

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 February 22, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Johnson, Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Roll
Absent:	2	Rita, Montoya (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2021, Special Meeting of City Council.

Ayes:	5	Johnson, Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Rita, Montoya (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Abstention:	0	

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

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Absent: 2 Rita, Montoya (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Abstention: 0

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

5) **Public Comment**

Longtime resident congratulated new appointments. He has observed speeding vehicles around Salvation Army.

Amber Smith expressed her disappointment with her property damage claim payment by the City.

Resident of Blue Island was appreciative to the City Clerk for the quick turnaround with FOIA responses. She recommended that the City improve its website.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

No new business.

8) **Report of City Officials**

Mayor:

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for February 18, 2022, for \$341,012.49 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for February 18, 2022, for \$341,012.49 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked Alderman Roll for attempting to donate his aldermanic salary to the City.

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$285,094.34.

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable for \$285,094.34.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

c. Review of IDOT Analysis of 127th Street.

The Mayor mentioned that IDOT has completed its analysis of 127th Street and that the Council would discuss it more thoroughly during the Committee of the Whole meeting, as some recommended improvements did not come with funding options from IDOT. However, immediately, Public Works would start with the new recommended signage and lighting in the area.

d. Ordinance No. 2022-009: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Ordinance 90-212 By Modifying Retiree Insurance Coverage.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Johnson to TABLE Ordinance No. 2022-009.

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

Nays: 1 Carr

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

The City Attorney explained the City seeks to enforce the ordinances passed in 1990 and 2014, which provided individual insurance coverage for retired employees only. Further, the ordinance allowed City Council to amend the retiree health insurance coverage; therefore, the City is seeking to eliminate this benefit altogether beginning

June 1, 2022 . The current retirees that are 65 years of age will move to Medicare and retirees who are younger than 65 years old will be moved to the basic hospitalization plan, which is currently the Blue Choice Plan. The City will also standardize premium contributions across the board and seek enforcement of Ordinance 2014-44 which addresses the same.

Alderman Johnson asked how it will affect a retiree if he/she has a pre-existing condition.

Alderman Fahrenwald expressed some concerns for current employees who have been working for the City for a long time and might be excluded from the benefit.

Alderman McGee asked how many retirees would be impacted. Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska specified that there are 75 retirees, approximately 50 of whom are eligible for Medicare.

Alderman Roll asked who will be assisting the retirees with this transition. Deputy City Administrator Mark Patoska stated that he, Laura Beach, and the insurance broker would assist the retirees.

e. Resolution No. 2022-005: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing the Implementation of the Updated City Policy and Procedure Handbook.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-005.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 1 Fahrenwald

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

f. Resolution No. 2022-006: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Sale of City Owned Property at 2728 W. 135th Street, Blue Island, Illinois 60406.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-006.

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Rita
Abstention: 0

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

- g. Resolution No. 2022-007: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Sale of City Owned Property at 12929 S. Mozart Street, Blue Island, Illinois 60406.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-007.

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

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

- h. Ordinance No. 2022-010: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title IX, Chapter 90 “Animals” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2022-010.

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

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

Alderman McGee stated that the ordinance was needed; but requested it be amended to address specifically who determines when the condition has become unsanitary.

- i. **Resolution No. 2022-008: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Proposals from Project Green Environmental Solutions, Inc.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-008.

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

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

- j. **Resolution No. 2022-009: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, To Ratify The Agreement with Rush Truck Centers.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-009.

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

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

- k. **Resolution No. 2022-010: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicles for the Police and Fire Departments in Accordance with the Proposal from Ford Credit Municipal Finance.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of a Resolution No. 2022-010.

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

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Johnson asked if these vehicles would accommodate ALS services. Commander Sepessy explained that all of the vehicles are ford explorers for patrol and for the Fire Department.

Alderman Fahrenwald wanted to know for verification purposes when we are expecting to receive the vehicles. Commander Sepessy specified that two vehicles were immediately available, and the other vehicles would be ready in about a month.

I. Resolution No. 2022-011: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Rebel Creamery.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-011.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Mayor's Report.

The Mayor thanked his administration and Alderman Roll for working on appropriations.

City Clerk:

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman reported the last Committee of the Whole meeting only broadcasted for 34 seconds. Officer Sepessy will be looking into the technical issue.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman from Memorial Day to Labor Day, banners depicting Hometown Heroes will be displayed throughout the City. These banners will

honor the City's veterans. Each flag can be sponsored for \$100.00. If additional information is needed, please reach out to the City Clerk's office.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that there will be a community clean-up for Earth Day on April 23, 2022. The group is looking for sponsors to offset the cost of t-shirts for each of the volunteers. The sponsor's names will be on the t-shirts.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the Black History Month Program is scheduled for 2/26/2022 at 4 p.m. at the John D. Rita Recreation Center. Some of the speakers at the event include Chris Welch, Nina Graham, Sheila Wilson-Collier, Deborah Sims, and Ray Thomas.

Alderman Johnson stressed that they should have marketing material to invite the community to special events because not all residents have access to the internet.

City Attorney:

- a. **Resolution No. 2022-012: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing the Purchase of Golf Course Equipment in Accordance with the Proposal from Burriss Equipment.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Johnson to TABLE Resolution No. 2022-012.

Ayes:	4	Johnson, Fahrenwald, McGee, Roll
Nays:	2	Montoya, Carr
Absent:	1	Rita
Abstention:	0	

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion TABLED.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated it is a significant amount of money that should be considered in appropriations. He also stated he is uncomfortable with self-insuring the golf course.

Motion to RECONSIDER by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of a Resolution No. 2022-012.

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

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Roll stated the responsible way to handle this large purchase is to put it in the appropriation, recognizing the City still owns and operates the golf course.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of a Resolution No. 2022-012.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

b. Ordinance No. 2022-011: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title XI, Chapter 110 “General Licensing Provisions” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2022-011.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

c. Ordinance No. 2022-012: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title IX, Chapter 92 “Fair Housing” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.

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- d. Ordinance No. 2022-013: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 72, “Parking Regulations” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2022-013.

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

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

- e. Ordinance No. 2022-014: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Requiring One-way Vehicular Traffic Within the City and Providing Penalties for Violation of the Same (Veterans Memorial Middle School).**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2022-014.

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

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

f. Attorney’s Report.

No attorney’s report.

9) City Administrator Announcements/Reports/Comments

City Administrator, Tom Wogan discussed the reconsideration of the golf course equipment purchase.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan thanked the Mayor, Mark Patoska, Alderman Roll, and Alderman Fahrenwald for their involvement in the budget process.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan mentioned that the City is in the middle of filling out liability insurance applications; however, one of the requirements is to submit a completed budget, so his will take additional time.

10) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Fahrenwald noted that he understood the public comment regarding improvement to the website and suggested that the City keep an event calendar on the website and provide easier access to public ordinances.

Alderman Johnson requested that City staff inform aldermen of anything new that is happening in each their ward. He also requested to be informed regarding any new businesses in the City.

Alderman Roll wanted to thank the city administrators for their work on the appropriation ordinance and also encouraged the alderman to reach out to the administrators with any appropriation questions.

Motion for Adjournment

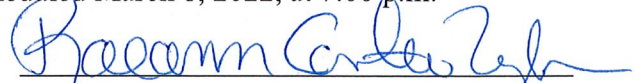
Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned 8:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.



 Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
8TH DAY OF MARCH 2022**



 Fred Bilotto, Mayor