

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 6:04 p.m. on October 13, 2021.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	7	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
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Absent:	0	
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Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Jairo Frausto, City Treasurer Erin Blake, City Attorney Tom Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator
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4) JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of September 8, 2021.

Ayes:	6	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll,
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Nays:	0	
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Absent:	1	Rita Came in at 6:12 p.m.
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Abstention:	0	
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There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Dunleavy explained Affordable Recovery Housing's need for a temporary occupancy permit.

Mr. Allen Stevo inquired about whether or not the City would be receiving \$15 million dollars from the State of Illinois.

6) NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION FROM COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT’S OFFICE – FAIR TRANSIT PROGRAM.

The fair transit program is a three-year pilot program that aims to improve transit services and reduce costs for riders on the Rock Island and Metra Electric trains. The program is also working with PACE to increase bus services.

2. PRESENTATION FROM ALLIANT – HEALTH INSURANCE.

Alliant presented health insurance renewal information to the Council. Alliant noted that for 2022, they hoped not to make any changes in life, dental, and vision insurance benefits offered to City employees. In regard to health insurance benefits, Alliant is reviewing the option of offering City employees a new health insurance plan: BLUE CHOICE. This new plan could lead to a 17% cost reduction for the City, but employees choosing this plan would have a different and smaller network and a different prescription medication plan than that offered in the traditional PPO plan. The City is still contemplating its options for its 2022 insurance renewal.

7) REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor:

1. OPENING AND READING OF BIDS FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

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| a) 2122 119 TH PLACE | TM1 \$30,000 |
| b) 2122 BROADWAY AVENUE | TM1 \$20,000 |
| c) 2135 121 ST PLACE | TM1 \$20,000 |
| d) 2418 JAMES ST | TM1 \$35,000 |
| e) 2713-2733 ORCHARD ST | TM1 \$45,000 |
| | ROBBINS DEVELOPMENT
\$16,000 |
| f) 2728 W. 135 TH STREET | TM1 \$7,000 |
| | R. DELGADILLO \$31,123.45 |
| g) 12929 S. MOZART STREET | TM1 \$40,000 |

**OLDE NEW RENOVATIONS
GROUP \$41,000
R. DELGADILLO \$41,123.45**

h) 12945 S. MOZART STREET

**TM1 \$20,000
AVILEZ \$31,123.45
OLDE NEW RENOVATIONS
GROUP \$43,000**

i) 13159 S. ARTESIAN AVENUE

TM1 \$5,000

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE XI, CHAPTER 111 "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS RELATED TO LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS AND FEES.

Deputy City Administrator Mark Patoska presented to Council an updated liquor license ordinance, as the City had not updated their law in relation to the same since the 1990s. Patoska indicated that the City planned to have a new liquor license ordinance passed and implemented by January 1, 2022. The Aldermen had several comments, questions, and suggestions relating to the draft ordinance. The Council proposed that Patoska revise the ordinance based on the Council's comments and then discuss again at a future meeting.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED CITY COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICY.

The City Attorney presented a revised draft of the proposed City Policy relating to COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing for City employees based on prior discussions with Council regarding the same. The Council expressed agreement with the revised policy and requested it be placed on the regular city council meeting agenda for approval.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

City Clerk:

1. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman invited everyone to attend the City's scarecrow event on 10/16/21.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman invited everyone to attend Day of the Dead event on 11/2/21.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that there are new hours in the City Clerk's office. The new hours are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and the office will be open the first Saturday of each month.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman invited everyone to attend First Responders Day on 10/16/21 at the John D. Rita Center.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman invited everyone to attend the Trunk or Treat event at the Blue Island Park District on 10/30/2021 at 2 p.m.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Christmas Light Parade fundraiser will be at Double Play on 10/15/21.

City Treasurer:

No report.

City Attorney:

1. **TABLED ITEM: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 73, "VEHICLE LICENSING" AND CHAPTER 39 "FEE AND FINE SCHEDULE" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND ILLINOIS.**

Discussion regarding an eventual update to the City's fine and fee schedule and implementation of the same by the Police Department.

2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING RESIDENTIAL ONLY PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF CANAL STREET BETWEEN REXFORD STREET AND DIVISION STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS.**

The Council expressed agreement with the ordinance and requested it be placed on the regular city council meeting agenda for approval for 10.26.21.

3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING RESIDENTIAL ONLY PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF WOOD STREET BETWEEN 127TH STREET AND VERMONT STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

The Council expressed agreement with the ordinance and requested it be placed on the regular city council meeting agenda for approval for 10.26.21.

4. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 72, "PARKING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

The Council expressed agreement with the ordinance and requested it be placed on the regular city council meeting agenda for approval for 10.26.21.

5. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 50, "GARBAGE COLLECTION" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

The Council expressed agreement with the ordinance and requested it be placed on the regular city council meeting agenda for approval for 10.26.21.

Alderman Johnson recommended holding events two to three times per year for bulk garbage pick-up.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM PROCESSING.**

Discussion regarding pending property damage claims and the administrative process for handling of the same.

7. **DISCUSSION REGARDING STANDARD FEES AND FINES PRIOR TO ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ADJUDICATION.**

Discussion regarding residents' ability to pay certain municipal code citation fines in lieu of attending an administrative hearing regarding the same.

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RAILROAD TRACK REPAIR AND TRUCK WEIGHT ISSUES.**

Discussion regarding railroad tracks in state of disrepair and potential causes, including heavy truck traffic.

9. **SPECIAL USE - JESSICA BLANCO/EL CORTEZ FOOD SERVICES, 13414 OLDE WESTERN AVE.**

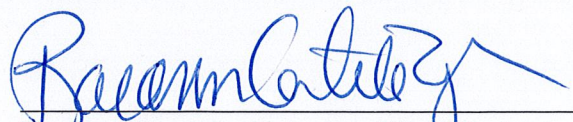
Discussion regarding PZBA hearing and recommendation to grant a special use application submitted by this property owner which would allow for tortilla manufacturing.

City Aldermen:

1. Alderman Rita announced that she obtained a quote for a neon sign for 127th and Highland.
2. Alderman McGee requested that the City Engineer attend City Council meetings.
3. Alderman Fahrenwald stated flood insurance is available in Blue Island.
4. Alderman Johnson requested that City research TM1 prior to granting its bids to City owned property. The Mayor informed Council the City Attorney will perform background checks on the bidders. In addition, after execution of the sale, the bidders will be required to apply for permits within six months and fully renovate the building within a year.
5. The Mayor and the City Deputy Administrator announced Metra finally hired a contractor to renovate the Vermont Station.
6. City Administrator Tom Wogan stated he is working with the City's accounting and auditing firm to finalize the pending audit.

8) Motion for Adjournment

- A. The Mayor and Aldermen unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor