

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 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 March 22, 2022.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

**4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr to approve the City Council Minutes from the March 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.**

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

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

**5) Public Comment**

Ms. Washington congratulated the Mayor on his new position. She inquired regarding staffing in the Public Works department, citing the fact there was a pile of branches on the street for the last three weeks that were not picked up.

A Blue Island resident congratulated Jamie Schultz on his new position. He also stated that there is a lot of garbage on Francisco Street and that vehicles are speeding down 131<sup>st</sup> Street.

Mrs. Dolores Brown, a 32-year resident of Blue Island, requested answers from the City regarding her son’s murder.

**6) Old Business**

No old business.

**7) New Business**

Two police officers, Mr. Maurizio Andonopoulos and Mr. DeVonte Spivey, were appointed to City patrol officer and were sworn in by the Mayor.

**8) Report of City Officials**

Mayor:

**a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for March 18, 2022, for \$328,172.23 (gross).**

**Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for March 18, 2022, for \$328,172.23 (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.

**b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$557,621.91.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable for \$557,621.91.**

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 inquired regarding legal review of the Thornton Gas Station payment.

**c. Ordinance No. 2022-016: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Repealing Ordinance No. 2287.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-016.**

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.

**d. Resolution No. 2022-015: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Execution of a Consulting and Advisory Services Agreement with John Kasperek, Co.**

**Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-015.**

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- e. **Ordinance No. 2022-017: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting Blue Station Mart, Inc. To Operate a “Food Store” Within the Residential (R-1) District (12126 Vincennes Avenue).**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-017.**

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 he is going to be meeting with the owners of the business soon.

- f. **Ordinance No. 2022-017: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting the Blue Island Fire Museum and Education Center to Operate Within the Uptown Transit Oriented Development (U-TOD) District (2451 Vermont Street).**

**Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-017.**

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. **Bid Award 2713-2733 Orchard Street.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson for Bid Award to Robbins Development, LLC.**

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. Resolution No. 2022-016: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-016.**

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.

**i. Ordinance No. 2022-019: The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-019.**

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 acknowledged the hard work by Alderman Roll and the administration on the appropriation ordinance; but noted that he had proposed some changes to lower spending in certain areas.

Burke Engineering reported that it is targeting all of the red streets on the City Map exhibit, which will cost approximately \$18 million; however, Burke Engineering has applied for several grants totaling approximately \$10 million, so the actual cost to the city will be less.

Alderman Johnson stated he appreciates all of the work done to create the appropriation ordinance and that this ordinance is the closest the City has gotten to a budget.

**j. Ordinance No. 2022-020: The Annual Salary Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Establishing Salary Schedules, and Other Compensation.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-020.**

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. Mayor’s Report.**

The Mayor stated that the next Committee of the Whole will have a lengthy agenda.

City Clerk:

**a. City Clerk’s Announcements**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that Poppy days will be May 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain day of May 27, 2022.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Blue Island Arts Alliance is planning a Maifest themed art fair for 4/30/22 on Olde Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Blue Island Trouble Makers will sponsor an antique car show in honor of police week in the Double Play parking lot on 5/14/2022 from 8 am until 5 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the Farmer’s Market will begin on 5/14/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the coordinator of the former St. Benedict parish is holding a stations of the cross ceremony on Good Friday at 2 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed us the Hometown Heroes program has started. She stated that the City will have a banner on street poles on Western from Memorial Day to Labor Day to honor the City’s veterans.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the Community Clean-up Committee is taking sponsors and volunteers. She asked volunteers to register for the event on the website or at City Hall. The event will take place on April 23, 2022.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed City Council that a movie is being filmed at Raven’s Place, The Vault, and the hospital from March 28-31, 2022.

City Treasurer:

**a. Treasurer’s Report.**

No Report.

City Attorney:

**a. Ordinance No. 2022-021: 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.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-021.**

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 he wanted to add some verbiage to the ordinance regarding the death of a property owner.

**b. Ordinance No. 2022-022: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 96 of Title IX regarding Outdoor Special Events.**

**Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-022.**

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. 2022-023: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 33, “Fire and Police Departments; Emergency Services” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-023.**

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.

**d. Ordinance No. 2022-024: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title XI, Chapter 111 “Alcoholic Liquor” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-024.**

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. Attorney's Report.**

No Report.

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

**a. City Administrator's Report.**

No Report.

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

Alderman Johnson asked if the emergency call regarding Ms. Brown's son's death came to Calumet 911 Center.

**11) Motion for Adjournment**

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

Ayes:	6	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Johnson, 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 8:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

  
**Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022**



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**Fred Bilotto, Mayor**