

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 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 December 8, 2021.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 5 Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita (arrived 6:16 p.m.)

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

**4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

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

Ayes: 5 Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita (arrived 6:16 p.m.)

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald requests the header should read "City Council" and not "City Board."

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 10, 2021.**

Ayes: 5 Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita (arrived 6:16 p.m.)  
Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald asked to make minor corrections on page three and page four of the November minutes.

**5) Public Comment**

Blue Island resident stated the light parade was a great event. She also stated she has created a website [www.renterswelcome.com](http://www.renterswelcome.com) which provides background checks on landlords and property owners. She discussed several of her concerns regarding renters' rights in the City and throughout the area.

**6) New Business**

No new business.

**7) Mayor's Report**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor thanked the Light Parade Committee, including Tom Hawley and Tom Mantel, for their splendid work and their commitment to this event.

The Mayor stated the Fire Chief Dan Reda was going to be leaving the City and the interim Fire Chief appointment would be David Haywood.

**8) City Administrator's Report**

**1. LIABILITY INSURANCE UPDATE.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, discussed the City's basic insurance coverage and the need for improved and expanded coverage. He explained that this would be an excessive cost for the City in the near term; but was necessary and beneficial.

**2. AUDIT UPDATE AND 2022 APPROPRIATION.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that they were hoping to have information from the auditors by the following week. He explained that the auditors were reviewing the books to make a clear determination of the amount of federal relief money spent by the City in 2020.

**3. TAX LEVY.**

The City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the Council regarding the need to pass and file the City’s tax levy with the County. He explained that the City would keep the levy request under five percent; and therefore, a public hearing would not be necessary. The deadline for the tax levy is the last Tuesday of December.

**9) City Clerk’s Report**

**1. CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the City Light Parade was a remarkable success with 28 vendors and several free activities for the kids.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated there will be a coat drive on 12/18/21 at the Recreation Center, 2805 W. 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Blue Island, IL from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The recreation center would also be providing free meals.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated there is still time donate cereal boxes to Angel’s Touch at the Clerk’s office.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated there will be a second mailing for city stickers.

**10) City’s Attorney’s Report**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMITTING ~~ALISHA BATTLE TO OPERATE PERFECT REFLECTIONS DAYCARE, LLC. AT 12128 S. WESTERN AVE.~~**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to send Ordinance to Regular City Council Meeting for Approval.**

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.

2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMITTING STEVEN BARNAS TO OPERATE CHICAGOLAND DIESEL SALES AT 13816 HARRISON.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to send Ordinance to Regular City Council Meeting for Approval.**

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.

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.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to send Resolution to Regular City Council Meeting for Approval.**

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.

4. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE CITY ZONING CODE TO**

**ADD DEFINITIONS AND DESIGNATIONS AS PERMITTED OR SPECIAL USES IN EXISTING ZONING DISTRICTS.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to send Ordinance to Regular City Council Meeting for Approval.**

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.

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated the city is expanding the UTOD which will promote higher density. In addition, he discussed the specifics of the ordinance change and explained that the City Attorney and Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed it and is recommending its adoption.

**5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE CITY ZONING CODE TO RESTRICT OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT TRAVEL ON CITY ROADS.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to send Ordinance to Regular City Council Meeting for Approval.**

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.

Chief Farr stated that starting January 2022 a truck enforcement police officer would begin enforcing weight limit requirements on trucks.

**11) Alderman Reports**

Alderman Roll provided additional information regarding the payroll expense increase. Based on his review, as of November 1<sup>st</sup> the amount of overtime was \$540,482, which is \$200,000 more than last year. Therefore, he encouraged the Council to consider this when formulating the appropriations for next year.

Alderman Fahrenwald recognized the Mayor and the City Clerk for their job at the Light Parade. He also thanked former Alderman Tom Hawley for his work with the parade. Alderman Fahrenwald also thanked Jim Poelsterl and his crew for cleaning up the next day.

Alderman Carr wanted wished the City Clerk a happy birthday.

Alderman Rita reiterated she will be collecting cereal for Angel's Touch and requested that anyone able to donate could drop off at the Clerk's office until 12/10/21. She also mentioned that the Light Parade Committee did a beautiful job.

Alderman McGee stated the interim Police Chief is doing an excellent job and that he does not doubt the interim Fire Chief will also be great.

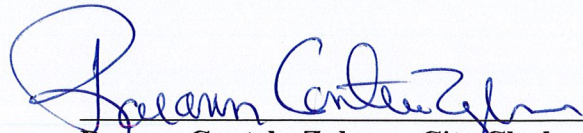
The Mayor explained the need to begin a process for approving Executive Session Minutes.

12) **Motion for Adjournment**

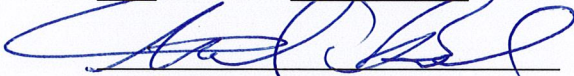
**Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to adjourn the regular meeting.**

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.

  
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 Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

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



**Fred Bilotto, Mayor**