

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Vargas as permitted by Executive Order 2020-07 signed by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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| Present: | 12 | Johnson (7:14), Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo |
| Absent: | 2 | Rita, Donahue |
| Present Also: | | Randy Heuser, City Clerk Cary Horvath, City Attorney |

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cazares to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from January 26, 2021.

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| Ayes: | 10 | Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Klinker, Stevo |
| Nays: | 0 | |
| Absent: | 3 | Johnson, Rita, Donahue |
| Abstention: | 1 | Zylman |

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kimberly Byrne asked that a Reduced Aldermen and City Committee Transition Plan for Day 1 be established for the Next Administration.

Carol DiPace-Greene thanked all of the January Donors of the Facemask, gloves, hand sanitizer and food give away and announced that the next Drive Thru Event will be February 13, 2021.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Mayor Vargas announced the hiring of two new firefighters:
Timothy Tesch and Angelina Maschietto

Motion to approve the Zoning Board Appointment of Samuel Jones to a Five Year Term: 2/9/21 until 4/30/26

Motion by Ald. Alexander, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment.

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Vargas stated that we have had amounts of snow over the past several days and asked that residents observe the no parking restrictions in snow routes. Because of the snow storms, we have experienced delays in trash pickup.

Mayor Vargas asked that we consider an odd/even parking restriction program whereby the City could clear the streets during snow events like what we have had in recent days.

Mayor Vargas thanked Toni Preckwinkle for giving a tour of the Cook County Medical Center in Blue Island where the National Guard is administering COVID vaccinations. He also thanked the County for their continued support for Economic Development of the area surrounding 119th & Vincennes.

Mayor Vargas acknowledged February being Black History Month and asked that any local artists that would like to be spotlighted please contact the City.

VSUSA, owners of the former Metro South, will be doing a presentation at the next Community Development Meeting regarding plans for the development of the properties in and around the former hospital.

Several volunteers have been helping those in need with snow removal.

CITY CLERK:

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hill to approve Inter-fund Transfers from Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts.

Ayes: 10 Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker

Nays: 2 Johnson, Stevo

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Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting February 10, 2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting February 22, 2021

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Payroll for February 5, 2021 for \$393,799.70.

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to approve Accounts Payable for February 10, 2020 for \$526,574.80.

Ayes: 10 Alexander, Cazares, Hawley, Fahrenwald,
Hill, Mech, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Nays: 1 Johnson

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Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 1 Bilotto

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion for Approval of Memorandum regarding Outstanding Invoices for 2020

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Fahrenwald to approve Memorandum regarding Outstanding Invoices for 2020.

Ayes: 11 Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares, Rita, Hawley Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Klinker

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 1 Bilotto

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is February 16, 2021

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting February 9, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-003 A Resolution for Maintenance Work on State of Illinois Facilities under the Jurisdiction of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

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**Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Stevo to approve
Resolution No. 2021-003.**

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor
declared the motion carried.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting is February 16, 2021

Alderman Stevo asked how the Electoral Board Hearings were started. Attorney Horvath told him that several Citizens were listed as objectors but that he didn't know who had started the process.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that the Electoral Board expenses are mounting

Alderman Johnson reminded residents that the Blue Island Strong giveaway is this Saturday at 10:30am.

Alderman Carr praised the Public Works Department for their job during the recent snow storm as well as Water Main Breaks. Alderman Johnson agreed but thought they might be able to do better and that maybe new equipment would help.

Alderman Stevo stated that we should plow the alleys to facilitate garbage pick-up and that we should not neglect the side streets and alleys.

Alderman Bilotto stated that St. Benedicts Fish Fry will start February 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hill to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 12 Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto, Cazares,
Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Mech, Carr,
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Donahue

Abstention: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor
declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor