

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 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 December 13, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 5 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll

Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Jairo Frausto, Treasurer
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Tom Wogan, City Administrator
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Montoya to approve the City Council Minutes from November 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

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

5) **Public Comment**

No public comment.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

a. Audit Presentation: Baker Tilly

Baker Tilly wished to express its gratitude to Mark Patoska and Lauren Pflugradt for their assistance with the audit. The highlights of the audit were explained and all of the Aldermen’s questions regarding the audit were answered satisfactorily.

8) **Mayor’s Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for November 25, 2022, for \$383,094.89 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for November 25, 2022, for \$383,094.89 (gross).

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

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

b. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for December 9, 2022, for \$400,534.41 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for December 9, 2022, for \$400,534.41 (gross).

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

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

c. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$773,241.39.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Accounts Payable for \$773,241.39.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald questioned why Eagles received \$3,500 for its parking lot via the façade program. The Mayor explained that the façade program provides monies for all exterior areas of a business visible from the street.

Alderman Fahrenwald also inquired about the grant received by Ophelia’s Banquets, a business that had not yet opened and had never paid into the tax fund. The Mayor explained that the façade program application does not require the business to be open.

Alderman Fahrenwald also asked about the \$8,500 sinkhole expense.

d. Ordinance No. 2022-063: An Ordinance Levying Taxes in the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Alderman Carr second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-063.

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

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

e. Ordinance No. 2022-064: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title V (“Public Works”), Chapter 50 (“Garbage”), Section 50.08 of the City Code to Manage Winter Street Parking.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-064.

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

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

- f. **Ordinance No. 2022-065: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title XV (“Land Usage”), Chapter 150 (“Building Regulations; Construction”), Section 150.101 (“Construction Specifications”) of the City Code to address Fines relating to Failure to Maintain Off Street Parking Areas.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-065.

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

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

- g. **Resolution No. 2022-056: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fast Start Construction for City Owned Property located at 2122 119th Place.**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-056.

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

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

- h. Resolution No. 2022-057: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fast Start Construction for City Owned Property located at 2135 W. 121st Place.**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-057.

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

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

- i. Resolution No. 2022-058: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Release and Settlement Agreement in Case Number 20-L-5547.**

Motion by Alderman Carr second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-058.

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

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

- j. Resolution No. 2022-059: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Release and Settlement Agreement in Case Number 22-CH-2905.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-059.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

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

k. Motion to Approve Residency Stipend for all City Employees and placement of the same in the City of Blue Island Employee Handbook.

Motion by Alderman Johnson second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Stipend.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

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

a. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor informed the City that the final Committee of the Whole meeting of the year will be held tomorrow at 6 p.m.

The Mayor informed the Council that Burke Engineering would be able to attend a City Council meeting in January to discuss the 2023 Road Program.

The Mayor informed the Council that the street project was completed, but that remaining landscaping, and sodding would have to be addressed in the spring. The contractor planned to plant trees approved by the Forestry Board.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked the Christmas Light Parade Committee for a great turnout. She also thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments and all staff from the City for their hard work on the Christmas parade event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reported that Santa will be at York and Western from 6 pm until 8 pm on 12/16/22 and 12/21/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reported that Santa and reindeers would be at York and Western from 4 pm until 6 pm on 12/17/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that the New Year's Eve ball drop location would be at York and Western in front of the Lyric Theater.

10) Treasurer's Report

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

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Carr for the November 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

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

b. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments

City Treasurer, Jairo Frausto, wanted to thank Tom and Mark for all their work on the audit.

11) City Attorney's Report

a. Attorney's Announcements/Comments

No comment.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. Ordinance No. 2022-066: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title II ("Administration"), Chapter 34 ("Personnel Policies"), Section 34.06 ("Policy Rules and Regulations Concerning Contributions for Insurance for Employees") of the City Code regarding Employee Insurance Contributions.

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-066.

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

Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Rita, McGee
 Abstention: 0

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

b. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments

City Administrator, Tom Wogan stated that the audit was now complete. The staff would turn their attention and focus to appropriations in the New Year and would be scheduling meetings with department heads. He invited all aldermen to participate in the meetings with the Department heads.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend the employee’s Christmas party at the Lyric Theater.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Roll wanted to express his gratitude to the Park District for its assistance in the early school release between Whittier and Kerr. He also thanked the Christmas Light Parade Committee for putting on such a fantastic event, which exceeded all expectations. He noted that the city looked fantastic.

Alderman Johnson expressed gratitude to the Christmas Light Committee and stated that the Untouchables had a great time riding with Airline Towing. He also thanked Public Works for handling some special projects.

Alderman Fahrenwald informed the Council that the Forestry Board had their final meeting of the year and that the grant application they had submitted was still being processed. Public Works Supervisor, Mike Schroeder, was thanked for his attendance and support at the meetings.

Alderman Carr also thanked the Christmas Light Committee, police, fire, public works, and everyone else who helped make the event a success.

14) Motion for Adjournment

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

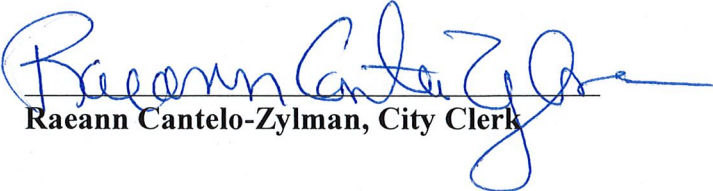
Ayes: 5 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Roll
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Rita, McGee

Abstention: 0

There being five (5) 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 January 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor