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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois**  
**2434 Vermont Street**  
**March 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

**City of Blue Island**  
13051 Greenwood Avenue  
Blue Island, IL 60406  
www.blueisland.org

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**  
Motion to approve minutes from March 10, 2015
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

- Mayor:
1. Swearing in of Officer Nicholas Babbitt as a Full-Time Police Officer.
  2. Certificate of Gratitude to Mr. Denis Robinson
  3. Certificate of Gratitude to Melissa Serviss, Jill Caldwell and Tina Nedved
  4. Introduction of Bob Jackson, Supervisor of the Rec Center

**Bids:**

- City Clerk:
1. Motion to Approve a request from the Salvation Army to have their Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 and June 5-6, 2015. They are also requesting permission to have their Red Kettle Campaign November 6, 2015 thru December 24, 2015 (Monday thru Saturday)

**City Treasurer:**

**City Attorney:**

7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Community Development Committee**
    1. An Ordinance Designating the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Western Avenue Business Development District and Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax, Service Occupation Tax and Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Therein.

- b. Finance Committee
  - 1. Motion for Approval of Payroll – March 13, 2015 for \$340,436.30
  - 2. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable – March 18, 2015 for \$420,949.99
- c. Public Health and Safety
- d. Municipal Services Committee
- e. Judiciary Committee
  - 1. An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street at or Near 2451 Collins Street for Handicapped Parking Only Within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.
  - 2. An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 72, Section 72.08 of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.

- 8. **Aldermanic Announcements/Comments.**
- 9. **Motion to Retire to Closed Session for consideration of:**
  - a. Discussion of Pending Litigation
- 10. **Motion to Reconvene Regular Session**
- 11. **Motion for Adjournment**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,  
Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 2 Ald. Vieyra, Buckner

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

Willie Scott, 11917 Longwood Drive, invited the candidates who will be running in the next election to participate in a candidate speak night that will be held in the Recreation Center. Mr. Scott spoke about his FOI request regarding employees in the city. He also stated that a recreation center should be provided for the people who live in that area.

Paul Keeler, GEC Illinois, stated that he helps public sector, NFP, and businesses save money on their energy costs.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

Presentation from MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos regarding the Thornton Reservoir is rescheduled for the City Council meeting on May 12.

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

No business.

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to accept the Financial Report for the period ending on February 28, 2015.**

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

No business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Community Development– Ald. Hawley, Chairman****RESOLUTION 2015-008**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Frausto to approve Resolution 2015-008.**

Ayes:	12	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Vieyra, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

**RESOLUTION 2015-007**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SCOPE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING AND ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES.

**Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Resolution 2015-007.**

Ayes:	12	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Vieyra, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

**ORDINANCE 2015-011**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND IMPOSING A RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX, SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX AND HOTEL OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX THEREIN.

**Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to table Ordinance 2015-011 until the March 24<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting and to set up a meeting for business owners during this time period.**

Ayes: 7 Rita, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Thompson

Nays: 5 Bilotto, Donahue, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 8:00 – East Annex*

**Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for February 27, 2015 for \$347,317.51.**

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

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**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Accounts Payable for March 4, 2015 for \$534,058.95.**

Ayes:	12	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Vieyra, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

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

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex*

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report  
for the Meeting of February 4th, 2015**

Present were Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman Leticia Vieyra, and myself. Also present were Alderman Marcia Stone, and City Clerk Randy Heuser. Absent were Director John Rita, Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, Don Marchbanks, Alderman James Johanson. The meeting was called to order at 7:05. There was not a quorum but the reports were read.

**Citizens Concerns**

There were no citizens present.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 304 calls in January, 207 were EMS calls  
177 Patients were treated  
157 Patients were transported  
49 Patients refused transport

They responded to 26 general fire alarms, and 23 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 23 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

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They had 23 calls to man the station.

They received 2 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.8 minutes.

There were several fires in February, including four structure fires, a CSX engine fire, two cooking fires, and one trailer fire. There were no injuries involved in any of these fires. The Fire Department was also called out on a full arrest. The victim survived.

Medical Reimbursement Services for February was \$34,626.36

Fire Recovery collected \$475.20 in the month of February.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$100.00

### **General**

Firefighter Richard Whitlock has been assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> shift effective February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Part time Firefighter Ron Cheadle resigned from the Department effective February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Assistant Ware completed writing a Fire Department Administrative Assistant manual.

### **Maintenance**

Ambulances 2152 and 2162 were inspected by IDPH on 02/11/15. Both passed inspection.

Ambulance 2162: The City Mechanic Tom Kissel replaced the center support bearing for a cost of \$58.42

Ambulance 2182: Out of service, needs major engine repair.

Engine 2123: Back in service 02/10/15, air leak issues repaired by Certified Fleet for \$1304.55

### **Training**

The training division has completed 588.79 hours of training for the month of February.

Firefighter Duffy passed the OSFM (Office of State Fire Marshal) Advanced Firefighter exam.

Firefighter Adlington is registered to take the OSFM Advanced Firefighter exam in March.

### **Grants**



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2014 AFG Grant – Application was sent in on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We have applied for two ambulances along with a micro grant request for Thermal Imaging Cameras and Multi-Gas Detectors. No response yet.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors. No response yet.

### **Police Department Report**

There was a brief discussion of the Overnight Parking Ordinance. No action was taken.

Deputy Chief Cornell said that policy on overdue parking tickets will be changed. Currently cars with 10 tickets are boot eligible, the Police Department will be changing the policy to 5 tickets being boot eligible.

The Police Department is planning on buying one new vehicle.

The Police Department answered 1850 calls including 272 business premise checks, 76 were liquor establishment checks.

### **Stats/Cases of Interest**

108 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)  
2 Armed Robberies  
5 Burglaries (1 unfounded)  
4 Residential Burglaries (3 unfounded)  
8 Shots Fired (6 unfounded)  
69 Domestic Disputes  
260 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of January \$38,582.89

16,427 miles patrolled.

### **Calls of Interest**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> officers responded to a shots fired call in the alley in the 2600 block of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street. The vehicle was seen fleeing the area by the victims. The officers were given a description of the vehicle. The vehicle was found at Broadway and California by the Patrol Division. Four people were taken into custody. The gun was found in the trunk of the car. Two people were charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

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On February 17<sup>th</sup> officers responded to an Armed Robbery at La Unica Foods, located at 12824 Mozart. Detectives learned that the suspect may be involved in the Armed Robbery at Discount Tobacco. The suspect was charged with one count of Armed Robbery and is currently awaiting trial.

**Liquor Establishment Calls**

2 batteries, 2 fights, 1 domestic dispute, and 2 disturbances in the month of February.

**Training**

Officer Murray is scheduled to attend the 40 hour Sokolov Field Training Course in June of 2015.

Officer Maratea completed the field training program.

Officers Gonzalez, Nunez and Jones are currently in the Field Training Program.

Resumes have been submitted for candidates interested in the squad leader position.

**Community Policing Unit (CPU)**

CPU answered several calls regarding seniors.

The CPU began a series of meetings to get the Calumet Township/City of Blue Island Adult Protective Services Committee up and running.

CPU received several public nuisance complaints regarding the condition of various properties.

**Detective Division**

34 cases were assigned in February, 29 cases were cleared.

**911 Center**

The new 911 board needs to be appointed.

The 911 Center received 11,596 calls in February.

The Code Red application on the City web page has been modified to make it more user friendly.

Don Marchbanks, Director of BIHSOEM observed 911 operations, earning continuing education time required by the IDPH

Tornado sirens were tested on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**BIEMA**

No report submitted.

**Monthly Health and Sanitation Report**

In the month of February 25 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done.

Restaurante Tenochtitlan experienced a small fire in the apartment above their location, they are now re-opened.

**Aldermen's Concerns**

Alderman Vieyra commented about the parking situation at Bread and Bottle Liquor Store on 119<sup>th</sup> Street, and the signage covered windows at the Corner Store on Maple Avenue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Carr  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 8, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex*

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman**

*No Report.*

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex*

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:** Ald. Donahue announced that Paul Revere Intermediate School is in a nationwide contest to win \$10,000. Everyone can vote once a day every day. To vote you can go to [kidsmartz.votigo.com](http://kidsmartz.votigo.com)

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Pittman to go into Executive Session.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Donahue to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Ayes: 12 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Vieyra, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Johnson to adjourn the meeting.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015.**

**Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor**



# The Salvation Army

Founded in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth

DOING THE MOST GOOD<sup>SM</sup>

Metropolitan Division

André Cox  
General

February 12, 2015

Paul R. Seiler  
Territorial Commander

Ms. Pam Frasor  
City Clerk  
City of Blue Island  
13051 Greenwood Avenue  
Blue Island, IL 60406

Charles H. Smith  
Lt. Colonel  
Divisional Commander

Dear Ms. Pam Frasor:

Each year, The Salvation Army depends on the generosity of the communities in which we serve to sustain our operations. We are grateful for the support we receive from the leaders of Chicagoland's many cities and villages.

Thanks to the cooperation and support we received in 2014, The Salvation Army was able to collect nearly \$15 million in Chicago and its surrounding 5-county area during our annual Red Kettle Campaign. These funds will help us continue to provide a wide range of programs and services to our communities.

It is with great appreciation that we now request your permission to conduct the following event in the public way (sidewalks, intersections, etc.):

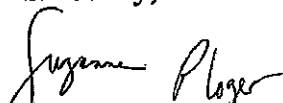
**DONUT DAY**  
**Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 and June 5-6**

We would also like to notify you of our intent to seek permission from private property owners to solicit funds in front of their establishments for our Red Kettle Campaign. (Kettles are not placed in the public way. Please note any additional requirements on the enclosed confirmation form).

**RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN**  
**November 6, 2015-December 24, 2015 (Monday thru Saturday)**

Enclosed is a confirmation form. Please take a few minutes to fill it out, specifying any requirements or notes you'd like us to acknowledge. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records. Fax and email transmittal information is on the form. For any additional information, please feel free to call or email Twyla Brookins: (773) 205-3257 or Twyla\_Brookins@usc.salvationarmy.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Suzanne Ploger

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2015-011**

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**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND IMPOSING A RETAILERS'  
OCCUPATION TAX, SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX, AND HOTEL  
OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX THEREIN.**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

<b>1st Ward</b>	<b>CHRISTINE BUCKNER</b>	<b>TOM HAWLEY</b>
<b>2nd Ward</b>	<b>LETICIA VIEYRA</b>	<b>FRED BILOTTO</b>
<b>3rd Ward</b>	<b>NANCY RITA</b>	<b>KEVIN DONAHUE</b>
<b>4th Ward</b>	<b>MARCIA STONE</b>	<b>CANDACE CARR</b>
<b>5th Ward</b>	<b>JANICE OSTLING</b>	<b>KENNETH PITTMAN</b>
<b>6th Ward</b>	<b>DEXTER JOHNSON</b>	<b>JAIRO FRAUSTO</b>
<b>7th Ward</b>	<b>NANCY THOMPSON</b>	<b>JAMES JOHANSON</b>

**Aldermen**

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-011**

### **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND IMPOSING A RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX, SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX, AND HOTEL OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX THEREIN**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1. Authority.* The City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is authorized, pursuant to the provisions of the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-1, *et seq.* (the "Act"), to designate business districts to promote development or redevelopment in the City and to impose a retailers' occupation tax, a service occupation tax, and a hotel operators' occupation tax therein and to issue bonds to provide for the payment of business district project costs.

*Section 2. Findings.*

(a) The designation of the area hereinafter described as the Western Avenue Business Development District (the "*Business District*") was considered at a public hearing held on March 10, 2015 (the "*Public Hearing*"). The Public Hearing was held pursuant to notices duly published twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the City not more than thirty (30) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing. Said notices conform in all respects to the requirements of the Act.

(b) At the Public Hearing, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard on the question of the designation of the Business District, the approval of a business district development and redevelopment plan for the Business District; the imposition of a retailers' occupation tax, a service occupation tax, and a hotel operators' occupation tax in the Business District for the planning and for the payment of business district project costs as set forth in such plan; and the issuance of obligations by the City to provide for the payment of business district project costs secured by the business district tax allocation fund established hereinafter pursuant to the Act.

(c) After considering the data as presented to the Mayor and City Council of the City (the "*Corporate Authorities*") at the Public Hearing, the Corporate Authorities find that it is in the best interests of the City and of the residents and property owners within the Business District that the Business District be designated.

(d) The Business District is contiguous and includes only parcels of real property directly and substantially benefited by the proposed business district development plan as required by the Act.

(e) The Business District conforms to the comprehensive plan of the City which was adopted in 2012.

(f) The Business District is a blighted area by reason of defective, non-existent or inadequate street layout, deterioration of site improvements and improper subdivision or obsolete platting, thereby hindering the growth and development in the area, all as set forth in the business district plan prepared by Kathleen Field Orr & Associates of Chicago, Illinois. Due to such conditions, the Business District constitutes an economic liability upon the City and its residents.

(g) The blighting factors as stated above are widely present throughout the Business District and therefore the Business District on the whole has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed or redeveloped without the adoption of the business district plan.

(h) It is in the best interests of the City that the Business District be designated in order to provide for the financing of the Business District project costs as set forth in the Business District Plan hereinafter described; that a retailers' occupation tax, a service occupation tax, and a hotel operators' occupation tax be imposed in the Business District for the planning, execution, and implementation of the Business District Plan and for the payment of Business District Project costs as set forth in the Business District Plan; and, that obligations, if approved by the City, be issued to provide for the payment of Business District project costs secured by the Western Avenue Business Development District Tax Allocation Fund established pursuant to the Act and hereinafter described.

*Section 3. Designation of the City of Blue Island, Western Avenue Business Development District.* The "City of Blue Island, Illinois, Western Avenue Business Development District" is hereby designated for a period of twenty three (23) years from the date of adoption of this Ordinance and shall consist of the contiguous territory legally described in the attached *Exhibit A* and outlined on a map in the attached *Exhibit B*, which exhibits are by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

*Section 4. Approval of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Western Avenue Business Development District Development Plan.* A plan for the development and redevelopment of the Business District (the "*Business District Plan*"), attached hereto as *Exhibit C*, and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof, was presented to the Corporate Authorities and considered at the Public Hearing. The Business District Plan is found to conform to the requirements of the Act and to promote the public interest. The Business District Plan is hereby approved.

*Section 5. Imposition of Retailers' Occupation Tax, Creation of Western Avenue Business Development District Tax Allocation Fund.* Pursuant to the Act, a tax is hereby imposed upon all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property, other than an item of tangible personal property titled or registered with an agency of this State's government, at retail within the boundaries of the Business District at the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross receipts from such sales made in the course of such business while this Ordinance is in effect. Such tax shall not be applicable to the sale of food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), prescription and nonprescription medicines,



drugs, medical appliances, modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a disabled person, and insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by diabetics, for human use. All businesses in the Business District affected by this tax are listed on *Exhibit D*, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The proceeds of this tax shall be used for the planning, execution and implementation of the Business District Plan, the payment of Business District project costs as set forth in the Business District Plan and the payment of obligations of the City issued to provide for the payment of Business District project costs. The proceeds of such tax shall be deposited into a special fund of the City which is hereby created and designated the "Western Avenue Business Development District Tax Allocation Fund." The tax imposed under this Section and all civil penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereto shall be collected and enforced by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall have full power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Section.

*Section 6. Imposition of Service Occupation Tax.* Pursuant to the Act, a tax is hereby imposed upon all persons engaged within the boundaries of the Business District in the business of making sales of service, at the rate of one percent (1%) of the selling price of all tangible personal property transferred within the Business District by such servicemen either in the form of tangible personal property or in the form of real estate as an incident to a sale of service. Such tax may not be imposed on the sale of food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances, modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a disabled person, and insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by diabetics, for human use. All businesses in the Business District affected by this tax are listed on *Exhibit D*. The proceeds of this tax shall be used for the planning, execution and implementation of the Business District Plan, the payment of Business District project costs as set forth in the Business District Plan and the payment of obligations of the City issued to provide for the payment of Business District project costs. The proceeds of such tax shall be deposited into the "Western Avenue Business Development District Tax Allocation Fund." The tax imposed under this Section and all civil penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereto shall be collected and enforced by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall have full power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Section.

*Section 7. Imposition of Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax.* Pursuant to the Act, an occupation tax is hereby imposed upon all persons engaged within the boundaries of the Business District in the business of renting, leasing, or letting rooms in a hotel at a rate of one percent (1%) of the gross rental receipts from the renting, leasing, or letting of hotel rooms within the Business District; excluding from gross rental receipts the proceeds of renting, leasing or letting to permanent residents of a hotel. The proceeds of this tax shall be used for the planning, execution and implementation of the Business District Plan, the payment of Business District project costs as set forth in the Business District Plan and the payment of obligations of the City issued to provide for the payment of Business District project costs. The proceeds of such tax shall be deposited into the "Western Avenue Business Development District Tax Allocation Fund." The tax imposed under this Section and all civil penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereto shall be collected and enforced by the City. The City shall have full power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Section.

*Section 8. Filing.* A certified copy of this Ordinance, together with a description of the boundaries of the Business District, shall be filed with the Department of Revenue immediately following its passage and shall be considered filed on or before April 1, 2015, in accordance with Section 1 of this Ordinance.

*Section 9. Supersede Conflicting Ordinance.* All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

*Section 10. Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, the Illinois Department of Revenue and City shall proceed to administer and enforce Sections 5 and 6 of this Ordinance on the first day of July next following the adoption and filing of this Ordinance with the Illinois Department of Revenue, and the City shall proceed to administer and enforce Section 7 of this Ordinance upon passage and approval of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**APPROVED:** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS**  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,**  
**COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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**Joint Finance & Community Development Meeting**

**FINANCE MINUTES 3-3-15**

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:50 p.m. as part of the joint Finance & Community Development meeting in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with Alderman Tom Hawley, Alderman Nancy Thompson and Alderman Kevin Donahue present. Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Public Safety Director John Rita, Jr., Finance and Administration Director Matt Anastasia, Grants Manager Sean Halloran, Treasurer Carmine Bilotto, Clerk Randy Heuser, Aldermen Vieyra, Carr, Frausto, Ostling, Stone, Johnson, Deputy Director of Community Development Jason Berry.

Public Comment- None.

Joint discussion of both committees on the proposed Business Development Tax District and the CMAP Capital Improvement Program. (PLEASE SEE TOM HAWLEY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES AS HE DOCUMENTED FINANCE MINUTES WITHIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES.)

A recommendation was made by Finance Chair Rita to create a steering committee to include an alderman from each ward and business owners for input. Also, that the newly created revenue must go through the appropriation process first. Motion by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Kevin Donahue to pass the Business Development Tax District out of committee and on to the council floor. Voice vote. Motion carried.

A motion by Alderman Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Thompson to pass the CMAP Capital Improvement Plan out of committee and on the to the council floor. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Payroll for 2-27-15 – Motion to authorize payment made by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to authorize the total payroll liability in the amount of \$347,317.51. Motion carried. **\*\*I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.**

Accounts Payable for 3-4-15 - As part of the accounts payable a payment was made to Fire Pension Personal Property Replacement Tax for Fiscal Year 2014 for \$11,285.72 and the Police Pension Personal Property Replacement Tax Fiscal Year 2014 for \$16,092.17 and the Library Personal Pension for \$29,800.31. Also, a payment for the medical insurance for \$192,867.77. A payment for the Kubota tractor which is for snow removal on narrow areas such as bridge sidewalks, etc. \$23,070.30. A payment to Republic Service for residential garbage pick up \$103,752.55. Motion to authorize payment of accounts payable by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to authorize payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$534,058.95 for March 4, 2015. Voice vote. Motion carried. **\*I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m was made by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair

Submitted: March 10, 2015

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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2015-012**

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**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN  
STREET AT OR NEAR 2451 COLLINS STREET FOR  
HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE  
ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND  
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

<b>1st Ward</b>	<b>CHRISTINE BUCKNER</b>	<b>TOM HAWLEY</b>
<b>2nd Ward</b>	<b>LETICIA VIEYRA</b>	<b>FRED BILOTTO</b>
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<b>6th Ward</b>	<b>DEXTER JOHNSON</b>	<b>JAIRO FRAUSTO</b>
<b>7th Ward</b>	<b>NANCY THOMPSON</b>	<b>JAMES JOHANSON</b>

**Aldermen**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-012**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2451 COLLINS STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the public policy of the State of Illinois, as enunciated in the State Constitution, that handicapped persons are entitled to enjoy the fruits of a full and meaningful life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island hereby declare that it is the public policy of the city to encourage and assist handicapped persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, to implement such policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island recognize it is desirable to restrict certain portions of the public ways within the City of Blue Island for handicapped parking only;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE**

That this portion of the street within the City of Blue Island, as hereinafter designated, is hereby restricted for handicapped parking only:

- a) On the south side of Collins Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2451 Collins Street (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

## **SECTION TWO**

Appropriate signs shall be erected by the Superintendent of Public Works on the portion of the street designated above informing the public that parking thereon is restricted or permitted as hereinabove provided for.

## **SECTION THREE**

The operator of any vehicle violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each offense.

## **SECTION FOUR**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION FIVE**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as Corporate Authorities.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

APPROVED by the Mayor this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,**  
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**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2015-013**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
TITLE VII, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 72.08 OF THE CITY OF BLUE  
ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

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**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor  
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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**Aldermen**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE VII, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 72.08 OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "*City*"), as follows:

**SECTION ONE**

The Blue Island Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 72, Section 72.08 is hereby amended by deleting the period after the word "passengers" at the end of paragraph (B) and adding the following:

"or performing a service for a resident in that residential area. It shall be unlawful to park or allow standing, whether occupied or not, more than one second division vehicle on private property located in a residential area or R-1 zoning district within the city limits, unless temporarily and actually engaged in loading and unloading of merchandise or passengers."

**SECTION TWO**

The Mayor or designee is authorized to perform all acts necessary to effectuate the intent of this ordinance and including the erection of the appropriate signage.

**SECTION THREE**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of passage or as otherwise required by law and shall supersede all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

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