

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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 8, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	6	Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Absent:	1	Johnson
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

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

5) Public Comment

Kathy Gardner inquired about the timeline for the Fire Department's transition from Basic Life Support (BLS) to Advanced Life Support (ALS). She expressed her concerns regarding the lack of ALS services in the City.

Manuel Gonzalez requested that the City plow the parking lot better in order to ensure a safer route from the parking lot to Moraine Valley in the winter.

A resident of Blue Island who also serves as the Executive Safety Director at Moraine Valley, stressed the need for improved accessibility and safety for those with disabilities during the winter months.

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 4, 2022 for \$362,058.91 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for January 21, 2022 for \$362,058.91 (gross).

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

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

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$340,325.29.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve Accounts Payable for \$340,325.29.

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

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald requested that Burke Engineering provide more specific invoices, the City seek a revised agreement with Hitchcock Design Group to assist with appropriations and inquired regarding the Tinley Glass window replacement expense paid by the City out of TIF funds.

c. Deputy Police Chief Appointment.

The Mayor appointed Jamie Schultz as Deputy Police Chief.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve and consent to the appointment of Jamie Schultz as Deputy Police Chief.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

d. Police Commander Appointments.

The Mayor appointed Jason Slattery and Dennis Sepessy as Police Commanders.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Montoya to approve and consent to the appointment of Jason Slattery and Dennis Sepessy as Police Commanders.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor stated that public safety is and will always be a top priority in the City of Blue Island. He congratulated each appointee and provided information to the City

regarding the reason for the appointment and each officer's contribution to the City prior to the appointment.

The Mayor also informed the Aldermen that Sergeant Francisco Navarro would be filling a sergeant vacancy.

Deputy Chief Jamie Schultz, Commander Jason Slattery, Commander Dennis Sepessy and Sgt. Francisco Navarro reached expressed their gratitude for being selected for the appointment. thanked everyone especially his father.

Alderman McGee expressed his gratitude for everything the Police Department does to keep the city safe.

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked each appointed officer for their service.

Alderman Rita congratulated the appointees and expressed her confidence in their appointments.

Alderman Montoya congratulated the appointees and thanked them for their hard work.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, Alderman Carr, and Alderman Roll also congratulated the appointees and wished them luck.

e. Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor thanked Public Works for their work in removing snow during the most recent snowstorm. He also thanked the Police Department for their assistance in enforcing snow routes and making it easier for Public Works to clean the roadways.

The Mayor thanked the Blue Island Park District and Calumet Township for their assistance in clearing snow.

The Mayor informed the Council that IDOT provided an initial analysis of short-term and intermediate-term solutions for the problems on 127th Street.

City Clerk:

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman reported that the Hometown Heroes program is being finalized and from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the banners would be displayed throughout the City.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that she is working on organizing a community clean up for April 23, 2022 (Earth Day). She informed Council that a committee has been formed and it would be meeting on February 10, 2022.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed Council regarding a potential event at St. Benedict on Good Friday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed reported that the Black History Month Program is scheduled for 2/26/2022 at 4 p.m. at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman wished Alderman Candice Carr a happy birthday.

City Treasurer:

a. Treasurer's Report January 2022.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to Approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2022.

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

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

City Attorney:

a. Ordinance No. 2022-008: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 97, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.

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

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

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

b. Attorney's Report.

No attorney's report.

9) **City Administrator Announcements/Reports/Comments**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that the codification process is now complete and is being proofread before publication.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, mentioned that the appropriations process is underway, and he expected to provide the Council with a first draft of the appropriation at the next City Council meeting on 2/22/22.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, discussed limitations on IDOT funding for 127th Street safety.

10) **Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Rita thanked Public Works for the excellent work in snow removal. She also thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a fire on the East side. Alderman Rita then read a letter written by Maureen Featherstone, an Eisenhower High School nurse, to the Mayor and Alderman. The letter related to Featherstone's concerns regarding the lack of ALS services in the Fire Department.

Alderman Fahrenwald thanked Public Works for a fantastic job in clearing the snow. He stated that the feedback from constituents is that they noticed a clear difference in the snow removal efforts by Blue Island when compared to other cities. Alderman Fahrenwald also requested that more education be provided to residents regarding snow route towing, including education for those residents who may not have access to the internet.

Motion for Adjournment

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

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

Nays: 0

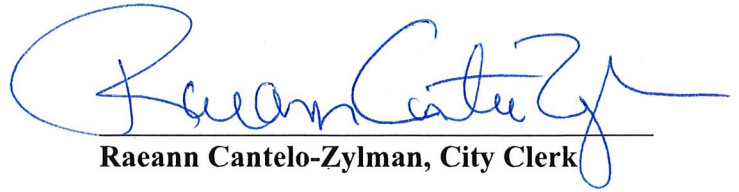
Absent: 1 Johnson

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor