

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:03 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	Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech (7:08), Carr, Zylman
Absent:	1	Cazares
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from December 8, 2020.

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

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

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from December 15, 2020.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 1 Rita

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Concerned Citizen expressed concern over The Vault not following COVID restrictions and asked that something be done to have tem follow the current COVID restrictions.

Carol DiPace-Greene stated that for nine consecutive months Face Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, food, household items, gift cards and toys have been distributed. She thanked the volunteers and donors for the January 9th Together Blue Island giveaway of Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer & Food at Eisenhower High School, No Questions Asked, via No Contact Drive-Thru; Our next Together Blue Island Strong event will be February, 2021. Everyone remains welcome to Volunteer, Donate, Pick Up items or request Special Delivery.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

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Mayor Vargas reminded everyone that we are still in Tier 3 mitigation and asked that we all continue following these guidelines.

Cook County awarded the City of Blue Island a CDBG grant to repair & resurface Collins St. from Vincennes to Western with scheduled start this spring.

Cook County Transportation Department has also awarded the City of Blue Island a grant to rebuild Division Street between 119th & 123rd.

Mayor Vargas announced that the Western Avenue Bridge project is moving along, he also asked that we all review the Streetscape design for the Business District.

Mayor Vargas thanked Together Blue Island Strong for their continuing of the Food & Mask giveaway

Mayor Vargas reminded us all that Martin Luther King Day was approaching and stated that we should all treat this as a day of service.

The Presidential Inauguration is on January 20th, he asked that we all be vigilant and be aware of our surroundings

CITY CLERK:

Bids:

No Bids

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Zylman to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Ayes:	12	Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman
Nays:	1	Johnson
Absent:	1	Cazares

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Abstention: 0

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

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

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

Nays: 2 Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting January 13, 2021

Resolution No. 2020-050 A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County Illinois Supporting the Renewal of a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for 2960 Wireton Road. (Fibre Drum Sales, Inc.)

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Resolution No. 2020-050

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Ayes: 13 Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Hawley,
Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting December

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Rita to Approve of Payroll for December 24, 2020 for \$351,969.92 and January 8, 2021 for \$423,176.91

Ayes: 13 Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Hawley,
Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Approved Budget Transfer Requests for 2020

Ayes: 8 Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Donahue,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech, Vargas

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Nays: 6 Alexander, Bilotto, Rita, Hill, Carr,
Zylman

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Klinker, seconded by Ald. Fahrenwald to remove WRDR in the amount of 22,566.00 from Accounts Payable

Ayes: 9 Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander,
Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Mech,
Zylman

Nays: 3 Bilotto, Rita, Hill

Absent: 2 Cazares, Carr*

Abstention: 0

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

*Connectivity issue

Motion by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable for January 13, 2021 for \$609,400.19 as amended.

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

Nays: 1 Bilotto

Absent: 1 Cazares

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Abstention: 0

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is January 19, 2021

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting January 12, 2021

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting January 19, 2021

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Hill inquired when the Groundbreaking at the 119th St. site will take place. Mayor Vargas stated that they should have information soon.

Alderman Johnson thanked the Blue Island Strong group for continuing to do the monthly giveaway at Eisenhower High School

Alderman Fahrenwald announced that all Aldermen have been given donated masks from Cook County and that if any resident needs a mask to contact their Alderman.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: 11 Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill

Nays: 2 Bilotto, Hawley

Absent: 1 Cazares

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
26th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor