

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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 October 11, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita (7:04), Montoya
(7:02), McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent:

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
 Jairo Frausto, Treasurer
 Erin Blake, City Attorney
 Tom Wogan, City Administrator
 Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr to approve the City Council Minutes from September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita (7:04), Montoya (7:02)

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the 6:00 and 6:15 Special Meetings of City Council on September 29, 2022.

Ayes: 6 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Rita (7:04)
Abstention: 0

There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Fahrenwald requested that revisions be made to the minutes for the 6:00 pm Special Meeting of City Council for 9/29/22.

5) **Public Comment**

Thomas Madrigal, a Blue Island resident, stated that a dog attacked a neighbor who was walking around the neighborhood; called the police, but the dog's owner never answered. He mentioned that many cars on his block lack city stickers and that he wanted an update on the Francisco bridge.

A Blue Island resident complained that the home at 2754 Desplaines Street has a lot of garbage, and nothing has been done by the City or the owner to remediate the same. She noted that this issue has been present for some time.

Allan Stevo commented on the cost of third-party attorney services versus in house counsel.

A longtime resident expressed her gratitude to City Council for the repair of her alley.

A resident who was attacked by a dog while out for a walk expressed her desire for stricter laws for pet owners so that no one else is harmed.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

a. **Special Acknowledgement of Blue Island Fire Truck 2114.**

Chief Haywood recognized Lt. Olson and Fire fighters Parillo, and Farias for going above and beyond the call of duty during a fire on August 13th. He also mentioned that this week is Fire Prevention Week.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for September 30, 2022, for \$405,542.68 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Payroll for September 30, 2022, for \$405,542.68 (gross).

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$577,742.49.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for \$577,742.49.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Fahrenwald requested that council take note of the compensation being paid for damage claims at the Golf Course. He also stated that he would like more detail on Burke Engineering invoices.

c. Resolution No. 2022-035: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Setting the Date and Hours for Trick or Treating in the City for Halloween 2022.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-035.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

d. Resolution No. 2022-036: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, to Authorize and Approve an IGA between the Cook County Sheriff and the City of Blue Island Regarding the Cook ETSB 9-1-1 System.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-036.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

e. Resolution No. 2022-037: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve an Agreement with Quicket Solutions, Inc.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-037.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

f. Ordinance No. 2022-049: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title XV (“Land Usage”), Chapter 166 (“Zoning”) in Relation to the Zoning of Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishments.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-049.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- g. Ordinance No. 2022-054: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title III (“Administration”), Chapter 33 (“Fire and Police Departments; Emergency Services”) of the Blue Island City Code in Relation to Fire Recovery Billing Rates.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-054.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- h. Resolution No. 2022-038: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Submittal of a Grant Application for ITEP Funds for the Western Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-038.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- i. Resolution No. 2022-039: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Proposal Regarding the Placement of a Loading Zone at 12757 S. Western.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-039.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- j. Resolution No. 2022-045: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook on behalf of the Department of Transportation and Highways and the City regarding grant money for Pedestrian Improvement Projects on Western Ave.**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-045.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- k. Ordinance No. 2022-055: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City**

of Blue Island and the AFSCME Council 31, Local 1172, Blue Island Municipal Services Department.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-055.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- 1. Ordinance No. 2022-056: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving a Municipal Materials Management Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Waste Materials, Recycling, and Yard Waste Services by and between the City of Blue Island and LRS Waste Management Services.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-056.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Rita stated that by Lakeshore picking up bulk garbage, Public Works employees would have more time to do other important things around the city.

Alderman Fahrenwald sought clarification on the definition of bulk goods.

City Attorney, Erin Blake, stated the white goods are not included in the definition of bulk goods and there is a fifty-pound weight limit for all bulk goods.

Alderman McGee confirmed that residents are still able to call Public Works for pick-up of bigger items.

m. Motion to Award Bid for Asphalt Project at Fire Station No. 2 to Bell Blacktop, Inc. in the Amount of \$26,000.00

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr to approve Bell Blacktop, Inc. for \$26,000.00.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

n. Resolution No. 2022-046: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Proposal for a Cal Sag Liability Insurance Policy from Alliant/Mesirow.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-046.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

o. Resolution No. 2022-047: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Lease Agreement with Harris Golf Cars Sales and Service for Meadows of Blue Island.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-047.

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

Nays: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that, while \$900 is not a lot, he will not vote on anything related to the golf course until it has liability insurance.

Alderman Johnson expressed the need to have a separate meeting relating to the golf course.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that they are actively seeking liability insurance coverage for the City as a whole, which would include the golf course.

Alderman Roll expressed support for the Golf Course but expressed concern about liability. He wants to look at it closely over the next six months.

- p. Ordinance No. 2022-057: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in Anticipation of the Collection of Taxes Levied for the Year 2021 for Road and Bridge Purposes Directing the County Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector for the County of Cook, Illinois to Deposit Amounts as Stated Herein.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-057.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- q. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.**

The Mayor informed the City that the streets crew had hit three gas lines, causing work to be halted. In addition, he reported that work had slowed due to cement not being readily available.

The Mayor announced the completion of the second newsletter mailing. He noted that a City newsletter will be mailed every 3-4 months. The Alderman can include information in the newsletter by contacting the City Administrator.

The Mayor informed the City that fire hydrants and curbs are being painted throughout the City.

The Mayor informed the City that they hired a new Public Works Supervisor, Michael Schroeder, who has 30 years of experience. He stated Phil Bretz will be assisting Schroeder with the transition.

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

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, wanted to thank everyone who went to the Community Health Fair this past Saturday. It was a great success.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that all scarecrows need to be up by Sunday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to attend the Day of the Dead festivities on 11/2/22 from 6 pm – 9 pm at York and Western. She noted that the City is looking for vendors for the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that the Kringle Mart will be held on 12/3/22. She invited residents to stop by the Clerk's office if they are interested in being a part of the parade or a craft vendor.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Blue Island Fire Department will be serving coffee and sweet rolls from 9 am to 11 am as part of Fire Prevention Week.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the city that the Park District will hold Trunk or Treat on 10/29/22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for candy distribution; however, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., they will have hayrides, touch a truck, food vendors, a petting zoo, and Blue Island Beer Company with fall specials.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, wanted to wish Tom Wogan and Jason Slattery a very happy birthday.

10) **Treasurer's Report**

a. Motion to approve September 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Roll for the September 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

City Treasurer, Jairo Frausto, informed the City they received bond funds in the amount of \$932,000 which will be reflected in next month's treasury report.

11) **City Attorney's Report**

a. Attorney's Announcements.

No announcements.

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

a. City Administrator's Report.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, indicated that all Aldermen should have received an updated City Code with seven years of codification.

13) **Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

The Mayor stated that Public Works placed 33 garbage cans on Western, north of 127th Street.

Alderman Fahrenwald greeted the new Public Works Superintendent and thanked Phil Bretz for his outstanding work during the transition. He also emphasized the importance of staying healthy and noted that covid numbers are increasing while vaccination rates are decreasing. He stated that his wife had four family members who recently were diagnosed with Covid.

Alderman Johnson thanked Thomas Wogan and Public Works for assisting him with his second ward cleanup. He intends to do it more frequently to keep the neighborhood clean. He invited everyone to a football game this Sunday at noon at 31st and Pulaski. He invited Tom Wogan and the Mayor to show up to help him celebrate his birthday. Lastly, he emphasized the importance of responsible pet ownership.

14) **Motion for Adjournment**

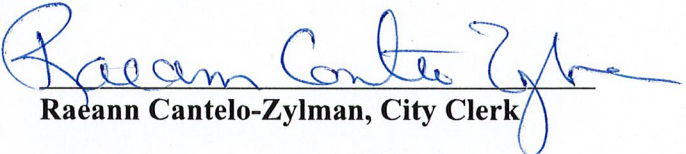
Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0


There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 8:04 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled October 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor