pay claim.

Ayes:	10	Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Cantelo-Zylman, Klinker, Alexander
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Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 3 Donahue, Mech, Slattery

Abstention: 0

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Bilotto announced the dates for the St. Donatus Fest this year August 5-9, 2020

Alderman Fahrenwald reminded residents that there will be a Town Hall meeting Thursday, February 27 for displaced Metro South workers and any other resident of Blue Island seeking employment with Representatives from Cook County Hospital Systems as well as Amazon present.

Alderman Rita announced that there will be a Black History Month Celebration at the John D Rita Recreation Center on February 29, 2020 from 5-9 pm.

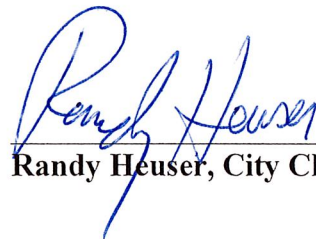
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to adjourn the meeting.

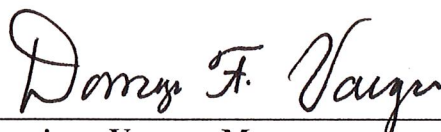
Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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


 Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**


 Domingo Vargas, Mayor