

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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 December 14, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	4	Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Absent:	3	Johnson, Rita, McGee
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Jairo Frausto, Treasurer 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 meeting minutes of November 9, 2022.

Ayes:	4	Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johnson, Rita, McGee
Abstention:	0	

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

5) Public Comment

No comment.

6) New Business

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-___: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Granting a Variance regarding Yard setbacks and Decks at 13015 S. Wood Street.**

The Mayor stated this issue was presented and approved by the building department and PZBA.

- b. **Ordinance 2022-___: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Granting a Fence Variance at 2309 W. 123rd Street.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated the resident had to push the fence back three (3) feet.

- c. **Discussion regarding Garbage Ordinance.**

Alderman Roll stated that garbage collection rates would be going up across the board because of inflation and LRS' additional services, including bulk pickup. He provided a proposed garbage rate schedule that he believed would flatten the curve on the increase by decreasing the surcharge charged by the City to residents over the time of the garbage contract. He explained his cost projection spreadsheet and answered questions from the Aldermen and Mayor.

The Mayor asked Alderman Roll if he had reviewed the garbage collection fees that the City does not collect. Alderman Roll did not review those numbers and stated that he would not consider those numbers in this model, because what isn't collected should not be factored into what is charged to the City's residents.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked how much the City expected to collect this year from garbage collection fees. Alderman Roll stated the city is expected to receive \$530,000 which he estimated was a \$70,000 surplus.

The Mayor stated that it would be less revenue for the City not to pass on the surcharge. He is neither for nor against Aldermen's Roll proposed collection rates. He believes this projection is great in theory; but he is concerned about decreasing revenue before understanding the impact of LRS' bulk pickup. Alderman Roll stated that because the City's role in bulk pickup is decreasing the onus on the City's resident should also decrease, even if that means less revenue for the City.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, commended Alderman Roll for the excellent work he did in assembling the financial model and for making it accessible to administration. The City Administrator stated that there are many moving components in this complex

subject, and the City hoped to have a final ordinance in place by January. He requested that the Aldermen continue to work with the City on a final ordinance. Wogan noted his concern that decreasing the surplus, before knowing how much cost savings the City would see from LRS performing the bulk pickup, could impact Public Works' numerous needs.

d. Discussion regarding Fire Alarm and Fire Inspection Ordinances.

Chief Haywood stated they the City should have a defined fee schedule to offset costs caused by false fire alarms and fire inspections.

e. Discussion regarding Health Inspection Ordinance.

The City Attorney noted that currently there is no fee schedule in place for health inspections and the City would be considering implementing the same in the future.

f. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor thanked the Christmas Light Committee for everything they did and noted that this event was one of the best.

The Mayor informed the Council that Congressman Rush invited him to attend a meeting in the Village of Robbins where he had discussions about water main breaks and water issues with representatives from Dixmoor, Alsip, Posen, Robbins, and the Local and Federal EPA, among others.

The Mayor summarized the City's accomplishments in the 2022 year. He noted that there were a lot of positive things going on in the city, such as the alley pilot program, the street program, code enforcement, sticker enforcement, rebuilding city staff to provide better frontline city services, negotiating the police, fire, and public works contracts in record time, processing new equipment, and welcoming new businesses. He noted that the City's work had only just begun and he thanked the City Council and staff for their work. He wished all a wonderful holiday season.

8) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reminded everyone that Santa would be at York and Western from 6 pm to 8 pm this Friday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed everyone that Santa and the reindeers would be at York and Western on 12/17/22 from 4 pm until 6 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Ball Drop will be on 12/31/22 at York and Western in front of the Lyric Theater.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that Iversen's Bakery is taking orders for the holidays and the last day to submit an order is 12/20/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

9) City's Attorney's Report

a. Attorney Announcements.

No announcements.

10) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

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City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the Council that he is working with the IT department to address some issues regarding email communication.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, reminded everyone to complete the mandatory sexual harassment training sent via email by Commander Sepessy.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, on behalf of the entire city and staff, thanked City Council for everything that they do.

11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

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Alderman Fahrenwald thanked the Mayor for the Christmas gifts.

12) Executive Session: Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

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

Ayes: 4 Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to resume regular meeting.

Ayes: 4 Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that they discussed employment separation during the executive session.

13) Motion for Adjournment

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

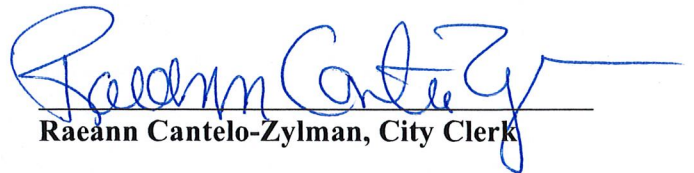
Ayes: 4 Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll

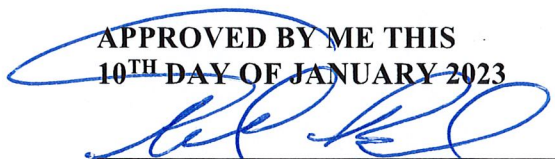
Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk


APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023
Fred Bilotto, Mayor