

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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| Present: | 6 | Roll, Fahrenwald, Montoya Carr, Rita, Johnson |
| Absent: | 1 | McGee |
| Present Also: | | Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Jairo Frausto, City Treasurer Erin Blake, City Attorney |

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 and July 27, 2021 Board Meetings.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Ashley Palomo, a resident of Blue Island for 28 years, gave a presentation on the importance of environmental quality in Blue Island.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor gave condolences to the John Derango family.

The Mayor stated that there is a plan to demolish Maple Tree Inn and that he hoped it would be accomplished by September to revitalize Old Western.

The Mayor stated District 130 made changes to the Box Food Delivery try to eliminate the rat problem.

****The Mayor stated the Amazon Lightyears received a check for over \$12,000 and will seek an additional \$10,000.**** 8.24.21 Meeting correction per Ald. Fahrenwald should read: The Mayor stated the city received a check for over \$12,000 from Amazon Llightyears and will seek an additional \$10,000.

The Mayor stated Blue Island has seen an increase in wasps within the last six months and he asked that any resident experiencing these issues contact Beverly Dorsey.

The Mayor stated the Christmas Light Parade will be December 4, 2021 and will be headed by former Alderman Tom Hawley and City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman.

The Mayor stated that the City will be having Rock Around the Clock on New Year's Eve which will be a short event and that the owner of "The Clock" on Vermont and Western will repair the clocks.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

No old business.

Report of City Officials

Mayor:

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve Payroll for August 6, 2021 for \$350,863.91 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Accounts Payable for \$580,211.98.

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

Nays: 1 Johnson

Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 0

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

Motion to Consent to Mayor's appointments for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointed chair: Dave Johnson. Appointed members: Jason Berry, Sam Jones, Annette Alexander, Michael Sinde, Dave Brown, and AJ Miller.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Motion to Consent to Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGee

Abstention: 0

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

ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SETTING THE DATE AND HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING IN THE CITY FOR HALLOWEEN 2021.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve Adoption of Motion.

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGee
Abstention: 0

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

CITY CLERK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman announced Dog Days on August 28, 2021 and informed residents that more vendors are welcome to join free of charge at the Farmer’s Market location.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman announced that “Welcome Bags” are back and that she should have them ready by October 1, 2021. She stated that the Browns are composing letters to new business and encouraged established businesses to contribute.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman announced a block party at the 2800 block of 142nd Place from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman announced a porch concert on Saturday at 12905 Greenwood. She indicated that the sponsors will be collecting donations for three different organizations.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated an increase in the sale of vehicle stickers.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Clerk’s office had made great improvements in cleaning certain files in City Hall.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, District 130 and town for a great night at the Fireworks. She reported that next year’s date for fireworks is July 3, 2022.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman mentioned that National Night Out was a great success.

The Mayor added that the City would be reissuing its bid for roofing services based on the lackluster response to the original notice and encouraged residents and Aldermen to inform potential vendors regarding the same.

CITY TREASURER’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve the Treasurer’s Report ending July 31, 2021.

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGee
Abstention: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO RATIFY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE FY 2021 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr to approve Adoption of Ordinance 2021-035.

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

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Johnson announced Blue Cross Blue Shield at 119th is hiring 50 customer service representatives. He also cordially invited people to attend the block party at 2800 142nd place and stressed the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Alderman Rita thanked the police department for their assistance at the St. Donatus carnival gathering. She also mentioned that Dwight D. Eisenhower High School is hosting an event sponsored by Jewel, wherein free COVID and flu shots will be administered as well as the meningitis vaccine, at a cost of \$148.00 without insurance, on August 14, 2021.

The Mayor recognized and provided a plaque to former Aldermen Allan Stevo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.

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

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

Motion by Aldermen Fahrenwald, Second by Aldermen Roll to resume Regular meeting after executive session.

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

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

The Mayor stated that the Aldermen discussed pending and threatened litigation during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

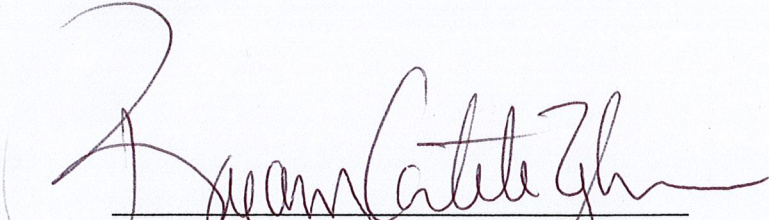
Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

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

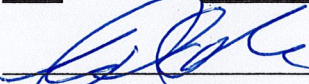
The meeting was adjourned 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



Racann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
24th DAY OF AUGUST 2021**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor