

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island Held Remotely on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:03 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:

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hawley to approve the Regular City Council Minutes from March 9, 2021.

Ayes:	9	Hawley, Fahrenwald, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Cazares, Mech
Abstention:	2	Rita, Donahue, Hill

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Thompson expressed her concern about the political climate in Blue Island and asked that voters chose wisely in the polls on April 6th.

Carol DiPace-Greene asked that Aldermen appropriate funds to Roadways, Advance Life-Saving Services, Blue Island Advanced Lifesaving Service Ambulances & new Fire Trucks, Blue Island Police Department Body Cameras, Upgrade Blue Island City Hall Cyber Security, Upgrade Audio at City Hall. She also asked that there be a 20% Water Rate Roll Back.

Kimberly Byrne expressed concern over cancellation of Committee meetings. She also expressed concern that our Zoning Code is 50 years old and needs to be redone and asked that everyone votes on April 6th.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Presentation from AT&T (First Net) – No one from AT&T was in attendance to present.

Proclamation – Blue Bow Campaign (April Child Abuse Prevention Month)

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Stevo to approve the Proclamation.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Request from St. Benedict School to host a school event on Friday, May 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are also requesting that New Street could be blocked off starting at the medical center towards Gregory.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Zylman to approve the Request.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Mayor Vargas announced that the owner of Joe's Fruit market, Jose Ortiz, recently passed away.

Mayor Vargas announced that we will be receiving monies from the Federal Government from the American Relief Bill recently passed. He further stated that ComEd has finished the upgrade of street lights to LED bulbs.

He updated all about the projects going on in and around the City.

CITY CLERK:

Request from Blue Island American Legion Post 50 to conduct their annual “Poppy Days” on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, 2021 with rain dates of Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, 2021.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve the Request.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

CITY TREASURER:

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

Ayes: 11 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

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CITY ATTORNEY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – next meeting April 14, 2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE – next meeting April 12, 2021

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for March 19, 2021 for \$357,519.06.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for March 24, 2020 for \$563,000.72.

Ayes: 11 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Ordinance No. 2021-005 An Ordinance Providing an Appropriation for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021.

Motion to bring Ordinance No. 2021-005 to the floor by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Hill.

Motion to TABLE Ordinance No. 2021-005 by Ald. Zylman, seconded by Ald. Rita.

Ayes: 5 Rita, Hill, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 7 Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Carr, Zylman, Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

There being Five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

On the Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-005 by Ald. Donahue, seconded by Ald. Hill

Ayes: 7 Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Carr, Stevo, Johnson, Vargas

Nays: 6 Rita, Hill, Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Resolution No. 2021-008 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Municipal Lease with Harris Golf Cars Sales and Service for the Lease of a Range Vehicle for use at the Meadows Golf Course.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Cazares to approve Resolution No. 2021-008

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Next Meeting is April 20, 2021

MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Next Meeting April 13, 2021

Ordinance No. 2021-007 An Ordinance Authorizing Leasing of Certain Public Property within the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, for use by the Blue Island Park District for an Organized Youth Baseball Program.

Motion by Ald. Stevo, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 2021-007.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson, Alexander, Bilotto

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Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Ordinance No. 2021-006 An Ordinance Requiring Vehicular Traffic to Stop at a Certain Location within the City of Blue Island, Cook County, State of Illinois, and providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof. (Francisco Avenue and 140th Place)

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to TABLE Ordinance No. 2021-006

Ayes: 8 Rita, Donahue, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 4 Hawley, Fahrenwald, Stevo, Johnson

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Next Meeting is April 20, 2021

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hill to retire to Closed Session For Discussion Pending Claim 2021-12241 filed against the City for property damage caused to a motor vehicle pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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Ayes: 11 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Hill, Carr,
Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,
Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Cazares, Fahrenwald, Mech

Abstention:

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene the meeting.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill,
Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Johnson,
Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech

Abstention:

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

Damage Claim against the City for property damage caused by a motor vehicle as set described in Claim 2021-12241

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hill to approve Claim 2021-12241 filed against the City for property damage caused to a motor vehicle in the amount of \$4,831.60.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Cazares, Mech, Klinker

Abstention:

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Vargas reported that a resident called the Mayor’s office today stating that a family needed food because they all had COVID. Alderman Johnson thanked Blue Island Strong for providing food to the family.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: 10 Rita, Hawley, Fahrenwald, Hill, Carr, Zylman, Klinker, Stevo, Alexander, Bilotto

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 3 Cazares, Mech, Donahue

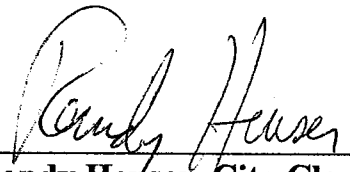
Abstention:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

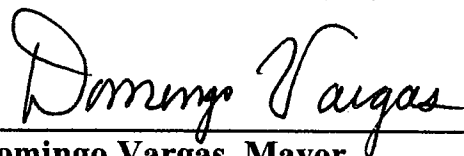
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The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April
13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13th DAY OF APRIL 2021.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor