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**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 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 August 10, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya (7:04), McGee, Carr
Absent:	2	Rita, Roll
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 McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of July 13, 2022.**

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

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

5) **Public Comment**

Former Alderman Allen Stevo asked about the funding for the pavement of the city streets. Additionally, Former Alderman Allen Stevo asked about the replacement of sewers and waterpipes. Former Alderman Allen Stevo also asked about the zoning of the hospital and the hospital's real estate taxes.

The Mayor noted that there was nothing on the agenda regarding the hospital.

**6) New Business**

**a. Forestry Board Tree Inventory – Presentation by Val Kehoe.**

Val Kehoe is looking for a grant to inventory all of the trees in Blue Island through Morton Arboretum. She also wishes to update the ordinance, which has been in effect since 1994. She would also like a budget line item. This grant will assist in developing a management plan to determine which species exist, how healthy they are, and so on.

**7) Mayor's Report**

**a. Discussion regarding sale of property at 13001 S. Gregory.**

The Mayor stated that this property is the old motor bank. The Mayor stated it was listed for sale as it was previously used as a Covid testing backup. The Mayor stated that City plans to list it for sale in order to use the property to generate revenue.

**b. Ordinance No. 2022-\_\_ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Sale and Disposition of Surplus Vehicles.**

The Mayor stated that there was no interest in the donation of the firetruck for training purposes and the scrap yard refused to take the firetruck because it was too difficult to dismantle. Additionally, the Mayor stated that the dump truck cannot be repaired and is not old enough to be scrapped and therefore requests permission from City Council to auction it off. The Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska, stated that the City is working with Municibid, which is a nationwide auction website for municipal vehicles.

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

The Mayor stated that National Night Out had a great turnout, that everyone seemed to have a good time, and that there was more space at the Krueger parking lot. Next year, he hopes to see an antique police car.

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

**a. Bid Opening for Sale of City Owned Property.**

Alexis Esparza – 2154 Grove Street - \$10,000  
Alexis Esparza – 2122 Broadway - \$23,500  
Mission Covenant Church (parking lot) – 12419 Greenwood - \$10,010

**b. City Clerk's Announcements.**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the Blue Station Apartments are giving back to school supplies this Friday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council and city officials that this Thursday, 8/11/22 will be the ribbon cutting at the Lyric Theater at 7 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that this Friday, 8/12/22 at 6 pm is the Christmas Light Parade Fundraiser at the Lyric Theater.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that on 10/1/22 will be hosting a Community Health Fair at the John D. Rita Recreation Center from 10 am until 3 pm and still accepting vendors.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that on 10/29 trunk or treat will take place at the Blue Island Park District and to call Luiz Montoya and/or Clerk's office.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated to the City Council and Aldermen that they are all invited to decorate a scarecrow at York and Western on 10/15/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that the Day of the Dead celebration will take place on 11/2/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that the Blue Island Untouchables registration will be every Saturday from 9-12 pm at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

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

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-\_\_**: **An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Granting a Special Use Permitting Blue Island Truck Repair, LLC to Operate an Automobile Repair Shop Within the Limited Industrial District (I-1) (2922 Wireton Road).**

The Mayor notified City Council that this will be on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

- b. **Zoning Code Amendment regarding cannabis Regulations.**

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, stated there will be no other dispensary and that any new business must go to the Planning and Zoning Board. He also stated that the companies are not retail facilities for the public, but are manufacturing facilities that have obtained licenses for cultivation or infusion facilities. He also stated that the City desires to adopt distance regulations for both retail and cultivation facilities.

City Attorney, Erin Blake, stated that the amendment will go through the Planning and Zoning Board before it is brought to the City Council.

**c. Attorney’s Announcements.**

No comments.

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

**a. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments**

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, stated the revenue expenditure report is complete through 6/30/22, which will provide for better tracking and transparency. City Administrator, Tom Wogan, stated that it will be on the website and have the ability to run reports.

**11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

**a. Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Fahrenwald emphasized the enormous economic benefits of receiving a grant. He stated that our community would provide shade, which would prevent ultraviolet rays from damaging our streets and that property values would rise. Additionally, he stated that trees would retain more water in floods, reducing the amount of work done by Public Works, among other benefits.

Alderman McGee asked if the specialist would look into tree diseases.

**12) Executive Session: Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to go into Executive Session.**

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

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

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

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

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

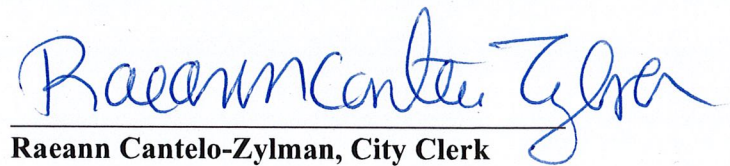
The Mayor stated that they discussed some negotiations.

**13) Motion for Adjournment**

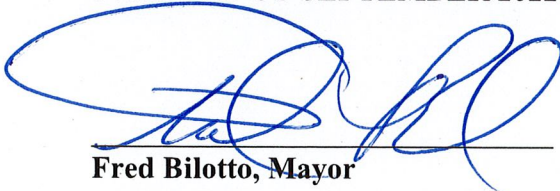
**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.**

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

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

  
Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022**

  
Fred Bilotto, Mayor