

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 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 Jairo Frausto, Treasurer Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator 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 August 10, 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**

No public comment.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

**a. Discussion regarding dedication of Training Center.**

Chief Farr informed the City that the new Training Center was approved by the State Standard Board of Illinois. It can accommodate 21 people. It still lacks a proper name.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated he holds his neighborhood watch meetings there and said it is a very nice facility.

**b. An Intergovernmental Agreement between County of Cook on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff and City of Blue Island regarding the Cook County 911 System.**

Aldermen Carr and Johnson both stated that it takes a long time to get through to the proper person when you call 9-1-1 and that you are transferred multiple times.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that both systems should simultaneously have the same information.

**c. Quicket Solutions, Inc. Master Software and Service Agreement.**

Chief Farr described a need for a new system for processing and prosecuting municipal code citations, as the current system leads to many citation dismissals due to lack of evidence/photographs. After consulting with other municipalities, the City determined that this appeared to be the better company.

**d. Ordinance 2022:\_\_: Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois regarding resident only parking at 12840 S. Francisco.**

Alderman Roll stated he believed the residents may want both sides to be marked residential.

**e. Ordinance 2022:\_\_: Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois amending Title XV ("*Land Use*") Chapter 166 ("*Zoning*") in relation to the zoning of Adult-Use Cannabis Business establishment.**

Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari, explained the changes to the Zoning Code for adult use cannabis that were recommended by the Zoning Board.

**f. An Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Blue Island and Community High School District 218 for Cost-Sharing related to the Resurfacing Cost of the portion of Sacramento from 127<sup>th</sup> Street to Everett Street.**

The Mayor has met with the school superintendent on three different occasions and this project is planned for the spring. It will go out to bid next season.

**g. Discussion regarding Waste Management Contract.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated the current contract expires at the end of October. Therefore, the City has two choices. One option is to work with the existing provider to fine-tune a proposal that would include bulk pickup or go out to bid.

Alderman Roll agrees with adding bulk pickup to the contract and reallocating those resources to other outstanding issues throughout the city.

Alderman Fahrenwald also agreed with adding bulk pickup to the contract and noted that a \$51 difference over the course of the year is reasonable for this service.

Alderman Johnson believes there should be a billing distinction between single-family homes and senior citizens. When it comes to bulk pickup, he does consider 50 lbs. to be a small amount.

**h. Discussion regarding Forestry Board Tree Ordinance.**

City Attorney, Erin Blake, discussed the tree ordinance proposed by the Forestry Board with City Council and her concerns regarding the same.

Valerie Kehoe noted that the ordinance would have to be passed by July 2, 2024, if the grant is received from the Chicago Region Trees Initiative.

**i. Discussion regarding Littering Fees.**

The Mayor stated that increasing the littering fees was a unanimous decision. The Mayor requested that Chief Farr provide him with the fine structure for non-moving violations.

**j. Discussion regarding IGA with Robbins.**

The Mayor discussed the proposed IGA with Robbins for Francisco Avenue.

**k. Discussion regarding Fire Station No. 2 Asphalt Project.**

The Fire Department wishes to proceed with paving the alley at Station 2. It is currently covered in gravel and has in that condition since 1962. The City intends to put it up for BID.

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

No announcements.

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

**a. City Clerk's Announcements.**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that Channel 4 will be up and running by the end of the week.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that on 10/1/22 the City will be hosting a Community Health Fair at the John D. Rita Recreation Center from 10 am until 3 pm and currently there are 17 vendors. In addition, Nicor will be giving out free fruits and vegetables.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council and Aldermen that she will be confirming whether or not they will be participating in making a scarecrow on York and Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to attend Eagles Fest this Saturday, 9/17/22 from 2 pm – 7 pm at 2427 Grove Street.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Art Alliance will have a front porch concert at 12738 Greenwood at 6:30 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City Council that Blue Island Eagles is having a Bunco Bash on 9/25/22.

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

**a. Attorney's Announcements.**

No comments.

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

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

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the City that the water department is seeing good results in terms of getting residents on a payment plan.

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

**a. Discussion regarding water meter project.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the City Council regarding the cost of water meter installation and sought Council input regarding the same. The Council agreed that a one-time installation is best, as it save the city \$160,000 and it will be more efficient.

**b. Discussion regarding Loading Zone at Cook County Public Health Building on Western Ave.**

The Mayor stated the Cook County Public Health wants permission to take one parking space as a patient drop off.

**c. Discussion regarding 2024 Harris Golf Cart Lease Contract.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the City that the golf course needs to replace 25 old golf carts.

**d. Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Johnson stated that the first ward will be cleaning up from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on 9/24/22 and he would like the street sweeper to come by afterwards. The Mayor informed him that the sweeper was broken; however, he suggested contacting Phil Bretz at Public Works.

Alderman McGee stated he was glad they are doing bulk pick up and the City is looking into the meters.

**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 Johnson, second by Alderman Roll to go into Executive Session.**

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.

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to resume 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.

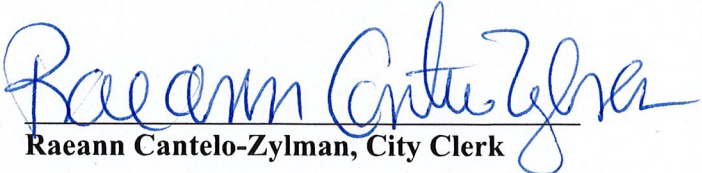
The Mayor stated that they discussed labor negotiations.

**13) Motion for Adjournment**

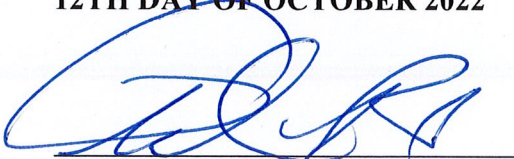
**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.**

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  
12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022**

  
Fred Bilotto, Mayor