

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson (7:03), Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Absent: 1 Thompson

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Shawn Te Raines, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Kuehner, 2250 Orchard Street, spoke about the redrawing of the ward maps. Mr. Kuehner was accompanied by some members from a legal team from the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. The ward map we are currently functioning under has not been updated since 1996; due to population shifts in the past 20 years the voting representation is diluted in some areas.

Bertha Olaiwumi, 3032 W 140th Street, stated she is also concerned with the redrawing of the ward map. She was also concerned about the Recreation Center and the approval of bids on tonight's agenda. Ms. Olaiwumi asked the council for a projected date of when the Rec Center might reopen. Her last concern was that residents in her area are not able to get AT&T services.

Willie Scott, 11917 Longwood Drive, stated he would like to see change and progress in Blue Island.

Mr. Woods, 141st & Whipple, thanked public works for the removal of a dead tree.

Ronald Young, 12440 Maple Avenue, stated his concerns regarding the bids for the recreation center. He asked that a roofing expert look over the bids. He also urged the council to consider public discussion regarding the redrawing of the ward maps and to make an effort to avoid legal fees.

Derrick Simmons, CEDA, announced that CEDA is back up and running. Some of the services provided include dental care, auto repair, vision care, and water bill assistance.

Olivia Sanchez, 12950 Western Avenue, announced that United Insurance Service is open for business and welcomed anybody who is interested in insurance.

Carol DiPace-Greene, 2731 Orchard Street, stated issues going on with elections. She stated that actions and behaviors need to change that are against the citizens who are for Blue Island. Ms. Greene stated the maps need to be redrawn and corrections need to be made. She would like to see an end to huge dollar mistakes and for the council to be fiscally responsible with the residents' tax dollars.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked if an architect has been hired for the Rec center and if there had been proper protocol for the bids. Mr. Stevo asked if there was really one million dollars saved as stated in the auditor's report or was it just an accounting anomaly due to change in fiscal year. Mr. Stevo asked if the Resolution 2015-033 work for the Chatham St bridge went out to bid. He also asked that Alderman Frausto put him on the agenda for the November meeting of the Judiciary Committee. He asked that the shenanigans at the polling booth be stopped.

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REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor shared a letter he received from American Legion Post 50 stating that the City of Blue Island was selected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a designated regional site for Veterans Day celebrations.

BIDS:

Electrical Work

The following companies put in bids for the Rec. Center roofing:

- Marchione Electric - \$25,949

Marchione Electric is recommended for having a complete scope of work and was the low bid at \$25,949.00.

Heating and Air Conditioning

The following companies put in bids for the Rec. Center roofing:

- Amber Mechanical - \$39,780
- Bob's Heating and Cooling - \$28,500

Bob's Heating and Cooling is recommended for having a complete scope of work and was the low bid at \$28,500.00.

Replacement of the roof

The following companies put in bids for the Rec. Center roofing:

- Jerry and Sons Roofing - \$210,000
- Hans Nombach - \$95,483.33
- Crawford Roofing - \$118,679
- Durable Roofing - \$54,400
- Trinity Roofing - \$134,400
- Kerry Roofing - \$122,640

Crawford is recommended for having a complete scope of work and addressing the extra work needed. The bid was in the amount of \$118,679.00.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Johnson to approve the Recreation Center Bids.

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Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

CITY TREASURER:

No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 16, 2015, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Payroll for September 25, 2015 for \$357,189.79 and October 9, 2015 for \$331,386.90.

Ayes: 13 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

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Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Accounts Payable for October 2, 2015 for \$677,268.67 and October 16, 2015 for \$305,634.89.

Ayes: 13 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-033

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEER FOR PHASE III CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHATHAM STREET BRIDGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Resolution 2015-033.

Ayes: 13 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Next Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2015, 5:30 pm – East Annex.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Ald. Donahue invited his colleagues to the meeting on October 29 as they will be discussing snow removal.

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Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-031

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2238 ORCHARD STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Ordinance 2015-031.

Ayes: 13 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-032

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.

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Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Ordinance 2015-032.

Ayes: 13 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Ostling,
Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley,
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS OF TITLE I, TITLE III AND TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Carr table the ordinance until changes are made and have it brought back to council.

Ayes: 7 Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman,
Johnson, Frausto

Nays: 6 Ostling, Johanson, Hawley, Poulos,
Vieyra, Bilotto

Absent: 1 Thompson

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue reassured the residents of the third ward that he is working for them and all the residents of the city. He spoke of some of the administration's recent accomplishments including:

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the rec center is using professional companies, purchasing two new ambulances, plow trucks for snow removal, the Division St bridge, and flood control in the seventh ward.

Ald. Poulos clarified that the snow plows are small plows intended for narrow streets that sometimes don't get plowed.

Ald. Frausto stated that there has been a resident demanding to be put on the agenda for the Judiciary meeting. He has made himself available to that resident to discuss problems and issues that can be put on the agenda if need be. He will not be putting that individual on the agenda. Ald. Frausto also asked that the wireless be fixed in the facility. Lastly, he stated that the 139th Street bridge is closed and now CSX closed tracks on Broadway. Trains are a real problem in the City of Blue Island and he would like to get in contact with the state representative and congressmen to address the issue.

Ald. Johnson wanted to see if a meeting could be arranged with CSX. He would also like to sit in a meeting with Congressman Rush.

Ald. Carr announced that tomorrow night the Blue Island Brewery would be hosting the film debut for the second installment of My BI. Also, on Thursday night at Tenochitlan there will be a fundraiser for Catholic Charities, tickets are \$25.

Ald. Hawley clarified that it is Rock Island Public House tomorrow night not the Blue Island Brewery. He also clarified that the audit report that was given at the last meeting was for a 12 month period. The audit for the 8 month period which ended in December of 2014 has not yet been completed. The one million figure was for the one year period after the election. He also thanked everyone for their support on the fundraiser for the Christmas Light Parade.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Rita to go into Closed Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Johanson to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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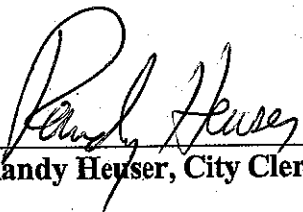
DJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Bilotto to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

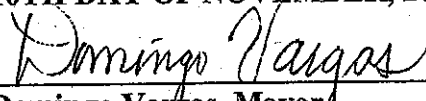
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

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