

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023**

1) **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 6:01 p.m. on January 11, 2023.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	4	Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr
Absent:	3	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Roll
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of December 14, 2022.

Ayes:	4	Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Roll
Abstention:	0	

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

5) **Public Comment**

A Blue Island resident suggested that the city make appropriations public so that residents can watch the meetings and ask questions. The resident other noted his belief that the hospital is the City's future and urged City Council to focus on a resolution for the same.

6) **New Business**

- a. Urban Forestry Board grant update – Val Kehoe.

The Forestry Board received a grant for 2022-2024 from Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management. The grant provides money for the City to obtain a comprehensive tree inventory assessment, that includes the golf course and recreation center, as well as a ten-year management plan that will greatly benefit the City and Public Works. By July 2024, the tree ordinance must also be updated.

Another grant was received from the Chicago Cardy Gran Tree, which will provide 75-100 trees to the City. The Urban Forestry Board plans to hold public outreach events in the community and in the schools. The plan is from the Forestry Board to meet with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management, who will assist the City with the tree inventory.

Alderman McGee asked if they had a general idea of where these trees would go. Valerie Kehoe stated that a few residents have approached her about doing memorial trees.

Alderman Carr asked if the 75-100 trees to be received were currently on the preferred tree list. Valerie Kehoe stated that they would.

Valerie Kehoe informed the Council that the Forestry Board’s first town hall meeting will be held on 1/26/23 at the East Annex. They will discuss the grant and the value of trees. A notice was published on the water bills as well as on social media.

7) **Mayor’s Report**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-___: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Amend Title XI (“Business Regulations”), Chapter 111 (“Alcoholic Liquor”).**

The Mayor stated that they intend to make a minor change to the ordinance to prohibit bottle service.

Alderman Rita asked how many establishments have bottle service.

- b. **Discussion regarding Garbage Ordinance.**

The Mayor stated they are still working on some numbers and will present the same to City Council at the next meeting.

- c. **Discussion regarding Fire Pit Ordinance.**

The Mayor stated that the current ordinance makes it illegal for anyone within the City to have a fire pit. He noted administration would like to collaborate with Chief Haywood to make an ordinance that would allow fire pits; but that would ensure fire safety.

d. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated the law firm is working on a proposal to amend the TIF districts. .

8) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

None.

9) City's Attorney's Report

a. Attorney Announcements.

None.

10) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments

None.

11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

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None.

12) Motion for Adjournment

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

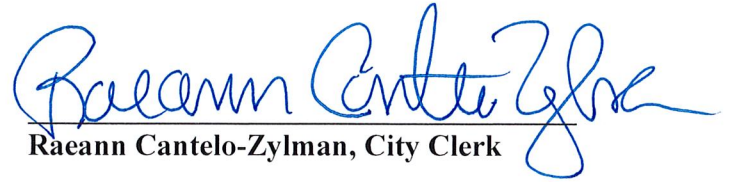
Ayes: 4 Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor