

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 5 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Johnson
(arrived 6:19 p.m.)

Absent: 2 McGee
Roll

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Thomas Wogan, City Administrator
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2022.

Ayes: 4 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson (arrived 6:19 p.m.), McGee, Roll

Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried with the amendment suggested by Alderman Fahrenwald.

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 for Off-Street Parking in the Residential (R-1) District (12824 Mozart).**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated that Doner Finer Foods requested a variance for off-street parking within the residential district at 12824 Mozart and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council.

- b. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting Dona's Finer Foods, Inc. to Operate a "Food Store" Within the Residential (R-1) District (12824 Mozart).**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated that Doner Finer Foods requested a special use to operate a food store within the residential district at 12824 Mozart and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council

- c. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving Two Sign Code Variances for the Property located at 12952 South Western.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated that the Lyric requested a variance for two signs to be utilized on its storefront at 12952 S. Western and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council

- d. **Resolution 2022-__ : A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Award a Business District Façade Grant at 12952 South Western Avenue, Blue Island.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, and the Mayor explained that the Lyric applied for a business district façade grant and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council

- e. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting a “Two-Family Dwelling” Within the Residential (R-1) District (12849 S. Division Street).**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, stated that an applicant requested a special use to permit a two-family dwelling within the residential district at 12849 S. Division and that the PZBA recommended approval of the same to the City Council

- f. **Resolution 2022-__ : A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing a Donation of a City Fire Truck to the Illinois Fire Service Institute.**

Fire Chief, David Haywood, Jr., explained to City Council that the Fire Department was considering donating the old unusable fire truck to the Illinois Fire truck Institute in exchange for training credits.

- g. **Sewer Discussion**

The Mayor discussed the current water and sewer building by the City, the fact that sewer rates had not been increased in more than 30 years, and that the City was considering increasing its sewer fee from 20% to 50% to assist with infrastructure improvements. After discussion, City Council requested that an ordinance be drafted to provide a gradual increase in sewer rates and that the administration provide the Alderman with specific information relating to the current billing and expected billing so that they could analyze the impact of the change on the residents.

- h. **Golf Course Insurance Discussion**

This discussion item was tabled, as the City is still waiting on insurance quotes for the golf course.

- i. **Mayor’s Announcements/Comments.**

8) **City Clerk’s Announcements/Reports/Comments**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Clerk’s office will be closed 4/15/22 in observance of Good Friday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that St. Mary Magdalene Parish, formerly St. Benedict, will provide their annual stations of the cross program.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the Library will be doing the “Burning of the Snowman” event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the church, Upper Room, on 120th will host a Family Fun Bingo Night on Friday 4/29/22 at 7 p.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed City Council that on 4/30/22 the Mai Fest Arts and Craft Fair will occur on Olde Western from 12 – 5 p.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that The First Lutheran Church in Blue Island has a new pastor, Bethany Ulrich. The Church will be having services Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Good Friday at 7 p.m., and Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, mentioned that there are 20 applications from veterans wanting to participate in the Hometown Heroes Program and she is expecting to receive additional applications.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated there are approximately 170 people registered for the Community Clean-Up and 14 sponsors. The event will take place on 4/23/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the July 3, 2022, Fireworks celebration planning is underway.

9) **City's Attorney's Report**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title XI, Chapter 115, "Food and Food Dealers" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor and City Attorney explained this Ordinance to City Council and answered questions regarding the same. The City Attorney indicated that she worked further on the ordinance with the Community Development Director.

- b. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title XV, Chapter 150, "Building Regulations; Construction" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor and City Attorney explained this Ordinance to City Council. The Aldermen were informed that this ordinance adopts state statute into the City Code that will assist with housing complaints in Circuit Court.

- c. **Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title XI, Chapter 95, "Weeds" of the code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor and City Attorney explained this Ordinance to City Council and answered questions regarding the same. The Aldermen were informed that the ordinance amends the current code, which relates only to weeds, to require residents to cut tall grass and maintain their landscaping.

- d. **Attorney's Announcements.**

None.

10) City Administrator’s Report

- a. Ordinance 2022-__ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title VII, Chapter 73 “Vehicle Licensing” and Title III, Chapter 39 “Fee and Fine Schedule” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, explained this Ordinance to City Council and answered questions regarding the same

Alderman Rita requested a summary of the process in order to explain the same to residents.

- b. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments**

No announcements.

11) Alderman Reports

Alderman Montoya informed City Council that there would be a baseball parade on 5/7/2022.

Alderman Rita informed City Council that she has received complaints regarding roads in the 4th Ward.

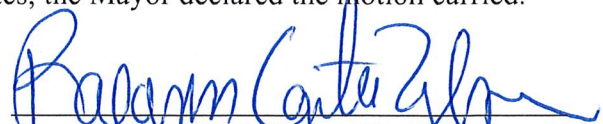
Alderman Fahrenwald stated that there are three abandoned properties on 123rd Street.

12) Motion for Adjournment

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

Ayes:	5	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	McGee, Roll
Abstention:	0	

There being five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.


 Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
11TH DAY OF MAY 2022**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor