

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2022**

1) Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Absent:	2	Johnson, McGee
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that the year for completed audit should be included in the minutes at page ten.

5) Public Comment

A pastor from the church located at 2500 121st Street in Blue Island invited everyone to attend a Black History event at the church on 2/26/22.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

No new business.

8) **Report of City Officials**

Mayor:

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for January 21, 2022 for \$352,245.97 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for January 21, 2022 for \$352,245.97 (gross).

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

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

b. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$190,939.80.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for \$190,939.80.

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

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

c. Police Chief Appointment.

The Mayor appointed Geoffery Farr as Police Chief.

Motion by Alderman Rita second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve and consent to the appointment of Geoffery Farr as Police Chief.

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

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

d. Fire Chief Appointment.

The Mayor appointed David Haywood Jr. as Fire Chief.

Motion by Alderman Rita second by Alderman Carr to approve and consent to the appointment of David Haywood Jr. as Fire Chief.

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

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

e. Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor stated that the two most important positions in the City have now been successfully fulfilled. Police Chief Farr has had 24 years of experience in Blue Island and has the knowledge and experience to keep the City's streets safe. Fire Chief David Haywood has been a firefighter in Blue Island his entire career and knows the department well, He will be following his father's footsteps as Fire Chief and has strong roots in Blue Island.

Alderman Fahrenwald expressed his excitement regarding both appointment and congratulated both Police Chief Farr and Fire Chief Haywood.

Alderman Rita congratulated both the police chief and the fire chief.

Aldermen Montoya, Carr and Roll echoed the same sentiment by congratulating both the new police chief and the new fire chief.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman also congratulated the new Chiefs.

Police Chief Farr was thankful for the appointment. He also thanked all the members of the police department for their hard work and support.

Fire Chief Haywood also expressed thanks for the appointment and his expressed his excitement to give back to the City and its' residents.

City Clerk:

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that there will be an Annual Black History Celebration on 2/26/22 at 4 p.m. at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that the first Earth Day/community clean up meeting would be held Wednesday, 1/26/22 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council regarding the status of the Hometown Heroes program.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the Park District Ice Rink is open Monday to Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday from noon until 9 p.m. She indicated that skate rentals are also available at the park.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman wished a happy early birthday to Jim Poelsterl.

City Attorney:

a. Ordinance No. 2022-006: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Ordinance Number 2021-045 Relating to the Vacation of an Alley in Blue Island Ridge Subdivision due to a Scrivener's Error.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-006.

Ayes: 5 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Johnson, McGee
Abstention: 0

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

- b. Ordinance No. 2022-007: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title III, Chapter 39 “Fee and Fine Schedule” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2022-007.

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

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

- c. Attorney’s Report.**

No attorney’s report.

- 9) City Administrator Announcements/Reports/Comments**

No comments.

- 10) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked Public Works for the great work in plowing the streets. He also mentioned that the Forestry Board held its first meeting and he believed Valerie Kehoe would be an asset to the Board. He indicated the Forestry Board has plans for the 2022 year and would be requesting a line item in the City’s appropriation ordinance.

Alderman Rita also thanked Public Works for great snow plowing. She also acknowledged her appreciation for the Blue Island Police Department’s quick response to an issue on the east side the week prior.

The Mayor stated that snowplows were ordered for the Public Works Department; but that there is a backlog, and the City is unlikely to receive the new trucks in 2022. Based on this, the Mayor and Jim Poelsterl visited the County to see if they could assist with providing equipment. The Mayor reported that in the first snow storm, the City lost four trucks and with the last snow fall, the City lost one truck; and so, the City's old fleet of Public Works trucks is quickly dwindling.

- 11) **Adjournment to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to go into Executive Session.

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

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

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to resume regular meeting.

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

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

The Mayor stated that the City Council discussed the possible settlement of a lawsuit during executive session.

Motion for Adjournment

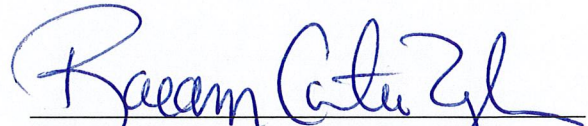
Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.

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


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

The meeting was adjourned 7:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
25th DAY OF JANUARY 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor