

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, September 22, 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:	10	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson (7:14), Alexander, Bilotto
Absent:	4	Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Mech to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from September 8, 2020.

Ayes:	9	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Rita, Donahue, Carr, Johnson, Cazares
Abstention:	0	Cazares

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked all who participated or donated to the Mask, Gloves, and Sanitizer for the September giveaway. Together #BlueIslandStrong will distribute Face Masks, Gloves Hand Sanitizer and Food at Eisenhower High School, Saturday, October 17, 2020, 10:30am – 12:30pm “while supplies last.”

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas announced that Daniel White, Anthony Parillo and Trevor Noonan were recently sworn in as Full-Time firefighters.

Mayor Vargas asked for discussion about Halloween hours during the COVID-19 pandemic. After much discussion it was decided that we would set the hours and discuss it further at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, seconded by Ald. Hill to have Trick or Treat Hours for 3pm-7pm and revisit at the next Council meeting to discuss any CDC recommendations.

Ayes: 9 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Johnson, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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Mayor Vargas announced that Howard Coppari would be dedicating his efforts to Zoning & Planning and Ahmed Sandino would be taking over all Building Department responsibilities.

Mayor Vargas announced that Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 – October 15, 2020 and asked we support all our local businesses especially Hispanic owned businesses during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Vargas reminded all to follow CDC guidelines related to COVID-19. He also thanked all who attended the Blessing of the Waters as well as the volunteers who helped plant and clean the area around the SEPA Station.

Metra Parking Lots are being seal coated this fall; he also thanked those who helped during the Mask Giveaway at Eisenhower High School.

Mayor Vargas announced that we received the additional CDBG funding from the County necessary to complete the demolition of the remaining Building at 119th & Vincennes.

Mayor also recognized the Police Department for their work during the recent dangerous situations in and around Blue Island; he also announced that the Advisory Board for Justice will try to meet in October.

CITY CLERK:

Bids: No Bids

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes: 9 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY: No Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting October 14, 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting September 28, 2020

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve Payroll for August 21, 2020 for \$350,111.02.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve Accounts Payable for September 9, 2020 for \$333,368.80.

Ayes: 9 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-035 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department Blue Island for Participation in the Fiscal Year 2021 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (Step) Grant.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Ordinance No. 2020-035.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-040 A Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent to Act on behalf of the City of Blue Island with respect to all official business concerning the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Klinker to approve Resolution 2020-040.

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Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander,
Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Resolution No. 2020-041 A Resolution Authorizing an Insurance Contract with Kinsale Insurance Company and Admiral Insurance Company for Primary and Excess Liability Insurance for the City of Blue Island for Property Leased from the Metropolitan Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) with renewal option #4 in the amount of \$17,306 on Exhibit A

Many Aldermen questioned why we were leasing so much of the MWRD property and suggested that we renegotiate the lease with MWRD and remove some parcels.

Motion by Ald. Fahrenwald, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Resolution 2020-041.

Ayes: 8 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Alexander

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 1 Bilotto

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

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Resolution No. 2020-042 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Statement of Self-Insurance on Behalf of the City of Blue Island for the Bike Trail and Improvements on Property Leased from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC).

Not called due to the fact that Resolution 2020-041 was amended to cover the Bike Trail coverage.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is October 20, 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting is October 13, 2020

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting October 13, 2020

Property Damage Claim #2020-2029 Large Dent and scratches on driver’s side front fender from forklift tractor attachment.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Zylman to approve Damage Claim #2020-2029

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-036 An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 73 of the Code of Blue Island regarding Vehicle Licensing.

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Motion by Ald. Zylman, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2020-036.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2020-037 An Ordinance Designating Residential Parking upon a portion of certain Streets with the City of Blue Island, Cook County, State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Motion by Ald. Zylman, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2020-037.

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

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Alderman Fahrenwald stated that in the Accounts Payable that was approved we paid \$135,714.39 for the Beth Anne Thomas lawsuit.

Alderman Johnson asked that during Appropriations we try to get liability insurance so that we are not self-insured.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: 10 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Zylman,
Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander,
Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor

