

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:01 p.m. on November 9, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya,
McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent: 1 Johnson

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Jairo Frausto, Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021.

Ayes: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr,
Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerned citizen wanted to know the status of the Tahoes.

A resident informed the Aldermen that she has lived in Blue Island for twenty-two years and only once has had the asphalt in her alley resurfaced. She reported that because there is no place to park in front of her house, she has to use her garage. She stated her alley is in very bad shape and has damaged her vehicle on multiple occasions. She would like to see her alley fixed.

Mr. Ted Nelson informed the Aldermen and Mayor that would like to see redevelopment of the sidewalk, new landscaping, and lighting near the Vermont Street railroad station.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor:

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Payroll for October 29, 2021 for \$371,274.34 (gross).

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald stated he would not vote at the next meeting to approve payroll unless he was provided with sufficient information from the administration regarding the increased payroll spending in the last several months.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to approve Accounts Payable for \$383608.42.

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

There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion not carried.

The Mayor swore in Mr. Scott a newly appointed fire fighter for the City of Blue Island.

Resolution No. 2021-051: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-051.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2021-54: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE XI, CHAPTER 111, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS RELATED TO LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS AND FEES.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-54.

Ayes: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor extended his condolences to Carol DiPace-Greene's family. He informed the Council and residents that DiPace-Greene's wake and mass was being held Saturday 11/13/21 at St. Walter's Church at 11 a.m.

The Mayor stated water had been restored to the Village of Dixmoor. However, the temporary water main placed by the City of Blue Island would remain in place in case there were any unforeseeable issues in the future.

The Mayor reported that he invited VSUSA to the next City Council meeting on 11/23/21 to discuss their desired plans for the hospital.

The Mayor mentioned that the 2022 tax levy must pass by the end of December.

The Mayor stated Hitchcock Design submitted their final draft for streetscaping on Olde Western.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Day of the Dead event was a success and she thanked the committee and the community for the support.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the hours in the City Clerk's office have officially changed.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Light Parade Committee has been working hard. The plan is to have all events, including a Kringle Mart, petting zoo, pony rides, train ride, and a bear ride. These events will kick-off at 2 p.m. The Mayor will light up the City Christmas Tree at York and Western before the parade. Larry Garetto will be the Grand Marshall for the parade. There is still time to be part of the parade.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated she will be starting a black History committee and requested interested residents to contact her at City Hall.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated California Gardens of Love Baptized Church is having their annual Thanksgiving and will be providing hot free meals to attendees on November 20th from 12 p.m. – 3p.m.

CITY TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the Treasurer’s Report ending October 31, 2021.

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

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

City Treasurer Jairo Frausto stated that the audit should be finalized by the next City Council meeting and as soon as he has a digital copy, he will send it out.

CITY ATTORNEY

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

City Administrator Tom Wogan stated once the codification is completed by American Legal Services everyone will get a copy of the City Code.

City Administrator Tom Wogan stated Human Resources has started to receive proof of vaccination from employees in accordance with the recently enacted policy, as well as requests for religious exemptions. The City has informed employees of the free Covid testing available at the Cook County Public Health facility.

City Administrator Tom Wogan reiterated when the audit is completed, the City will start the appropriations process.

City Administrator Tom Wogan stated that there is a great interest on a comprehensive liability insurance policy and is working with Alliance and CCMSI on options.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Fahrenwald will not be attending services for Carol DiPace-Greene since he will be out-of-town. He stated that he developed a great affection for her and was sad to learn about her passing.

Alderman McGee shared the same sentiment regarding Carol DiPace-Greene. He also asked to contact the contractors on 119th and request that they tape off areas near the cubs for resident safety.

ADJOURNMENT TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to enter Executive Session.

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

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

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.

Roll Call

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to Adjourn Executive Session.

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

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

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to resume regular meeting.

Ayes: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

Mayor stated there was a discussion regarding a PTAB Case with the City Attorney during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: 6 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

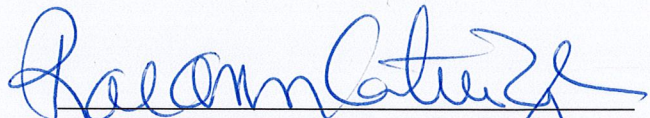
Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

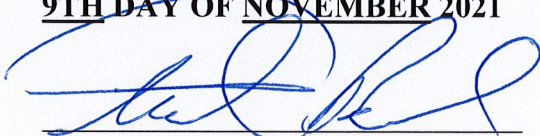
There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled November 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor