

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 16, 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 8:01 p.m. on July 16, 2020.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	12	Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker
Absent:	2	Cazares, Rita
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Motion by Ald. Zylman, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from July 23, 2020.**

Ayes:	11	Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman.
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Cazares, Rita
Abstention:	1	Klinker

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rochelle Orozco requested a meeting with Robinson Engineering to discuss corrective action in regards to the grant to redo Longwood Drive and the rain gardens. She also commented on the

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overall condition of the neighborhood and asked that the city help to make Neighborhood Watch Group #37 area as beautiful as the uptown historic district

Carol DiPace-Greene stated that the COVID pandemic is not going away and asked that everyone wear face covering. She also announced that there will be a Face Mask, Hand Sanitizer & Food giveaway at Eisenhower High School on Saturday, June 18, 2020 from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

## **REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Vargas asked for a motion to participate in a Partnership with the Blue Island Park District for a Pumpkin Smash Event to be held on November 7, 2020

#### **Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Alderman Zylman.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Mayor Vargas announced the swearing in of Julio Puma to the Blue Island Police and will be going to the Academy.

Mayor Vargas announced that the Liquor Licenses for The Vault and Ravens will be suspended for 7 days effective immediately.

Mayor Vargas thanked the volunteers for the cleanup of Blue Island. It is making a difference in appearance of our community.

Alderman Stevo asked for a Motion of Support for the Mayor in regards to the actions taken in relation to closing the Vault, Ravens Place and the necessary actions required to combat COVID, seconded by Alderman Fahrenwald. After much discussion about not knowing the details in regards to the Vault & Ravens some aldermen were reluctant to vote.

#### **Motion by Ald. Stevo, seconded by Alderman Fahrenwald.**

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Ayes:	4	Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Fahrenwald
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Cazares, Rita
Abstention:	8	Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker

**CITY CLERK:**

Motion to approve a request from Fr. Perez Council #1444 to solicit funds for the annual statewide Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive on Friday and Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Motion by Ald. Carr, seconded by Alderman Klinker**

Ayes:	11	Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Cazares, Rita
Abstention:	1	Johnson

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

**CITY TREASURER:****Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Ayes:	9	Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman
Nays:	3	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Klinker
Absent:	2	Cazares, Rita
Abstention:	0	

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

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

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 3 Stevo, Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – next meeting Wednesday August 12, 2020

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – next meeting Monday July 20, 2020

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Payroll for June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$343,493.54**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Stevo, Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 1 Johnson

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Accounts Payable for July 15, 2020 in the amount of \$295,886.79.**

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Ayes: 6 Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hill, Carr, Zylman  
 Nays: 7 Stevo, Johnson, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Klinker, Vargas  
 Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita  
 Abstention: 0

There being Six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Attorney Horvath suggested that the Council remove bills that were in question and approve the other bills so that we don't violate the Illinois Prompt Payment Act.

**Ald. Fahrenwald motioned to approve Accounts Payable without Montana & Welch, seconded by Ald. Alderman Hawley.**

Ayes: 8 Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Klinker, Vargas  
 Nays: 5 Bilotto, Donahue, Hill, Carr, Zylman  
 Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita  
 Abstention: 0

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

**Resolution No. 2020-026** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Contract with Matrix Telecom LLC, d/b/a Lingo, to serve as Telephone Service Provider for the City of Blue Island.

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Alexander to approve Resolution 2020-026.**

Ayes: 12 Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita

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Abstention: 0

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

**Resolution No. 2020-027** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Amendments to Equipment Payment Schedules between Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation, USA and the City of Blue Island.

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Alexander to approve Resolution 2020-027.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 1 Johnson

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** – next meeting July 21, 2020

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – next meeting August 11, 2020

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** – next meeting August 21, 2020

**Ordinance No. 2020-022** An Ordinance Establishing a Disaster Remote Meeting Policy.

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Zylman to approve Ordinance 2020-022.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

### ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Stevo asked Alderman Donahue how much money was transferred to and from Restricted Funds.

Alderman Zylman asked if we are enforcing non-purchase of vehicle sticker this year. Alderman Mech asked what happens if residents experience vehicle stickers peeling off the windshield. Clerk Heuser stated that residents may get replacement stickers at City Hall at no charge if this happens.

Alderman Fahrenwald announced that there is a food/mask/hand sanitizer give away on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Eisenhower High School.

Alderman Klinker reminded the City Council that there is a vehicle sticker ordinance in Blue Island and that not enforcing it wouldn't be fair to those who do purchase their stickers.

Alderman Johnson asked about the shooting that occurred on Olde Western. Mayor Vargas stated that this is an ongoing investigation, with more to come.

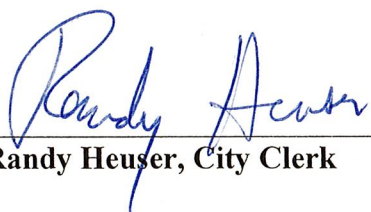
### ADJOURNMENT

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

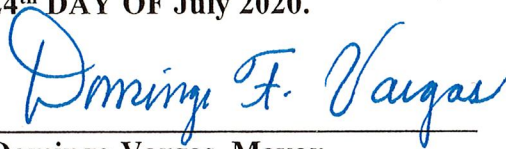
Upon a roll call vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2020.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor

