

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2021.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Roll
Carr arrived 6:12 p.m.

Absent: 1 Johnson,

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

4) **Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 13, 2021.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked to table the minutes due to errors and omissions.

No objections to tabling of the 10.13.21 meeting minutes.

5) **Public Comment**

Mr. John Dunleavy expressed his unhappiness with the City's failure to provide Affordable Recovery Housing with final inspection reports.

6) **New Business**

1. BURKE ENGINEERING PRESENTATION.

Travis Parry, an engineer with Burke Engineering, provided an update to the City Council regarding outstanding projects, pending matters, and grant applications.

Alderman Fahrenwald requested that Burke provide the Alderman and/or residents with informational packets regarding shorter term resolutions to prevent flooding.

Alderman McGee stated that there were problems with the sewer upgrade from 119th to 121st Street. Mr. Parry suggested the Alderman request photographs and videos from the residents witnessing the issues and any future issues, as documented evidence will assist Burke Engineering in obtaining grants.

7) **Mayor's Report**

1. PRESENTATION BY LAKESHORE RECYCLING AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ORDINANCE RELATING TO REFUSE CONTAINER FEES.

Alderman Rita indicated that she has been seeking a solution to the rat problem in the city, which she believes have increased during the pandemic. She held a meeting with the Public Works Director and Lakeshore Recycling to determine City options for attacking this problem.

Mr. Bill Kenney, Municipal Manager of Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) attended the meeting to discuss these issues and potential solutions with the City Council.

Alderman Rita suggested a potential revision of the City's contract with Lakeshore to allow residents to obtain additional garbage cans free of charge.

Alderman McGee thanked Lakeshore for the quick response every time he calls.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated his experience as a resident and as an alderman have been positive. He suggested that Lakeshore provide the City with metrics relating to the overall quality of their service.

2. METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE REQUEST FOR ELECTION OF AFSCME MEMBERS.

The Mayor informed City Council that the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Union is attempting to petition the current AFSCME Union members in the Public Works and Police Department to elect it as their new Union.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

8) City Administrator's Report

1. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE.

Discussion with Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska, regarding the health insurance renewal period and the impact the new benefit options being considered may have on City retiree. The City is therefore still in the process of finalizing health insurance benefit options.

2. ENTERPRISE VEHICLE INSURANCE UPDATE.

Discussion with City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, regarding the previously approved lease agreement for police vehicles with enterprise and the insurance issues relating to the same.

3. VEHICLE STICKER MAILING.

Discussion with City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, regarding an additional mailing for residents that have not complied with the vehicle stickers/registration ordinance.

4. GOLF COURSE WINTER RATES AND SCHEDULE.

Discussion with City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, regarding the implementation of lower rates, shorter hours, and potential improvements at the golf course during the winter months.

9) City Clerk's Report

1. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the City Light Parade will be held 12/4/2021. She provided details regarding the events prior to and after the parade and indicated the City was still seeking vendors and sponsors.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church would be holding an annual Thanksgiving event and providing free meals to the public on 11/20/21 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

10) City's Attorney's Report

1. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION BY FOUNDERS BANK TRUST NO. 5240 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2338 NEW STREET, BLUE ISLAND, IL 60406.

The Council expressed agreement with the resolution and requested it be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for approval on 11.23.21.

2. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CEDA IN RELATION TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

The Council expressed agreement with the resolution and requested it be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for approval on 11.23.21.

3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEADE, INC. AND THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Council expressed agreement with the resolution and requested it be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for approval on 11.23.21.

11) **Alderman McGee's Report**

1. **GOLF COURSE OUTSOURCING.**

Lengthy discussion with Alderman McGee regarding the option of outsourcing the City golf course.

Clay Putnam, President and Owner of ServiScape, a company that has been partnered with the City of Blue Island since 1997, was present and provided the City Council with information relating to outsourcing of the golf course.

The Treasurer and certain other Alderman discussed their disagreement with exploring the option of outsourcing, indicating that the golf course was a City asset and performed well.

Other Aldermen expressed the desire to look further into the option and to review the financials as it relates to the golf course.

12) **Additional Reports of Alderman**

Alderman Rita stated she will be collecting cereal for Angel's Touch and requested that anyone able to donate a box or two of their favorite cereal by 12/10/21.

Alderman Roll discussed the establishment of a Road Fund in the annual City appropriation. He also informed Council of resident concerns relating to the new traffic pattern surrounding Eisenhower High School.

Alderman McGee stated that he received an email from Bob Rita regarding an upcoming meeting with IDOT relating to the issues on 127th Street and encouraged everyone to attend.

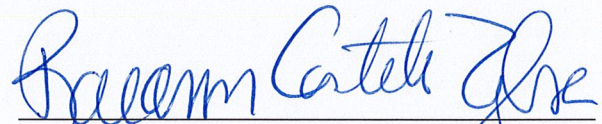
Alderman Fahrenwald suggested changing the day of the Committee of the Whole Meeting to the first Wednesday of each month.

13) Motion for Adjournment

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

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

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



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

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



Fred Bilotto, Mayor