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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois**  
**2434 Vermont Street**  
**April 14, 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 24, 2015
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

- Mayor:
1. Plaques presented to the Police Officer, Firefighter and Dispatcher of the Year.
  2. Resolution Honoring the Accomplishments and Legacy of Dr. Peter V. Contreras
  3. Proclamation – Arbor Day – April 24, 2015

**Bids:**

- City Clerk:
1. Motion to approve a request from California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church to sponsor a Back-to-School Festival on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City Treasurer: Monthly Treasurer's Report

City Attorney:

7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Community Development Committee
  - b. Finance Committee
  - c. Public Health and Safety
  - d. Municipal Services Committee

e. Judiciary Committee

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 24, 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 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 2015.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr,  
Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Absent: 1 Buckner

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2015 is accepted as printed.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotta, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

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

Bryan Roll, George J Roll & Sons Inc, and Carol DuPace-Green, 2731 Orchard, asked questions and voiced their concerns pertaining to the 1% sales tax.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

Swearing in of Officer Nicholas Babbitt as a Full-Time Police Officer.

Certificate of Gratitude to Mr. Denis Robinson

Certificate of Gratitude to Melissa Serviss, Jill Caldwell, and Tina Nedved

ComEd – smart meter presentation

The Mayor announced an opening day for the Division Street to be in July 2015

Introduction of Bob Jackson, Supervisor of the Rec Center

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Ostling 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).**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

**CITY TREASURER:** No business.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development**– Ald. Hawley, Chairman

**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. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-011.**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) 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. Donahue to approve Payroll for March 13, 2015 for \$340,436.30.**

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for March 18, 2015 for \$420,949.99.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR RAUNER'S PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND (LGDF) REDUCTION THAT WOULD COST THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Resolution.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

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

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

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

*No Report.*

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

**ORDINANCE 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.

**Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Stone to approve Ordinance 2015-012.**

Ayes:	13	Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Buckner
Abstain:	0	

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 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.

**Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Ordinance 2015-013.**

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to go into Executive Session.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Ayes: 13 Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling,  
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.



Regular Meeting – March 24, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

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**Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor**

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

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**RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2015-010**

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND  
LEGACY OF DR. PETER V. CONTRERAS**

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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**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-010**

# **HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF DR. PETER V. CONTRERAS**

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras was born in 1940, City of Blue Island, Illinois;

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras spent his early years in Blue Island as the ministers son who founded Bethel-Pentecostal Church;

**Whereas**, after graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1959, Dr. Peter V. Contreras went to Arizona to an independent Bible college;

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras returned to Blue Island in 1965, his father, announced to the congregation that he was stepping down as minister and that his son was stepping up as the new minister of Bethel-Pentecostal Church;

**Whereas**, in the early 1970's, Dr. Peter V. Contreras proudly helped establish Blue Island-Crestwood School District 130 board and District 130's Bilingual Advisory Council. He played a key role in bringing the bilingual program into School District 130, he also sits on the board of the Southwest YMCA and served on the Illinois State Evaluation Team Program;

**Whereas**, in 2001, Dr. Peter V. Contreras was introduced into School District 218 Eisenhower High School's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for the selfless work he has done with the youth in Blue Island;

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras married Phyllis Whisnant on July 6, 1963 and had 4 children, Clara Zerolis Contreras, Peter III, Johnathan Contreras and Audrey Schudt, he also has 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren;

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras served 12 years on the board of St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island in an effort to help promote the needs of the Hispanics that the hospital serviced and hired. He helped start the Blue Island Development Corporation in the 1980's that first produced a newsletter and then later, a newspaper that still exists. It was started with the purpose to promote racial and ethnic harmony and the positive aspects of the city, and to quell the fears of the community as it became ethnically diversified;

**Whereas**, he pushed to start the Blue Island Ministerial Association in Blue Island for the purpose of all the churches working together to better serve the community. He was instrumental along with Jack King, in opening the Guildhaus, a needed halfway house located in Blue Island, for men recovering from disease of chemical dependency;

**Whereas**, during the 1980's, Dr. Peter V. Contreras rode as Chaplain for the Blue Island Police Department and still helps the police department when called upon with community needs and, started a Community Kid Day event with the idea that the Police and youth of the community could meet on a friendly terms and better understand each other which still continues some 20 years later;

**Whereas**, Dr. Peter V. Contreras continues to assist the Latin American Advisory Committee that started a Memorial Day service over 40 years ago to honor and educate the community of the contributions and accomplishments the Mexican Americans have given and sacrificed to this great country of ours;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby should continue the efforts of Dr. Peter V. Contreras to ensure equality, justice, and dignity for all people of the United States.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ATTESTED** and **Filed** in my office this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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**CITY CLERK**

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**Christine Buckner, Alderman**

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**Tom Hawley, Alderman**

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**Leticia Vieyra, Alderman**

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**Fred Bilotto, Alderman**

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**Nancy Rita, Alderman**

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**Kevin Donahue, Alderman**

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**Marcia Stone, Alderman**

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**Candace Carr, Alderman**

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**Janice Ostling, Alderman**

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**Kenneth Pittman, Alderman**

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**Dexter Johnson, Alderman**

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**Jairo Frausto, Alderman**

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**Nancy L. Thompson, Alderman**

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**James Johanson, Alderman**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **ARBOR DAY IN BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS APRIL 24, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, The small Spanish village of Villanueva de la Sierra is the town which held the first Arbor Day, an initiative launched in 1805 by the local priest with the enthusiastic support of the entire population; and,

**WHEREAS**, Trees play a substantial role in our environment and in the quality of our lives. They provide shelter for animals and, in many cases, nourishing nuts or seeds and leaves for wildlife. From the beginning, trees have been contributing to the lives of generations of families throughout the world. We must maintain our precious heritage of woodland and help prevent the shrinking of our forests. For these reasons, Blue Island proudly commemorates Arbor Day in Blue Island and urges each citizen to plant a tree; and,

**WHEREAS**, to children, trees are climbed and conquered. With their web of branches reaching to the sky, they are firm, tall giants. As we grow and learn more about the different types of trees and their uses, we realize that trees are much more than shading our homes, but also give us the materials that help to build those homes and much of what is inside them. From paper products to furniture, wood is an important and beautiful resource; and,

**WHEREAS**, In Blue Island, we are fortunate to have a rich variety of trees that present us with a striking gift of glorious color each autumn. The reds and golds remind us of the cycle of life and the importance of making a difference during our time on earth. We must preserve and protect trees for future generations who will inherit the trees we plant today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Domingo Vargas, Mayor of Blue Island, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day in Blue Island.

**PASSED** this 14th day of April, 2015.

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**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**



13911 Coopers Grove Road  
Blue Island, IL 60406  
Phone (708) 371-7344  
**Rev. Robert Bond III, Pastor**

Linda Seaton - Church Administrator

April 3, 2015

City of Blue Island  
13051 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Blue Island, IL 60406  
(708) 597-1221 Fax

To Whom It May Concern:

Every year our church sponsors a **Back-to-School Festival** for children of all ages within the neighboring community. This year, we will sponsor a **Back-to-School Festival** that will be held on **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10:00am to 6:00pm**. Our goal is to give away 250 book bags with school supplies. This is a time of spiritual fun for the children and the entire family. To assist the families with back to school expenses, we will provide back-to-school bags. The bags will consist of school supplies of all kind. **We are asking for permission to have Coopers Grove Road blocked off from 139<sup>th</sup> Street to 140<sup>th</sup> Street.**

To help make this happen, we are also asking that you would assist by providing donations of any sort such as book bags, pens, pencils, etc. Any items that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated and shall not go unnoticed. You may address all of your donations to our P.O. Box 871 - Midlothian, IL 60445. If you are sending a monetary donation please make all checks payable to **California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church**. Should you require additional information please contact our administration office at (708) 371-7344.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert Bond III**

Reverend Robert Bond III, Pastor

Vanessa Smith,  
Special Project Coordinator



To: Blue Island City Council

The undersigned, Carmine Bilotto,



Treasurer of the City of Blue Island

In Cook County, Illinois, respectfully submits the following report, showing the state of the treasury at the close of business on 3/31/15

Account Name	Checking Balance Last Report	Received	Paid Out	Checking Balance	Short Term Investments	Long Term Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	\$541,704.83	\$2,254,996.46	\$2,025,160.54	\$771,540.75	\$0.00	\$589,070.07	\$1,360,610.82
Water	\$891,225.53	\$590,885.85	\$630,068.46	\$852,042.92	\$0.00	\$896.52	\$852,939.44
Golf	\$11,561.49	\$21,143.84	\$120.17	\$32,585.16	\$0.00	\$1,963.33	\$34,548.49
Golf Concessions	\$8,413.84	\$3,345.00	\$7,608.55	\$4,150.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,150.29
MFT	\$3,828.31	\$113,025.94	\$115,254.86	\$1,599.39	\$0.00	\$240,202.10	\$241,801.49
CDBG	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81
TIF 2	\$587,191.82	\$336,321.72	\$21,767.32	\$901,746.22	\$0.00	\$1,542.00	\$903,288.22
TIF 3	\$153,757.53	\$236,315.25	\$0.00	\$390,072.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390,072.78
TIF 4	\$8,306.82	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$8,307.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,307.18
TIF 5	\$503,652.58	\$49,858.23	\$49,723.30	\$503,787.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$503,787.51
TIF 6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Interest Bearing	\$147,785.91	\$37.21	\$10,101.10	\$137,722.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,722.02
Vermont Parking Lots	\$3,489.38	\$3,672.96	\$7.04	\$7,155.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,155.30
Parking Ticket Collections	\$14,037.17	\$5,756.40	\$0.00	\$19,793.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,793.57
Allied A.S.O	\$17,466.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,466.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,466.89
Payroll	\$62,304.95	\$728,149.48	\$733,331.47	\$57,122.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,122.96
Grant Non-Interest Bearing	\$1,337,102.02	\$3,332.75	\$96,427.61	\$1,244,007.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,244,007.16
Meadows Video Gaming	\$3,742.11	\$937.82	\$0.00	\$4,679.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,679.93
BI Special Events Fund	\$1,162.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,162.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,162.10
911 Fund	\$19,589.88	\$18,575.58	\$0.00	\$38,165.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,165.46
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>\$4,296,842.09</b>	<b>\$4,366,354.85</b>	<b>\$3,689,570.42</b>	<b>\$4,955,050.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$833,674.02</b>	<b>\$5,788,724.96</b>

Checks approved but not sent due to no cash available

\$0.00

**Community Development Committee Report  
for Meeting on March 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Present: Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Carr, Ostling, Frausto and Thompson

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Vargas, Clerk Randy Heuser, Treasurer Carmine Bilotto, Planner Jason Berry, Ald. Stone, Pittman, Rita, a number of business owners and residents.

This was a special meeting of the Community Development Committee that was called to get the word out about the Business Development District to concerned business owners and residents and hear their concerns and or support of the plan. Flyers were delivered to business owners in the proposed District to make them aware that this is happening. It was more of a Public Hearing format.

Planner Jason Berry made a presentation that gave an overview of what the City is doing, the plans on what will be done in this area and, of course, how it will be funded.

Many people discussed their support for the plan as well as their concerns with the proposed plan.

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report  
for the Meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Present were Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Also present were Commander Kevin Sisk, Officer Jason Slattery, Tami Neumann, and Cathy Braxton (both from Silver Dawn SFC., and *Michael Slattery*) Absent were Director John Rita, Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Vieyra, and Don Marchbanks. The meeting was called to order at 6:02. There was not a quorum but the reports were read.

**Citizens Concerns**

There were no citizens present.

**Presentation by Silver Dawn SFC**

Tami Neumann and Cathy Braxton of Silver Dawn SFC gave a presentation on Senior Friendly Cities. Silver Dawn SFC is working with Mayor Vargas and the Blue Island first responders in an effort to get the City of Blue Island certified as the first Senior Friendly City in the United States.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 333 calls in March, 226 were EMS calls  
201 Patients were treated  
186 Patients were transported  
43 Patients refused transport

They responded to 17 general fire alarms, and 23 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 31 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 33 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.7 minutes.

The Fire Department assisted with two fires in Alsip. There was one clothes dryer fire, caused by lighter left in a pocket, and one water leak that activated a fire alarm.

Medical Reimbursement Services for March was \$51,175.43

Fire Recovery collected \$495.00 in the month of March.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$100.00 YTD.

**General**

Lt. Joseph Olson and Firefighter John McClement along with Former Calumet Park Fire Chief Jeffrey Kraft have been selected to receive the Firefighter Excellence Award from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for the events that occurred at a structure fire on June 1, 2014 at 119<sup>th</sup> and Ann St. They will be presented at the

Twenty-second Annual Firefighting Medal of Honor Awards ceremony in Springfield on May 12, 2015. All are invited to attend.

Part time Firefighter Demetrius Nolan resigned from the Department effective March 21, 2015. He served the City of Blue Island for 1 ½ years as a part time Firefighter.

Eight Fire Department members participated in the St. Baldrick's Event at D.D.Eisenhower on March 20, 2015 in conjunction with the Blue Island FOP Lodge. Together they raised over \$2000.00 for Pediatric Cancer Research.

Firefighter Ken Dompeling will be retiring effective April 9, 2015. His last day of work was April 8<sup>th</sup>, he served the City of Blue Island for almost 31 years.

### **Maintenance**

Ambulances 2152: Diesel Removal System repaired at a cost of \$377.19.

Ambulance 2152: Radius Bushings and Wiper Blades replaced in house for \$29.52.

Car 2100: Thermostat Housing repaired in house at a cost of \$114.16.

### **Training**

The training division has completed 506.85 hours of training for the month of March.

Lt. Kunz attended Investigator's Conference. Continuing Education for Fire Investigator Certificate

### **Grants**

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.

New Applications: Fireman's Fund Grant, IDPH EMS Grant, and Fire Protection Grant.

### **Police Department Report**

The Police Department answered 2065 calls including 303 business premise checks, 84 were liquor establishment checks.

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

120 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)

2 Robberies

1 Burglaries

8 Residential Burglaries (4 unfounded)

1 Shots Fired

189 Domestic Disputes

366 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of January \$113,626.25

19,751 miles patrolled.

### **Calls of Interest**

On Friday, March 20, 2015, at 9:09 P.M., the Blue Island Fire Department responded to a water leak at: 13034 S. Western Ave. On arrival, the Fire Department observed water leaking from the ceiling onto the food products below. The Fire Department made entry and observed what they believed to be a possible clandestine lab. The Fire Department contacted the Police with the Patrol Division responding and discovering a marijuana grow facility. Sgt. Schultz contacted Detectives Werniak and Delgadillo who responded to the scene and secured the premises as a Search Warrant was obtained.

At 11:30 P.M. the search warrant was executed and the following was recovered: over 100 marijuana plants which were inside four separate rooms. Four pounds of marijuana sealed in plastic bags. Several growing lamps, ventilation systems, computers, scales, mail for registered tenant, packaging and several thousands of dollars in United States Currency. The investigation continues.

### **Liquor Establishment Calls**

There were 2 Disturbance calls, 2 Fight calls, 1 Customer/Management Dispute call, and 2 Subject Removals in the month of March.

### **Training**

Officer Kevin Jones began Field Training for STEP 1 of the Field Training Program.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications

### **Community Policing Unit (CPU)**

CPU was called to 2550 Collins for a senior living in unhealthy conditions. It was learned that the senior had covered the entire apartment in plastic, and each door and window was refortified with wood. Several padlocks were placed on the outer front door. CPU placed the senior in protective custody and had them transported to MetroSouth Medical Center for coordination of services.

### **911 Center**

The new 911 board needs to be appointed.

The 911 Center received 13,031 calls in March.

Deputy Chief Cornell and Supervisor McGeever will be doing random call reviews to ensure quality of service.

### **BIEMA**

No report submitted.

### **Monthly Health and Sanitation Report**

In the month of March 21 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Twenty-six business license checks were done.

**Aldermen's Concerns**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

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