

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 April 12, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	7	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Carr, Roll Montoya (late 7:02 pm) McGee (late 7:03 pm)
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Absent:	0	
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Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Jairo Frausto, Treasurer Erin Blake, City Attorney
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4) Ceremonial Proceedings

a. Swearing-In of Fire Fighters.

The Mayor swore-in Miguel Farias and Justin Swatek as new City of Blue Island fire fighters.

5) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve the City Council Minutes from the March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.

Ayes:	7	Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
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Nays:	0	
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Absent:	0	
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Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

6) Public Comment

Tom Joseph from Main Street Department of Realtors stated he is concerned regarding the proposed ordinance amendment to the intent to sell inspection process and its potential to have a negative impact on real estate transactions in the City.

7) Old Business

No old business.

8) New Business

No new business.

9) Mayor's Report

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for April 1, 2022, for \$330,022.87 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for April 1, 2022, for \$330,022.87 (gross).

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$749,026.93.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Accounts Payable for \$749,026.93.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

c. Motion to consent to Mayoral Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Rita for Approving and Consenting to the Mayoral Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor appointed David Johnson, Jason Berry, and Annette Alexander for the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

d. Motion to Consent to Mayoral Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission Appointment.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll Approving and Consenting to the Mayoral Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission Appointment.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried

The Mayor appointed Thomas Mantel, Earl Summers, Brad St. Ledger, Alex Gomez, and Patrick Disabato for the Historic Preservation Commission.

- e. **Motion to Temporarily Suspend the City’s COVID-19 Face Covering, Employee Testing, and Vaccination policy pursuant to guidance from the CDC and the Illinois Department of Labor.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Rita to Temporarily Suspend the City’s COVID-19 Policy.

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

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

- f. **Resolution 2022:017: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing a Request for Proposals for the Sale and Disposition of City-Owned Properties.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-017.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- g. **Mayor’s Announcements/Comments.**

The Mayor noted that there is no room for racism in the City and that the incident involving the owner of a Blue Island establishment was being investigated. He informed the

Aldermen that they can speak on a one-on-one basis with him if they would like to know more information about the investigation.

10) **City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

a. **City Clerk's Announcements**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, 4/15/22 in observance of Good Friday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that St. Mary Magdalene Parish, formerly St. Benedict, will provide their annual stations of the cross program.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the Library will be doing the "Burning of the Snowman" at 4 p.m. at the parking lot across from the library.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the new church Upper Room on 120th will host a Family Fun Bingo Night on Friday, 4/29/22 at 7 p.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that on Saturday, April 30th Mai Fest Arts and Craft Fair will occur on Olde Western from 12 – 5 p.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that The First Lutheran Church in Blue Island has a new pastor, Bethany Ulrich. The Church will be having services Monday and Thursday at 7 pm, Good Friday at 7 pm, and Easter Sunday at 10 am.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman mentioned that there are 20 applications for veterans for the Hometown Heroes Program and she is expecting to receive additional applications.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated there are approximately 170 people registered for the Earth Day event and 14 sponsors. The event will take place on April 23, 2022.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the July 3, 2022 Fireworks celebration was being planned.

11) **Treasurer's Report**

a. **Treasurer's Report.**

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report, March 2022.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to Approve Treasurer's Report, March 2022.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Treasurer, Jairo Frausto, thanked everyone for their kind words and support.

12) **City Attorney's Report**

- 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 Fahrenwald to TABLE.

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

There being one (1) Affirmative Vote, the Mayor declared that the motion to TABLE failed.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-021.

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

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

Alderman McGee stated he wanted a seven-day turnaround time in this ordinance and he noted his belief that the fourteen-day timeframe would deter people from selling and purchasing homes in Blue Island.

Alderman Roll stated the Building Department is understaffed and they need additional time to execute these inspections.

Alderman Fahrenwald wanted to ensure the ordinance would be revisited in six months.

b. Attorney’s Report.

No Report.

13) City Administrator Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator’s Report.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan stated they are tidying lose ends and adjusting the revenue and expenditure statements.

City Administrator, Tom Wogan stated that they are working on business license renewals.

14) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Johnson wanted to know if the new codification included anything regarding mannerisms an owner of a business within the City. He expressed his disappointment in the remarks made by a business owner and noted that it sent him back to the 1960s. He also expressed his condolences to the Klinker family.

Alderman Fahrenwald wanted to clarify that ordinance 2022-021 of “Fair Housing” will be revisited in six months. He also noted that he appreciated the prompt response by the administration to the hurtful and harmful remarks made by a business owner.

Alderman McGee thanked residents who came out and cleaned their ward.

15) Motion for Adjournment

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

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
26th DAY OF APRIL 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor