

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:01 p.m. on October 12, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	7	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Absent:	0	
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney Jairo Frausto, Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman McGee to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several residents gave public comment urging the City to take action regarding the dangerous nature of 127th Street between Kedzie Ave. and Western Ave. and cited to the recent three accidents involving children on that street.

The Mayor stated the City is working with the Police Department to take proactive measures. He is also reaching out to the City’s three legislators for their assistance and has contacted IDOT, who owns the road.

Mr. Allen Stevo asked the Council to table the ordinance in regard to the granting of a special use permit to Island Thyme LLC.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION – THERESE SCHULTZ

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman McGee to Adopt the Proclamation.

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.

Mrs. Therese Schultz, a resident of Blue Island, turns 100 years old on October 21, 2021. She worked as a nurse at St. Francis Hospital and volunteered in the community for forty years after her retirement. She has four children and eight grandchildren.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor:

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for October 1, 2021 for \$388,261.14 (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.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Accounts Payable for \$580,804.51.

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.

Ordinance No. 2021-47: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMITTING ISLAND THYME, LLC TO OPERATE WITHIN THE C-1 DISTRICT.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to TABLE the Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-47.

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

There being two (2) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Montoya to Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-47.

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.

Ordinance No. 2021-48: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTRY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMITTING JESSICA BLANCO/EL CORTEZ FOOD SERVICES TO OPERATE WITHIN THE U-TOD DISTRICT.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to TABLE Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-48.

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

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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor stated the City's street light upgrade to LED lighting began.

The Mayor stated he met with an Artisan Ice Cream Shop regarding its interest in opening a business in the City.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Christmas Light Parade Fundraiser will be at Double Play on Friday, 10/15/21, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Scarecrow event is this Saturday, 10/16/21.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Day of the Dead event will be held on 11/2/21 at 6 p.m. on York and Western. Please drop off copies of pictures at the Clerk’s office. Vendor spots are still open.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated City Hall will have Halloween decorations.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated Maribel Salgado and her Realtor Executive Firm donated trees to the city and Val Kehoe has been planting them. Thank you to Jim Poelsterl for picking them up.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated First Responders Day is Saturday October 16th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the John D. Rita Center.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated all bids for the sale of City-owned properties will be opened tomorrow night at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the hours for the City Clerk’s office have changed effective Monday, 10/18/21.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated Trunk or Treat for Blue Island Park District will be 10/30/21 at 2 p.m.

CITY TREASURER’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve the Treasurer’s Report ending September 30, 2021.

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

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

Tom Wogan, City Administrator, will provide revenue/expenditure reports at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY

Resolution No. 2021-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-49.

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.

Chief Farr stated the Police Department would like to partner with the Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team. It is a new program the CCSO is launching to provide medically licensed clinician assistance to the police department.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Johnson invited everyone to attend the First Responders event on 10/16/21, at the John D. Rita Center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Alderman Rita encouraged the support of Lopez Tires and thanked them for fixing her tires. They are located at 12401 Vincennes Road.

Alderman Rita stated over the past seven months three Eisenhower students have been hit on 127th. One of the children was buried on her 17th birthday, second one is in a wheel chair, and last student is in a coma. The students, teachers, and staff want to help the city make a change if its making petitions or contacting IDOT.

Alderman McGee wanted an update on the 119th street resurfacing project. The Mayor stated the Contractor is scheduled to start on 10/17/21 and that they are committed to completing the project by December.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

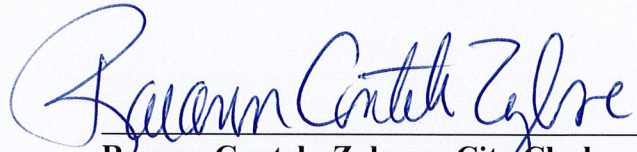
Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

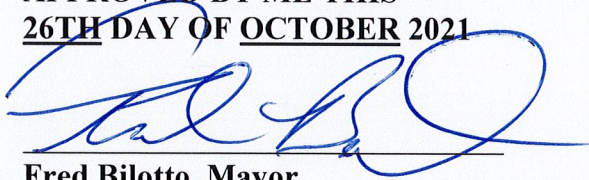
The meeting was adjourned 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor