JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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 November 9, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:

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Johnson (6:15 pm) Fahrenwald, Rita (6:11

pm), Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent:

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 Montoya to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 12, 2022.

Ayes:

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Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays:

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Absent:

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Johnson (6:15 pm), Rita (6:11 pm)

Abstention:

There being five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman McGee requested a correction at page three of the minutes – this should read "Tot Lot" not Hart Park.

5) Public Comment

No comment.

6) New Business

No new business.

7) Mayor's Report

a. Resolution 2022-___: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

Chief Haywood stated that this an agreement and no changes were made.

b. Discussion regarding Property Insurance Renewal Proposal.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, presented the proposal and informed the Mayor and City Aldermen that this represented the annual renewal for property insurance coverage, with a slight increase in cost. The city obtained three different quotes for this insurance.

c. Discussion regarding rental fee structure for John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that the City wants to establish a fee structure to rent out the John D. Rita Recreation Center and noted that the City staff would be working on the same.

d. Discussion regarding Regulation of Fire Alarm Systems.

Chief Haywood stated the City Code needs to be updated to deal with regulation of fire alarm systems.

e. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated that street resurfacing was ending. The contractor would be doing the last few streets; and if the weather cooperated, they would try to do minimal landscaping.

The Mayor informed the City Council that Burke Engineering is working on the City's 2023 street program; but several decisions would be dependent on funding availability. District 218 has agreed to split costs for Sacramento Ave; but the City is still waiting to hear back from Calumet Park on cost sharing for Wood Street resurfacing and Robbins for Francisco Street resurfacing.

8) <u>City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments</u>

a. City Clerk's Announcements.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked everyone for participating in the scarecrow event. She noted that over 50 homes participated in the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked everyone for an awesome Day of the Dead event. She gave a special thanks to City staff for all of their assistance preparing for the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the hometown hero banners would be coming down for the winter and would be rehung in May 2023.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that St. Peter/Paul will have their annual sloppy joe lunch on 11/19/22 from 11 am until 1 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, encouraged everyone to participate as a vendor for the Christmas Light Parade on 12/3/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Ball Drop will be 12/31/22 and that additional details were forthcoming.

9) <u>City's Attorney's Report</u>

a. Attorney Announcements.

No comments.

10) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. Discussion regarding Garbage Ordinance.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, expressed his gratitude to Mark Patoska for doing a lot of the legwork in regard to the new garbage ordinance and the potentially new fees associated with the same. Wogan explained that there would be changes in bulk pickup that needed to be addressed in the ordinance.

The Mayor informed City Council that garbage rates had not been increased since 2021, and the City has been footing an approximately \$4 difference between rates charged to residents and rates charged by LRS to the City. However, the administration did not raise the administrative fee with the new contract just yet; and would like input from all of the Aldermen in relation to the same. He would like a discussion regarding an amendment of the City Code to reflect updated penalties and the new structuring of picking up large portions of bulk garbage.

Alderman Roll commented on the fee structure options provided by the administration. He noted that schedule A represents an increase in fees/costs to the residents which would allow the costs relating to waste management within the City's Public Works Department

to decline. He thought another option for this fee schedule would be to cap the rate increase on an annual basis, or to consider the City continuing to eat costs for the first year in order to gain a better understanding of the costs associated with the new contract and new process. Finally, Alderman Roll stated that in order to protect those on fixed incomes, such as seniors, he personally wanted to know how many people—residents or units—fall into each category of resident for waste management cost/fee purposes, what the cost would be, and approximately how much revenue would be generated by the proposed fees.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked about the timetable for implementation of the new ordinance. City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated there is some time because the City had not received the first bill; but the issue needed to be addressed and remedied in the short term.

Alderman Johnson stated he received a resident complaint about missed garbage pickup by Lakeshore in his Ward and despite his calls, he did not receive a response. Alderman Johnson did not want to see Lakeshore receive credit for missed garbage pickup. City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated he would get the direct contact from Lakeshore to Aldermen Johnson, and he would assist in getting the issue resolved.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that some of his constituents agree with Alderman Johnson; however, when Alderman Fahrenwald calls LRS, they are usually very responsive.

b. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the Council that he had several conversations with Alderman Johnson about playground equipment for the John D. Rita Recreation Center. The plan is to obtain final figures, which will be included in the 2023 budget and are expected to cost \$100,000 plus installation.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that he agrees there is a need, but questioned why the City would pay for the equipment and not the Park District.

11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

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No comments.

12) Executive Session: Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to go into Executive Session.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

		Absent:	0 .	
		Abstention:	0	
	There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried. Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to resume regular meeting.			
			Nays:	0
		Absent:	0	
		Abstention:	0	
	There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.			
	The Mayor s	tated the Counc	il discu	assed pending and probable litigation.
13)	Motion for Adjournment			
	Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.			
		Ayes:	7	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
		Nays:	0	
		Absent:	0	
		Abstention:	0	
	There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.			

Nays:

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Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022

Fred Bilotto, Mayor