

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MARCH 9, 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 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:                   6     Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent:                    1     Johnson (arrived 6:22 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 Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022.**

Ayes:                    6     Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays:                    0

Absent:                  1     Johnson (arrived 6:22 p.m.)

Abstention:            0

There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

5) **Public Comment**

No comment.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

**1. Blue Cap Proclamation.**

The Mayor declared March 16, 2022 Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Day in Blue Island.

**2. Consulting Services Agreement – John Kasperek Co.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan stated the City issued an RFP for accounting services. The City only received one response – from John Kasperek Co. Wogan explained that John Kasperek Co. is our current auditor; and their accounting services and rates are comparable to similar companies and the company is already familiar with the operations of the City. He also believed the City could decrease costs by handling more in-house tasks in the future.

**3. Request for Proposals – Municipal Waste.**

The Mayor reported the current garbage contract is set to expire and it is the City's intention to issue an RFP. He informed Council that he was considering changing the garbage contract's timeline to begin in October rather than July 1st. He proposed having unlimited recycling on a weekly basis, removing one bulk item per week to relieve the burden on Public Works, having unlimited yard waste pick-up, and drafting a list of free municipal pickups.

**4. 1975 Ordinance Discussion.**

The City Attorney stated an ordinance relating to long-term disability benefits for employees was passed by the City Council in 1975 and is now out of date. She suggested repeal of the ordinance, as the Union contracts and/or state statutes detail long-term disability benefits for Union members and the new City handbook details these benefits for non-union employees.

**5. Blue Station Mart, 12126 Vincennes, ZBA Findings of Fact.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated that this business requested a special use to operate a food store within the residential district at 12126 Vincennes and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council.

**6. Blue Island Fire Museum and Educational Center, 2451 Vermont, ZBA Findings of Fact.**

Howard Coppari, Community Development Manager, that this business requested a special use to operate a Fire Museum and Education Center in the UTOD District at 2451 Vermont St and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council.

**7. 2022 Road Program.**

The Mayor stated that the city's worst eight to ten streets will be addressed in round one, but the City and Burke Engineering are awaiting state funding.

**8. Phase 1 Streetscape – Olde Western.**

The Hitchcock Design Group presented to the City Council an detailed explanation of Phase 1 streetscaping in the Historic District and Phase 2 streetscaping is the Uptown District.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that he would like the Forestry Board to be involved in the decision of which trees to plant.

**8) City Administrator’s Report**

**1. Appropriations.**

The City Administrator, Thomas Wogan informed City Council that a draft appropriation ordinance was completed, and he thanked everyone for their time and effort in getting this done. He stated the appropriation ordinance would be posted on the website, and a copy would be available at the Clerk's office for review.

Alderman Roll provided a detailed presentation of the appropriation ordinance.

Alderman Rita stated the layout of appropriations did clean up a lot of work.

**2. City Administrator’s Report.**

Nothing to report.

**9) City Clerk’s Report**

Nothing to report outside from what was reported yesterday.

**10) City’s Attorney’s Report**

- 1. Ordinance 2022-016: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title IX, Chapter 92, “Fair Housing” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor stated this was tabled last night and that in order to arrive at a consensus, adjustments had to be made by the Building Department staff.

**2. Ordinance 2022-017: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 96 of Title IX regarding Outdoor Special Events.**

The Mayor stated that there is currently no regulation of special events in the City and this ordinance proposes a process by which to standardize the procedures relating to the same.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked if this ordinance impacted block parties and was told it did not impact block parties.

Alderman McGee was concerned about the cost increase for permitting when less than 14 days' notice is given to the City for a special event. The City's Attorney noted the increased cost relates to the extra planning time needed for City staff to coordinate police services and public works.

Alderman Johnson inquired regarding consequences of denying a special event permit.

**3. Ordinance 2022-018: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 33, "Fire and Police Departments; Emergency Services" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The City's Attorney stated the ordinance will clean up language regarding the organization of the police department.

**11) Alderman Reports**

No reports.

**12) Executive Session: Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.**

**Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to go into Executive Session.**

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

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

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor stated the Council discussed litigation in closed session.

**13) Motion for Adjournment**

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


Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

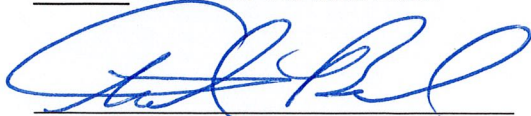
Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

  
Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL 2022

  
Fred Bilotto, Mayor