

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COUNCIL - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 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 6:02 p.m. on July 13, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 5 Johnson, Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent: 2 Rita, Montoya

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

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of June 21, 2022.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Montoya

Abstention: 0

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

5) Public Comment

The Bike Route committee is in need of water spots throughout the trail. Raeann Cantelo-Zylman and Alderman Roll volunteered to man two water stops along the route. Alderman Dexter Johnson volunteered to donate water bottles for the event.

Blue Island resident stated that the Blue Island Police Department is responsible for reporting when landlords perform illegal lockouts. She informed the City that the only time landlords can change the locks on a tenant is when there domestic and/or sexual abuse.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Discussion regarding Undici.**

The Mayor stated Undici is a gelato vendor who was present at the July 3rd Fireworks and the City's Farmer's Market. They are interested in the old Jebens store and in pursuing an agreement similar to the agreement the City previously entertained with Rebel. Rebel has stopped responding.

b. **Mayor's Announcements/Comments.**

The Mayor stated the City located a used dump truck to purchase for Public Works.

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

a. **City Clerk Announcements.**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the City was participating in staff appreciation month. The City provided employees with massages, an ice cream social, and hot dogs at the Meadows Golf Course.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that she is in the beginning stages of planning a community health fair and is looking for suggestions and ideas for the same.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stressed the importance of applying for a special events permit.

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

a. **Attorney's Announcements.**

No comments.

10) **City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

a. **Liquor Liability Renewal for Golf Course.**

Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska stated there would be no changes to this policy; and it was solely a renewal.

b. Deputy Supervisor – Public Works.

The Mayor stated that Jim Poelsterl started the interview process for a deputy prior to his untimely death. He noted that Phil Bretz was doing a great job assisting with the operations in Public Works; and the City has not yet posted for the Superintendent position.

c. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments

No comments.

11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. Alderman Fahrenwald: Discussion regarding Superintendent of Public Works.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated he would like to be involved in some the hiring process for a Superintendent of Public works and that he would assist with the drafting of a job description for the same. He stated he loved working with Jim and missed him very much.

b. Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that the Forestry Board needs additional members and will soon come to a Council meeting to present regarding tree canopy mapping within the City.

Alderman McGee asked if the City could convert 119th Place to resident parking only from Gregory to Longwood on both sides. He also mentioned there will be a free electronic recycle for residents next month.

Alderman McGee also asked for information regarding the removal of the rain gardens on Longwood. The Mayor asked Aldermen McGee to speak to residents and obtain their consent for the same.

Alderman Johnson requested an update on the splash pad. Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska reported that Vortex was doing a complete replacement of the splash pad.

Alderman Johnson also requested that the City consider different means to inform residents regarding the events in the City. The City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that the City is putting together a google calendar with the Library to begin in 2023 which will link to the Park District and include events and programs at all locations in the City.

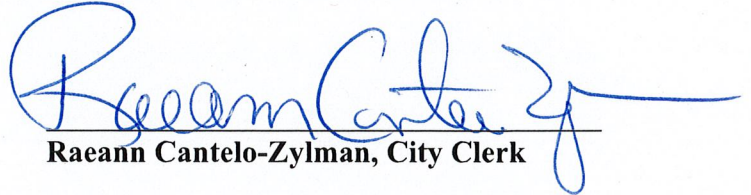
The Mayor stated that Lakeshore indicated that they would provide a proposal to the City for continued garbage removal services next week.

12) Motion for Adjournment

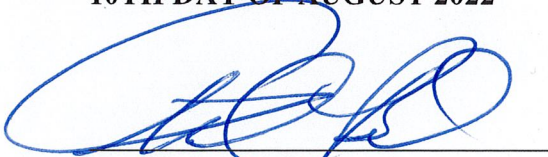
Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

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


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor