JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING July 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:01 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 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley,

Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Absent:

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Rita

Present Also:

Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney Kelly Burke, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from July 16, 2020.

Ayes:

12

Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Donahue, Hawley,

Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker,

Stevo

Nays:

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 1

Cazares

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

At the July 16, 2020 Alderman Stevo lost connection and was unable to vote on two items, the **Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts** (which he would have voted No) and **Payroll for June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$343,493.54** (which he would have voted Yes). Attorney Horvath

stated that the vote could not be changed but that the meeting minutes for the July 28th could reflect what he would have voted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rochelle Orozco reiterated her complaints about the poor workmanship for the Longwood Avenue project as well as the Rain Gardens. She also stated that there were several other areas that needed attention in the Ward. Alderman Hill stated that he will be meeting with the Health Inspector to discuss the Rain Gardens.

Dave Helsley asked how long it was going to be before the Rat Abatement Program would be implemented. He also a

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked all who were part of the most recent Mask, Hand Sanitizer & Food giveaway and announced that the next giveaway would be August 15, 2020 at Eisenhower High School.

Marsha Lee complained that she has been constantly bothered by Loud Music coming from her neighbor's house. She said she will continue to call the police to report this.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas asked that all business owners and residents continue to comply with the CDC guidelines to help stop the spreading of the COVID virus.

CITY CLERK:

Bids:

No Bids

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes:

11

Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley,

Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker

Nays:

2

Johnson, Stevo

Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

No Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting August 12, 2020

Resolution No. 2020-028 A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Supporting the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property located at 12625 S. Western – Illini Partners IV (Special Circumstances)

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution 2020-028.

Ayes:

13

Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,

Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,

Klinker, Stevo

Nays:

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting August 3, 2020

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Payroll for July 10, 2020 for \$378,876.29.

Ayes:

12

Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley,

Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker,

Stevo

Nays:

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Johnson,

Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable Check Proof for July 29, 2020 for \$877,577.30.

Ayes:

11

Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue, Hawley,

Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker,

Stevo

Nays:

2

Johnson, Stevo

Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-027 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the City of Blue Island (Blue Island Fire Department) in Connection with Enhanced Rates for Ambulance Services.

Was not called for vote – needs to go to Public Health & Safety first.

Resolution No. 2020-029 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center (MCLETC) to provide the City of Blue Island with Two Committed Training Positions in the Three Annual Police Academy Training Classes Conducted by MCLETC.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Resolution 2020-029.

Ayes:

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Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,

Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,

Klinker, Stevo

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-030 A Resolution Approving a Law Enforcement Agreement with LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions, Inc. Licensing the City of Blue Island's Police Department to Use LexisNexis eCrash to Report Motor Vehicle Accidents.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hill to approve Resolution 2020-030.

Ayes:

13

Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,

Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,

Klinker, Stevo

Nays:

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is August 18, 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting is August 11, 2020

Ordinance No. 2020-023 An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12146 Maple Avenue 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. Fahrenwald to approve Ordinance 2020-023.

Ayes:

13

Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,

Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,

Klinker, Stevo

Nays:

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-024 An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12506 Highland Avenue within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Was not called for vote – needs to go to Municipal Services first.

Ordinance No. 2020-025 An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12506 Elm Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Was not called for vote – needs to go to Municipal Services first.

Ordinance No. 2020-026 An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street for Handicapped Parking Only at or near 12824 Lincoln Street within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Ordinance 2020-026.

Ayes: 13

Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Donahue,

Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman,

Klinker, Stevo

Nays:

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Absent:

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Rita

Abstention: 0

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting August 18, 2020

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Zylman asked why the upstairs of City Hall closed, Mayor stated that they have limited access to the Public due to the COVID pandemic. She also asked about the late fees and asked when we would be enforcing the Vehicle Sticker scofflaws.

Alderman Stevo asked that any Alderman in attendance of a City Committee meeting be allowed to speak.

Alderman Mech asked that we all support our local businesses during these hard times. Alderman Johnson again thanked Country House Restaurant in Alsip for feeding our Seniors. Regular Meeting – July 28, 2020

Alderman Cazares asked that we look into ways to help residents needing help with late fees for sticker purchases.

Alderman Alexander announced that she is hosting a shred event on August 8, 2020 at the John D Rita Rec center. She also asked the status of the Social Justice Committee. Mayor Vargas stated that he would bring that to his proposed Mayor's Advisory Committee.

Alderman Bilotto announced that St. Donatus will be having a Pizzarama August 7-9, 2020 from 2 to 8pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Domingo Vargas, Mayor

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