

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING -
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
JANUARY 11, 2022**

1) Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 6:30 p.m. on January 11, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 4 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee

Absent: 3 Rita
 Carr (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
 Roll (arrived 6:56 p.m.)

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
 Erin Blake, City Attorney
 Tom Wogan, City Administrator
 Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2021.

Ayes: 4 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Carr (arrived 6:35 p.m.), Roll (arrived 6:56 p.m.)

Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

5) Public Comment

Blue Island resident stressed the importance of snow removal and noted that the icy roads are making it hard for people who take public transportation.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

1. **Fire Pension Board Appointment.**

The Mayor stated that he would be appointing David Haywood to the Fire Pension Board to replace former Fire Chief Dan Reda.

2. **Ordinance Amending Video Gaming Terminal Fees.**

The Mayor stated that the State of Illinois passed a law allowing non-home rule municipalities to charge an increased video gaming terminal fee. He informed the Aldermen that the City would be proposing an ordinance to amend the charge per gaming terminal from \$25 to \$250.

3. **Mayor's Report.**

None.

8) **City Administrator's Report**

1. **Audit Update and 2022 Appropriation.**

Thomas Wogan indicated he would review these topics with the Mayor and Alderman of the City during the regular council meeting.

2. **Employee Handbook Revision.**

Thomas Wogan presented a revised employee handbook to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City. The Mayor requested review and indicated this would be placed on the next COW meeting agenda in order for changes to be made and discussed.

Alderman Fahrenwald noted that he did not agree with how the handbook depicted the City's organizational structure and noted that the City Clerk and Treasurer should not report to the Deputy City Administrator because they are elected officials.

3. **City Administrator's Report.**

None.

9) **City Clerk's Report**

1. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Will review in regular council meeting.

10) **City's Attorney's Report**

1. **A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Supporting a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification Application by Nick Karnavas for the Property Located at 13747 S. Western Ave.**

This resolution was explained and there were no questions from the Mayor or Aldermen regarding the same.

2. **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title XI, Chapter 115 "Food and Food Dealers" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor informed the Aldermen that this issue was brought to their attention on New Year's Eve when one of the area bars requested utilizing a food truck at their holiday celebration. The City currently does not have any regulation in the City in relation to food trucks; and therefore, this ordinance is an initial proposal.

The Mayor wants the ordinance to require Food Trucks notify the City and go through the Building Department for permitting/regulation.

Alderman McGee requested that the word "village" in the ordinance be changed to City of Blue island.

3. **A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the County of Cook No Cash Bid Program Applications to Secure Tax Certificates of Purchase for Nonpayment of Real Estate Taxes on Certain Parcels of Land (PIN: 25-30-127-026-000, 25-31-314-001-0000, 25-31-314-002-0000, 24-25-312-036-0000, 24-36-227-021-0000).**

This resolution was explained and there were no questions from the Mayor or Aldermen regarding the same.

4. **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, amending Section 30.01, "Meetings of City Council" of Chapter 30, "City**

Council” of Title III, “Administration” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.

This resolution was explained and there were no questions from the Mayor or Aldermen regarding the same.

5. **A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement for use of City Property at 13009 Gregory.**

The Mayor explained that this resolution will allow the City to enter into a lease for six months wherein the Lessor would be responsible for building repairs and maintenance.

6. **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Section 166.027 of Chapter 166 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Accessory Buildings, Structures, and Uses.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari informed the City Council regarding recent requests for placement of donation bins throughout the City and the need to address the same in the Zoning Code.

7. **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving Two Signs Variances for Blue Cap to Install a Sign with Channel Lettering and Internal Illumination at 2155 Broadway Street.**

This ordinance was explained and there were no questions from the Mayor or Aldermen regarding the same

8. **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Shop in the I-2 General Industrial District at 13844 South Harrison.**

The ordinance was explained. Alderman Johnson expressed concern with the business parking automobiles to be repaired on the street; and the Deputy City Administrator address those concerns.

11) **Alderman Reports**

None.

12) **Motion for Adjournment**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: 6 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Rita
Abstention: 0

There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
25th DAY OF JANUARY 2022**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor