

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 24, 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 24, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	7	Johnson, Montoya, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Roll
Absent:	0	
Present Also:		Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the amended minutes of the August 10, 2021.

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

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

The amendment relates to a clarification of the Mayor's comments regarding Amazon Lightyears. Specifically, the meeting minutes should reflect that the City received a check for over \$12,000 from Amazon Lightyears and will seek an additional \$10,000 for filming in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Allen Stevo expressed the importance of transparency. He also questioned the \$15 million that Blue Island may be receiving from the State.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Report of City Officials

Mayor:

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for August 20, 2021 for \$349,626.56 (gross).

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald asked if the funds from the filming company could be used to pay the City Administrator or Deputy City Administrator. The City’s Attorney stated she would look into it.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to approve Accounts Payable for \$209,569.19.

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

Abstention: 0

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

Motion to Consent to Mayor's appointment for Historical Preservation Appointment.

The Mayor seeks to appoint Mr. Steven Carr to the Historical Preservation Commission.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Motion to Appoint Steven Carr to the Historical Preservation Commission.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 1 Carr

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

Motion to Consent to Mayor's appointment for City Engineer.

The Mayor seeks to appoint Christopher Burke Engineering as the City Engineer.

Travis Parry from Christopher Burke Engineering and Tammy Koehler Wierciak from Metro Strategies, a sub-consultant to Burke Engineering that provides grant services to communities, spoke to the City Aldermen regarding their services and answered questions from the Aldermen and Mayor relating to the same.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that he would be voting against Burke Engineering because he did not agree with the procedure by which the City appointed Burke Engineering.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Motion to Consent for Engineer Appointment.

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

Nays: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Ordinance No. 2021-29: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 95 OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS REGARDING CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTIES.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-29.

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

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

Resolution No. 2021-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO RELATING TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND WATER SUPPLY.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to approve Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-36.

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

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

Resolution No. 2021-37: 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 Johnson to approve Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-37.

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

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

Motion to AWARD TIF 5 STREETS RESURFACING BID TO M&J ASPHALT PAVING CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,942.50.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Motion to Award Resurfacing Bid to M&J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.

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

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

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor expressed his thoughts and prayers for the family of the Eisenhower student who was struck that morning. The police officers reached out and have said he is in stable condition with multiple injuries. This is the second student struck this year along 127th and Burr Oak. The Street is owned and maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Blue Island has limited options on what the City can do on the street; however, the Mayor and administration were discussing the safety issue and would provide updates to the public and council.

Alderman Fahrenwald suggested speed cameras.

Alderman McGee suggested working with District 218 and further educating students on jaywalking.

The Mayor announced that he would be traveling with Treasurer Jairo Frausto and Alderman Luiz Montoya to their hometown, Villa Gonzalez Ortega, Zacatecas, where the vast majority of the City’s Latino population comes from. During the visit, which the Mayor paid for personally, the plan was to sign a sister agreement to bridge the communities with educational, economic, and cultural opportunities.

The Mayor announced that as Covid-19 cases rise in the State of Illinois, he is encouraging his fellow residents and elected officials to mask up and get vaccinated to best protect themselves, families, and neighbors; and to ensure Blue Island's economic recovery. He urged that residents who have not been vaccinated, to consult their primary doctor. He also announced that effective August 23rd Cook County Department of Public Health mandated everyone two years and older to wear masks indoor and in public spaces. The Mayor believes that together we can do our part to combat the delta variant and make a full recovery.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that all of the ordinances and resolutions have been added to the City of Blue Island website.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman spoke to Lakeshore about recycling old electronics.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman wants to change the hours of the Clerk's office. She will be taking any ideas and solutions and then will request consent from the council.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman reminded everyone that Dog Days is Saturday and Jackie Murphy will be heading the show.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman mentioned that residents are still buying city stickers and the police are doing a phenomenal job in enforcing the same.

The Mayor mentioned an increase of 600 more vehicle sticker sales than last year.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman mentioned that she would like to talk about dogs registration enforcement in the next meeting.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated there is going to be a block party on 9/5/2021 at 2508 Collins.

City Clerk Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that three businesses contributed to the "welcome bags". She will be sending an email to the council with more details.

Alderman Fahrenwald mentioned that he had received complaints about the city not answering the phones and the City Clerk stated she was surprised since she makes sure no messages are left every night; however, she was going to mention it to everyone.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report.

CITY ATTORNEY

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-30: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 72, "PARKING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to approve Adoption of Ordinance 2021-030.

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

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

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-31: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 14 REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Adoption of Ordinance 2021-031 with amendment.

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

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

Abstention: 0

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-32: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION.

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Johnson to approve Adoption of Ordinance 2021-032.

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

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

Resolution of Ordinance 2021-39: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROPOSAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve Resolution of Ordinance 2021-039.

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

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

Resolution of Ordinance 2021-38: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve Resolution of Ordinance 2021-038.

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

Abstention: 0

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

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Alderman Rita stated she received dozens of responses for the City logo request for proposal and that there are three finalists. They were selected based on quality, work examples, and prices. They range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. She planned to email everyone the information for further discussion at the Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Johnson asked if their direct line could be placed on the back of their business cards. The Mayor added he would like to look into changing the Blue Island logo if possible and that's why he hasn't ordered any business cards for himself and the staff.

Alderman McGee offered his condolences to former Alderman Jan Ostling for the loss of her son.

Alderman pledged to work enthusiastically with Burke Engineering despite voting against their appointment; and Alderman McGee expressed same sentiment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Johnson to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Aldermen Rita, second by Aldermen Fahrenwald to resume Regular meeting after executive session.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor stated that they are working on worker's compensation claims, potential litigation, and pending investigations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

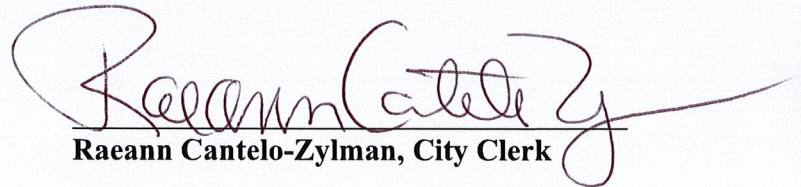
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Abstention: 0

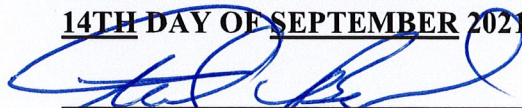
There being seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor