

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 29, 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 June 29, 2022.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk  
Erin Blake, City Attorney  
Thomas Wogan, City Administrator  
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

**4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the City Council Minutes from the May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting of City Council.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

**5) Public Comment**

No public comment.

6) **Old Business**

- a. **Resolution 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 Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-023.**

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

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

Molly Dowling, a representative from OAI, was present to inform City Council regarding the organization and answer questions. She informed City Council that OAI is a non-profit organization that improves physical and social environments.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked if OAI offered a pro-active public education program for the community. Ms. Dowling stated that OAI offers annual training to all municipal employees about the importance of maintaining the gardens at issue; but no public education is provided.

Alderman McGee stated that the rain gardens do not function as originally indicated to the City. In his ward, these gardens are creating a habitat for rats and contributing to the rodent problem in the City and have to be constantly maintained by the residents throughout the year.

- b. **Resolution 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 Fahrenwald to Amend Resolution No. 2022-020.**

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

Abstention: 0

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

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to Authorize and Approve Resolution No. 2022-020, as amended.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Roll discussed the policy he worked on with the Police Chief and City Attorney in relation to the City's use of the Flock system and the changes made to the contract which address his previous concerns regarding the contract.

**7) New Business**

No new business.

**8) Mayor's Report**

- a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for May 27, 2022, for \$367,244.99 (gross).**
- Motion for Approval of Payroll for June 10, 2022, for \$387,981.69 (gross).**
- Motion for Approval of Payroll for June 24, 2022, for \$419,260.80 (gross).**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Payroll for May 27, 2022, for \$367,244.99 (gross), approve Payroll for June 10, 2022, for \$387,981.69 (gross), and approve Payroll for June 24, 2022, for \$419,260.80 (gross).**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Fahrenwald asked questions regarding net pay and gross pay as shown on the payroll records and Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska stated that some employees get paid from two different departments.

**b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$1,106,595.09.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for \$1,106,595.09.**

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

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

**c. Motion for Approval of Manual Checks Issued from Accounts Payable on June 15, 2022.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve Manual Checks for June 15, 2022.**

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

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

**d. Motion to Award Bid to Olde New Renovations, Corp., in the Amount of \$51,000 For the Sale of City Owned Property Located at 13159 Artesian.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to Award Bid to Olde New Renovations, Corp. for 13159 Artesian.**

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

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- e. Motion to Award Bid to Robbins Development, LLC in the Amount of \$6,500 For the Sale of City Owned Property Located 2418 James Street.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to Award Bid to Robbins Development, LLC for 2418 James Street.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- f. Motion to Award Bid to Robbins Development, LLC in the Amount of \$6,500 For the Sale of City Owned Property Located at 3127 W. 141<sup>st</sup> Street.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to Award Bid to Robbins Development, LLC for 3127 W. 141<sup>st</sup> Street.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- g. Motion to Award Bid to RNA, Corp. in the Amount of \$18,000 For the Sale of City Owned Property Located at 13826 Chatham.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to Award Bid to Robbins Development, LLC for 13826 Chatham.**

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

Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita  
Abstention: 0

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

**h. Resolution No. 2022-024: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a 2022 Ford F-550 4X4 Osage Super Warrior Ambulance.**

**Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-024.**

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

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

**i. Ordinance No. 2022-039: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title III (“Administration”), Chapter 33 (“Fire and Police Departments’ Emergency Services”), Section 33.018 (“Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services”) of the Blue Island City Code in Relation to Ambulance Billing Rates.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-039.**

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

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

**j. Ordinance No. 2022-040: 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 at 12816 Wahl Street.**

**Motion by Alderman Carr second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-040.**

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

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

**k. Ordinance No. 2022-041: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Variance to Build a Privacy Fence Within the Residential (R-1) District at 2260 Olive Street.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-041.**

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that he was not too enthusiastic regarding this fence at first; however, he had several conversations with Howard Coppari and he now is supportive of the same.

**l. Ordinance No. 2022-042: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Ordinance No. 2020-10 and Chapter XV (“Land Usage”), Chapter 166 (“Zoning”) in Relation to the Zoning of Adult-Use Cannabis.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-042.**

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

Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita  
Abstention: 0

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

**m. Ty Harting Retirement Proclamation.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Retirement Proclamation.**

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

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

Dr. Harting grew up in Blue Island and graduated from Dwight D. Eisenhower High School and has worked tirelessly at District 218 since 1989. He thanked everyone for his family and this community.

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

The Mayor stated that there are outstanding issues in Public Works and that he would speak individually to each of the aldermen regarding the same. He also noted that the administration plans has been in continuous contact with Public Works since Jim's passing. The Administration is currently evaluating applications and the interviews done previously before posting the Superintendent position.

The Mayor stated that asphalt companies are on strike; but five companies pulled bids for street resurfacing. The hope is that the strike will end 7/7/22.

The Mayor stated that resident complaints are to be sent to the Mayor or administration.

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

**a. City Clerk's Announcements**



City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that shredding has been completed at the City Clerk’s office.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated TGIF is a hit and different restaurants are there every Friday from 11 am to 3 pm at York & Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, requested that the City come out and support the Farmer’s Market every Saturday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City regarding a meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 citywide calendar.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified City Council that the July 3, 2022, Fireworks celebration was progressing.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the last day to purchase vehicle stickers at regular price will be this Saturday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City regarding block party application forms.

10) **Treasurer’s Report**

a. **Treasurer’s Report.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to Approve Treasurer’s Report.**

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

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

11) **City Attorney’s Report**

a. **Attorney’s Announcements.**

No announcements.

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

a. **City Administrator’s Report.**

- a. **Resolution No. 2022-025: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing and Approving a Contract Between the City of Blue Island and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Mobile Vehicle Insurance.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-025.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Rita

Abstention: 0

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

City Administrator Thomas Wogan, stated that the Baker Tilly wants to be complete its audit by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that the revenue/expenditure statement is up-to-date through April 2022.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed City Council that he should have a ballpark estimate of cost for liability insurance for the City at the next meeting.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed City Council that if any Aldermen utilized First Midwest Bank for direct deposit to please be sure to update their direct deposit information.

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

Alderman McGee extended his condolences to the Poelsterl Family. He noted that there was no garbage pickup by Lakeshore on Monday; but Lakeshore was very responsive and the situation was rectified. He also reported that alleyways had been completed and expressed the need for residents to reach out to their Alderman.

Alderman Carr expressed her concerns regarding dog license enforcement.

Alderman Fahrenwald expressed disappointment with the voter turnout for the recent election. He stated that only 13% voted for governor. He also agreed with Alderman Carr about dog license enforcement.

**14) Executive Session**

**Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes and semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

No executive session held.

**15) Motion for Adjournment**

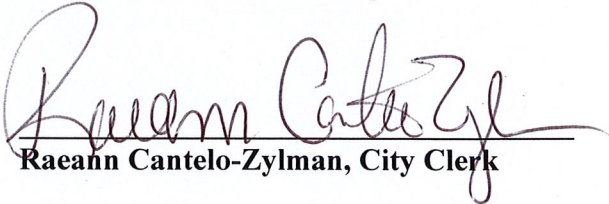
**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.**

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

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

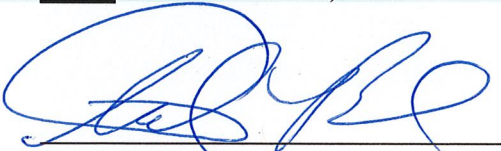
The meeting was adjourned 7:58 p.m.

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



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor