

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 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 November 22, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr
Absent:	2	Fahrenwald, Roll
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 Montoya to approve the City Council Minutes from the October 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

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

5) Public Comment

The presented reported that a donor, who wished to remain anonymous, gave a generous gift to the city. The gift contained restored and framed photographs of all of the mayors in Blue Island since 1901.

Mr. Madrigal thanked the city for paving 135th Street.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

The Mayor swore in three new fire fighters Zachary Koenig, Christian Ramirez, and Nicholas Abboud.

a. Proclamation for Werner Luenser's 100th Birthday

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Rita to approve the Proclamation for Werner Luesner's 100th Birthday.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor wished Mr. Luenser a wonderful birthday.

b. Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor declared April 29, 2022 Arbor Day which is a day set aside for planting trees in order to combat climate change.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for November 10, 2022, for \$484,541.77 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman McGee to approve Payroll for November 10, 2022, for \$484,541.77 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

b. Motion for Approval of Payroll for October 28, 2022, for \$429,057.64 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve Payroll for October 28, 2022, for \$429,057.64 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

c. Motion for Approval of the Manual Run of Accounts Payable for November 9, 2022, for \$316,818.50.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to approve the Manual Run Accounts Payable for November 9, 2022, for \$316,818.50.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

d. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$2,005,774.61.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson to approve Accounts Payable for \$2,005,774.61.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Rita inquired about the availability of money in the road fund for the most recent street repairs. The Mayor stated that the majority of the accounts payable was dedicated to payment to Gallagher Construction for the recent road improvements and that the funds for that payment came from the capital improvements account.

e. Resolution No. 2022-050: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve No. 1 Amendment To the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Blue Island and Meade, Inc.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-050.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman McGee inquired as to how many locations Meade serviced. The Mayor noted he believed the number to be under 20; but would verify the same.

f. Resolution No. 2022-051: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 13159 S. Artesian, Blue Island, Illinois.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-051.

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

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

- g. Resolution No. 2022-052: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 12419 S. Greenwood, Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-052.

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

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

- h. Resolution No. 2022-053: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and School District 218 Regarding the Resurfacing of Sacramento Ave.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-053.

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

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

- i. Resolution No. 2022-054: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.**

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-054.

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

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

- j. Motion to Award Bid for Property located at 2122 W. 119th Place, Blue Island, Illinois to Fast Start Construction and Rescind Award to Taryn Johnson.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Rita to Award Bid for Property located at 2122 W. 119th Place.

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

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

Alderman McGee inquired as to the rescission by Taryn Johnson. City Attorney, Erin Blake, noted she informed the City that she did not have funds available at that time to complete the purchases.

- k. Motion to Award Bid for Property located at 2135 W. 121st Place, Blue Island, Illinois to Fast Start Construction and Rescind Award to Taryn Johnson.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr to Award Bid for Property located at 2135 W. 121st Place.

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll
Abstention: 0

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

I. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor informed the City that the street construction is wrapping up and tree planting and landscaping will be completed in the spring.

The Mayor informed the Council that Burke Engineering will be attending the next meeting to discuss the future street program for 2023. He also noted that there would only be two meetings in December.

The Mayor stated that the Light Parade will be 12/3/22 as well as the tree lighting ceremony.

The Mayor noted that the City would have a reindeer on York and Western on 12/17/22.

The Mayor wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to attend the "Shop Blue Island All Day and Night" event on 11/26/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that the attend the Light Parade would occur on 12/3/22. She reminded everyone that the Kringle Mart opens at 2 pm. She stated that there will be rides for kids, a petting zoo, a train, and pony rides. In addition, the Mayor was lighting the tree between 4:30 and 5 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that she would provide more details in the future regarding the New Year's Eve ball drop on 12/31/2022.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that the Park District is having several Christmas activities including Gingerbread House Decorating on 12/9, Santa Train Trip on 12/10, Holiday Contest on 12/11, Senior Holiday Luncheon on 12/13, Stocking Delivery on 12/17, and the Santa house would be at York and Western every weekend following the Christmas Light Parade from 4 – 6 pm.

10) Treasurer's Report

a. Motion to Approve October 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Carr for the October 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

b. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments

No report.

11) City Attorney's Report

a. Attorney's Announcements/Comments

No report.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated the City appreciates all the effort in coordinating these holiday events, especially working together on the Santa House.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, noted that on 12/13/22 the City would announce the 2022 Tax Levy and thereafter would request the same from the county. The tax levy requested would be approximately \$9,221,529.00 which includes both the City and the library.

b. Resolution No. 2022-055: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the City's Application to Cook County Government Surplus Property Donation Pilot Program for Heavy Equipment.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-055.

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

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

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Rita noted that Eisenhower High School is having their first annual Winter Wonderland on 12/7/22 from 6 pm until 8 pm. They will have free photos with Santa, arts and crafts, holiday music, games, snacks, hot cocoa. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Johnson stated that the Blue Island Untouchables had their super bowl game on Saturday at Eisenhower High School and the score was 35-39.

Alderman McGee requested that Burke Engineering be present at the Committee of the Whole and thanked Public Works for their prompt response to the 119th Place issue.

14) Executive Session

Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee; and 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 McGee to go into Executive Session.

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

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

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

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

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

The Mayor stated City Council discussed lawsuit settlements.

15) Motion for Adjournment

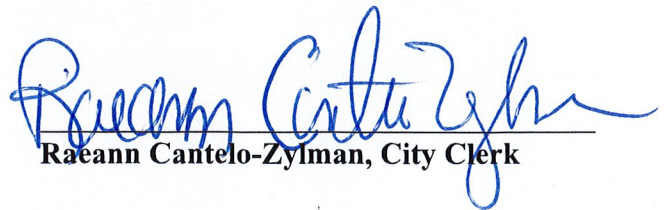
Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting.

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


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

The meeting was adjourned 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor