

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 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 7:00 p.m. on November 23, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Absent:	2	Johnson (arrived 7:12 p.m.), McGee
Present Also:		Racann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Montoya to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

Ayes:	5	Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson (arrived 7:12 p.m.), McGee
Abstention:	0	

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

Alderman Fahrenwald noted scrivener's errors within the meeting minutes which he requested be revised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A Pastor who purchased Saint Philip Lutheran Church located 2500 121st Street introduced himself to City Council and informed them that his church had passed out turkeys to residents the prior weekend.

The Mayor acknowledged the entrance of Alderman Johnson at 7:12 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VSUSA PRESENTATION

Dan McNulty introduced a project proposal for the old hospital to City Council to gauge their interest/concerns prior to proceeding through the City processes. A power point presentation was provided and VSUSA representatives responded to questions from the Aldermen and Mayor. In summary, the project proposed would be a mixed use development with an urgent care center, a vocational education and training school for veterans, managed by Thunderbird, and a student housing center managed by Capstone Property Management.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor:

- 1. Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Rita to approve Payroll for November 12, 2021, for \$340,635.82 (gross).**

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald questioned why the Check Register showed that employee Reyna Alvarado had a net pay of zero. Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska, responded to Alderman Fahrenwald's inquiry. Alderman Fahrenwald also informed the Council that he

was approving this payroll after being provided with helpful information relating to payroll increases by Alderman Roll.

2. Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Rita to approve Accounts Payable for \$336,028.25.

Ayes: 5 Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Nays: 1 Johnson
Absent: 1 McGee
Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired regarding the amount paid to CCMSI. City Administrator, Tom Wogan, responded to Alderman Fahrenwald's inquiry.

Alderman Fahrenwald also inquired about expenses reimbursed by the City for Day of the Dead event supplies.

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired about the payment made to the South Suburban Land Bank. The Mayor responded to his inquiry.

3. MOTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FORESTRY BOARD.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to Approve of the Mayor's Appointment of the following individuals to the Forestry Board: Val Kehoe (Chair), Trinidad Rojas, Brian Meadows, Sandy Erfft, and Lindsey Sinde.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired regarding Valerie Kehoe's awareness of the recommended appointments. The Mayor responded to his inquiry.

4. MOTION TO UTILIZE A ROAD FUND IN THE 2022 APPROPRIATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to Utilize a Road Fund For Administrative Purposes in the 2022 Appropriation.

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

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

5. Ordinance No. 2021-055: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 30.01, "MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL" OF CHAPTER 30, "CITY COUNCIL" OF TITLE III, "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-055.

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

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

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor stated he attended a meeting at Eisenhower High School with IDOT, State Representative Bob Rita, School District 218, Alderman Roll, Alderman Rita, Alderman McGee, and Alderman Carr. IDOT indicated that they are conducting a two month study of the area and recommended the City refrain from implementing new measures to deal with the issues on 127th Street until after the study has been completed.

The Mayor informed City Council of the Police Department's implementation of its collaboration with the new Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team.

The Mayor promoted the City Light Parade. He informed City Council that the parade would be held on 12/4/21 and would include a lot of activities for kids starting at 2 p.m., the tree lighting at 5 p.m., and then a long light parade. He assured City Council that staff is aware of what happened in Wisconsin, and the City is addressing it accordingly by blocking additional streets in the area of the parade.

The Mayor stated the construction on 119th and Collins will be finished soon.

The Mayor reported that Burke Engineering applied for the Governor's state grant to offset the streetscaping project cost.

The Mayor also reported that he met with Olde Western Pizza Company and that that business was moving right along with the paperwork process in the building department. He also informed Council that there is a new seafood restaurant taking over the location of Tenochtitlan and is nearly getting ready to open.

City Clerk:

1. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman reported that the light parade committee had been working tirelessly to have a great event on 12/4/2021. The event included a Kringle Mart, petting zoo, pony rides, train rides, and a bear ride. The Mayor would be lighting up the City Christmas Tree at York and Western before the parade. Larry Garetto would be the Grand Marshall for the parade. The Santa house, horses, and wagon rides will follow the parade.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the City is working on a New Years Eve event.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated she will be starting a Black History committee and asked those interested in joining to call the City Clerk's office.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Church were holding their annual bake sale and sloppy joe lunch on 12/4/21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City Treasurer:

1. City Treasurer's Announcements

None.

City Attorney:

- 1. Resolution No. 2021-52: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN CASE NUMBER 19-CV-690.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-52.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 1 Johnson

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

- 2. Resolution No. 2021-53: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS AND THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-53.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 0

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

- 3. Resolution No. 2021-54: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEADE, INC. AND THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

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

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGee
Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Johnson asked if Meade Electric is responsible for maintaining red light cameras. The Mayor responded to his inquiry.

- 4. Resolution No. 2021-55: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS SUPPORTING A CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION BY FOUNDERS BANK ATUT No. 5240 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2338 NEW STREET, CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-55.

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

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

- 5. Resolution No. 2021-56: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPOINTING DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MARK PATOSKA, AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN LAND BANK AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-56.

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

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

- 6. Ordinance No. 2021-56: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 72.14 "HANDICAPPED PARKING; UNIFORM REGULATIONS" OF TITLE VII "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-56.

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

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

- 7. Ordinance No. 2021-57: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON CERTAIN STREETS SURROUNDING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-57.

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

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

- 8. Resolution No. 2021-57: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-57.

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, provided an update regarding the City employees' compliance with the newly implemented COVID-19 testing and vaccination policy.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, reported that the preliminary audit is still pending completion.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, informed City Council regarding tax levys. He stated that the City would not be increasing the levy by more than 5%; and therefore, a public hearing was not necessary.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, stated City Hall will be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Fahrenwald reported that Val Kehoe received an Arboretum Award.

Alderman Johnson inquired about the status of the reimbursement for a damaged fence for a resident located at 3013 141st Street.

Alderman Johnson also requested a forensic audit report.

Alderman Johnson promoted a coat and food give-away on 12/18/21.

Alderman Roll stated he is happy to review with the Alderman his investigations into the payroll increase and his recommendations for payroll appropriations.

Alderman Rita stated she's collecting cereal boxes for Angel's Touch. Please bring your favorite cereal and drop it off at City Hall, Blue Island Park District, State Representative Rita's Office, and/or Calumet Township. The deadline is 12/10/21.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

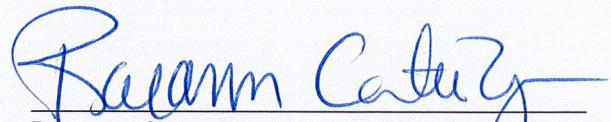
Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 0

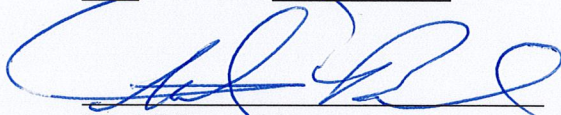
There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 8:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled December 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor