

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

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 December 12, 2023.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	6	Carr, Roll, Montoya, Fahrenwald, Rita, McGee
Absent:	1	Johnson
Present Also:	4	Racann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk 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 Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the November 15, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

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

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting.

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

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

5) **Public Comment**

Mission Covenant Church thanked the city for resurfacing Collins Street. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Allan Stevo inquired regarding the necessity of two administrators and stated that he does not agree with the plans for the hospital.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

a. **Proclamation – Dwight D. Eisenhower High School Band and Orchestra.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the Proclamation for Dwight D. Eisenhower High School Band and Orchestra.

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

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

The Mayor expressed appreciation to each and every student for their efforts and congratulated them on winning all of those awards.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for December 8, 2023, for \$453,428.54 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Payroll for December 8, 2023 for \$453,428.54 (gross).

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

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

b. Motion for Approval of Payroll for December 13, 2023, for \$1,425,581.89 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Payroll for December 13, 2023 for \$1,425,581.89 (gross).

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

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

c. Ordinance 2023-043: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Regarding the Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-043.

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

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

City Attorney, Erin Blake, stated that the Illinois Municipal League recommended the adoption of this ordinance, prior to the effective date of the new law, in order to allow the City to adopt its own procedures for paid leave.

d. Resolution 2023-044: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Design-Build Agreement with Burke, LLC for Olde Western Streetscape Project, Stage 1.5.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-044.

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

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

Travis Parry from Burke Engineering stated there are two phases for which the City has federal funding, which includes streetscapes from 127th to 119th Street.

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired regarding the source of the funding for this contract. The Mayor stated the funding would be from the business district and the water and sewer accounts for any sewer work required.

e. Ordinance 2023-044: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Regarding Sale of Personal Surplus Property Owned by the City.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-044.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald expressed discontentment with the description of this property as "personal."

f. Ordinance 2023-045: The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-045.

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

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

g. Resolution 2023-045: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve Agreements with Olde Western Blue Island, LLC.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-045.

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

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

h. Resolution 2023-046: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 2811 Broadway Street.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-046.

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

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

- i. Resolution 2023-047: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 12157 Western.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-047.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired as to why the City was selling the property. Erin Blake, City Attorney, indicated that the City only received one bid for the property in the amount of \$5,000.

- j. Ordinance 2023-046: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 165 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Schedule of Use Controls, Parking and Loading Facilities, and Definitions.**

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to TABLE Ordinance No. 2023-046.

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

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

- k. Motion to Approve Murphy Construction Service's bid in the amount of \$771,124.92 for the Blue Island 2024 Alley Resurfacing Project.**

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Roll to Approve Murphy Construction Service's Bid.

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

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

Travis Parry from Burke Engineering reported that the proposal included 60 alleys and three parking lots, and that six bids were opened.

l. Resolution 2023-048: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Implementation of the Updated City Policy and Procedure Handbook.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-048.

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

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

m. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor informed the City Council that this is the year's final meeting and his third December meeting as Mayor. The Clerk, Treasurer, and Mayor purchased Italian bread for the Council as a gift, and the City purchased polo shirts for staff and the Council. He noted that a lot has transpired in the last two and a half years, and he is grateful to everyone who has played a part. He also stated he wishes the Blue Island City Council, Administration, and Citizens a Merry Christmas.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the New Year's Eve Ball Drop in front of the Lyric Theater on December 31, 2023. She noted that there would be music and fireworks.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the 4th of July parade in 2024 and encouraged participants to stop by the City Clerk's Office to sign up for floats and/or bands.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, asked the City Council whether they planned to attend the City Christmas celebration and if so, to contact her after the meeting.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, encouraged everyone to go to the Santa and live reindeer visit on 12/16/23 on York and Western from 12 pm to 2 pm

10) Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Report November 2023.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya for November 2023 Treasurer's Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

b. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments

No comment.

11) City Attorney's Report

a. Attorney's Announcements/Comments

No comment.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan stated that a draft of the audit had been completed that portrays a generally positive picture. He would be in the process of forwarding the same to the Council.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the Council that Lockwood Development representatives would be giving a thorough presentation on the hospital PUD proposal at the upcoming meeting. He asked City Council members to let him know if they were interested in touring the Aurora facility. He stated he would try to schedule a tour for 1/4/23.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked the 4th Ward Neighborhood Watch group for attending the meeting.

Alderman Rita thanked the Mayor and Clerk for the gifts, wished the Clerk a happy birthday, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman McGee praised the Village of Hazel Crest for honoring his late cousin for his community service. He also expressed thanks to all of the Blue Island locals that donate their time to the City.

14) Adjourn to 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.

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

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

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 Roll to Reconvene.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor stated the Council discussed possible litigation.

15) **Motion for Adjournment**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Fred Bilotto, Mayor

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024**

Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk