

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 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 7:02 p.m. on July 12, 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: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to approve the amended City Council Minutes from the June 29, 2022, Rescheduled Regular Meeting of City Council.

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.

City Attorney, Erin Blake amended minutes to correct letter “g” in the minutes and change the property address to 13826 Chatham instead of 3127 W. 141st Street and to change the next Council meeting date to 7/26/22 on Page 11.

5) **Public Comment**

Ms. Reyna Herrera works for Citizen Advocacy Center which is a non-profit group that seeks to improve democratic protocols within local government. She commented that the City may have violated the OMA by not listing on its website all of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings. In addition, she questioned if Alderman’s Carr failure to identify the reason for attending the meeting electronically on 5/10/22 was a violation of the OMA.

Mrs. Pam Higgins of 2812 141st Street complained about cleaning her neighbor’s yard and requested the City’s assistance.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

The Mayor swore in two new Police Sergeants Timothy Sisk and Nicholas Babbitt.

8) **Mayor’s Report**

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for July 8, 2022, for \$376,278.74 (gross).

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Payroll for July 8, 2022, for \$376,278.74 (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 \$573,182.69.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Carr to approve Amended Accounts Payable for \$573,182.69.

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.

The Mayor stated accounts payable would be amended from \$565,802.69 to \$573,182.69 because a payment in the amount of \$7,380 was unintentionally excluded when accounts payable was run the previous week.

c. Resolution No. 2022-026: 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 Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-026.

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. Motion to Award the 2022 City of Blue Island Road Program project to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation in the Amount of \$2,617,279.74.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to Award Bid to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation.

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 questioned why Wood Street was removed from the Street Program. Mayor stated that the City had to work with Calumet Park in relation to the same.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that Wards 5, 6 and 7 really needed attention.

Alderman Johnson stated that Francisco needs attention. Mayor stated he was going over to speak to Mayor of Robbins next week regarding the same.

Mayor stated that has never seen more road work planned in one season and he hoped that the asphalt strike would end soon. He also noted that New Street needs approval from the County; therefore, it too was excluded from this Road Program.

e. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated that the City lost another truck and that Public Works was looking for a used truck on sale.

The Mayor stated that Phil has done a great job assisting management with the Public Works Department.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that movie is being filmed in the City this month and more details to come.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City about a block party at 119th and Maple on 7/30/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City that Calabria will be selling food this Friday for TGIF.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman requested that the City support the Farmer's Market every Saturday.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman notified the City that the Clerk's Office is planning a Community Health Fair for 10/1/2022 at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that the vehicle sticker sales are up compared to previous years.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman thanked Blue Island Police, Fire Department, Blue Island Park District, Airline Towing, Mad Bomber, the Public Works crew and the Mayor for a great Fireworks Festivity.

10) Treasurer's Report

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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.**

No report.

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

Alderman McGee stated he needed Burke Engineering’s email address to send the City’s representative new videos from his ward. He also wanted to thank the Fire Department for their response to a fire in his ward on 120th Street.

Alderman Johnson stated there was a good turnout on Saturday for the kids 4-14 at the Recreation Center. He also noted that open gym time was advertised; but no one was there to open the Recreation Center and residents were upset.

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.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to go into Executive Session.

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

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

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Johnson to resume regular meeting.

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

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

The Mayor informed the City that City Council reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

15) Motion for Adjournment

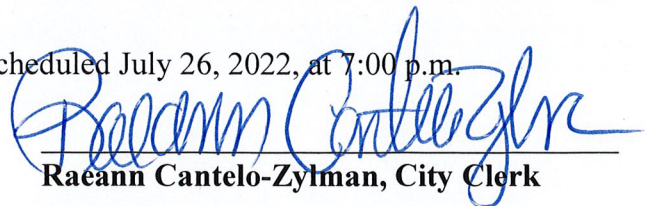
Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

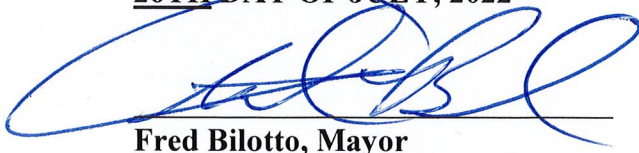
There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 7:48 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
26TH DAY OF JULY, 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor