

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 24, 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 7:01 p.m. on May 24, 2022.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:                   6       Johnson, Fahrenwald (remote attendance),  
Rita, Montoya (remote attendance at 7:25  
pm), McGee, Roll

Absent:                    1       Carr

Present Also:               Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk  
John Wise, City Attorney  
Tom Wogan, City Administrator  
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

**4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from the May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.**

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

Nays:                    0

Absent:                  2       Montoya, Carr

Abstention:            0

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

**5) Public Comment**

Longtime resident Thomas Madrigal encouraged everyone to attend the Mexican/American festival Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 10 a.m. He also questioned why the bridge on Francisco is closed if no one is going to work on it. He also urged everyone to pay tribute to our veterans this Memorial Day weekend.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

No new business.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for May 13, 2022, for \$343,636.22 (gross).**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Rita to approve Payroll for May 13, 2022, for \$343,636.22 (gross).**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Montoya, Carr

Abstention: 0

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

b. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$231,766.76.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable for \$231,766.76.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Montoya, Carr

Abstention: 0

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

- c. Ordinance No. 2022-035: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing Residential Only Parking on the Westside of Francisco Avenue between Edison Street and Walnut Street in the City of Blue Island.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-035.**

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

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

- d. Resolution No. 2022-020: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing and Approving a Contract between the City of Blue Island and Flock Group, Inc., for the Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Automatic License Plate Readers.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee to TABLE Resolution No. 2022-020.**

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

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

Alderman Roll stated that ensuring the responsible use of policies or practices when utilizing such a powerful tool is critical. He noted that he has been collaborating with the City Attorney and the Chief of Police on a proposed policy to address these concerns.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that while this system is important for our community and the police department, he agreed that the issues must be addressed properly.

Alderman Rita stated that she agrees with Alderman Fahrenwald and would like to meet with Alderman Roll later discuss his concerns.

- e. **Ordinance No. 2022-036: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting a “Two-Family Dwelling” Within the Residential (R-1) District (2447 Walnut).**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-036.**

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

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

- f. **Ordinance No. 2022-037: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permitting a Commercial “Parking Lot” Within the Residential (R-1) District (2218 W. 138<sup>th</sup> Street/138 Chatham Street).**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-037.**

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

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

The Mayor acknowledged Alderman Montoya joining the meeting at 7:25 pm online.

Alderman Johnson inquired regarding the weight of the trucks to be parked within the parking lot at issue. He noted his concern that the streets could not handle that weight capacity. Community Development Manager, Howard Coppari responded that the parking lot was for customers; not trucks.

- g. **Resolution No. 2022-021: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Approving the Execution of An Agreement with Baker Tilly based on the May 18, 2022 Proposal for Professional Auditing Services.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-021.**

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

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

Alderman Johnson asked how long Baker Tilly had been in business.

Baker Tilly’s representative responded that it has been in business for 90 years. The representative explained that the company can address specific issues such as fraud, provide candid feedback, share best practices, and improve controls. The contract is for four years, and if the City wishes to end the contract prior to the expiration, the terms for termination are contained in the contract. The representative indicated that the audit is required to be completed within six months.

City Administrator Thomas Wogan stated that the City only had one response to the RFP because other companies are currently busy.

**h. Resolution No. 2022-022: 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 2713-2733 Orchard Street Blue Island, Illinois 60406.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-022.**

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

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

- i. Resolution No. 2022-023: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Execution of An Access and Indemnification Agreement with Cardno, Inc. and OAI.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee second by Alderman Rita to TABLE Resolution No. 2022-023.**

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

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

Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska stated that no maintenance was done in this area during COVID. This service is provided free of charge and is part of the contract.

Alderman McGee remarked that he wanted to wait to approve the contract for these services in order to explore a better solution.

Alderman Rita inquired as to whether there was a deadline. Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator, confirmed that grant applications have a deadline. To apply for extra grants, they need to present images, and these rain guards have been rebuilt.

Alderman Roll requested a written statement regarding the possibility of losing grants if we do not complete maintenance work.

- j. Ordinance No. 2022-038: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Abating the Real Estate Heretofore Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2021 to Pay Debt on \$396,775 of the Waterworks and Sewage Refunding Bond (Alternative Revenue Service), Series 2006, of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-038.**

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

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

**k. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.**

The Mayor stated that Memorial Day is very close to him and many members of the staff.

The Mayor stated that the roof repair was nearing completion and that electricity would be restored to City Hall.

The Mayor informed City Council that new squad cars would be delivered that week, and the old vehicles would be repurposed for public works.

The Mayor informed City Council that the building department is overwhelmed with phone calls regarding properties that need to cut their grass. He contacted all the aldermen and asked them to notify him if they had any vacant properties in their ward. He will personally investigate the property and initiate a program for the grass cutting.

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

**a. City Clerk's Announcements**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman thanked all the volunteers who helped plant flowers around Blue Island.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated TGIF would be starting June 17<sup>th</sup> and would occur every Friday from 11 am to 3 pm at York & Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the Farmer's Market will be starting in June and will be held every Saturday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman notified City Council that the July 3, 2022, Fireworks celebration is progressing. Craft vendors were encouraged to contact the Clerk's office.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that the Chamber of Commerce is having their annual golf outing on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. She stated interested persons should call Sara Brown for details.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that the Mexican/American Memorial program is occurring Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Lincoln School.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that the vehicle stickers will be available on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that there will be a block party at 13020 Greenwood this Sunday.

10) **Treasurer's Report**

a. **Treasurer's Report.**

No report.

11) **City Attorney's Report**

a. **Attorney's Announcements.**

No announcements.

12) **City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

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

City Administrator Thomas Wogan stated that the new business cards arrived. He noted the City would be fully rebranding everything very soon.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan stated that the city stickers will be on sale 6/1/2022.

13) **Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Johnson is grateful to the soldiers for providing a security blanket. He noted that registration for football and cheer Untouchables will begin this Saturday at the John D. Rita Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

14) **Motion for Adjournment**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Carr

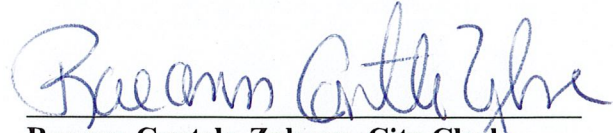
Abstention: 0

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

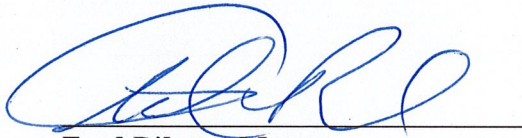


The meeting was adjourned 7:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled June 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

  
Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
29TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022**

  
Fred Bilotto, Mayor