

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING
JULY 26, 2016**

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 July 26, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita (7:04),
Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Absent: 4 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

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

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Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Poulos to approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting from July 12, 2016.

Ayes: 9 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson,
Rita

Abstain: 0

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Raeanne Zylman, 12057 Artesian Avenue, announced that this year the council will get to pick the date and park to volunteer for the Santa House. Ms. Zylman also asked for volunteers to play pickle at the recreation center.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

John Rita, Director of Public Safety, gave an update on last Sunday's storm and the resulting damage. According to the National Weather service, on Sunday evening, Blue Island suffered significant damage as a result of a strong micro burst. The city suffered hundreds of downed trees, a number of utility polls, flooding, and damage to several residential homes. The fire department, police department, 911 center, municipal services, and emergency management all responded. The city continues to clean up the damage left by the storm.

Zoning Board of Appeals :

Jeff Atwell and Vonda Hardy – Term expiring on 4/30/17
 Clifford Griffith and Joseph Martin – Term expiring on 4/30/18
 William Klein – Term expiring on 4/30/19
 Brandon Richardella – Term expiring on 4/30/20
 Eric Frausto – Term expiring on 4/30/21

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Rita to approve the following persons to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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| Ayes: | 10 | Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery |
| Nays: | 0 | |
| Absent: | 4 | Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson |
| Abstain: | 0 | |

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Civil Service Commission:

John Rauch – Term Expiring on 4/30/17
 Ron Murray – Term expiring on 4/30/18
 Roland Libby – Term expiring on 4/30/19

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Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the following persons to the Civil Service Commission.

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| Ayes: | 10 | Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery |
| Nays: | 0 | |
| Absent: | 4 | Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson |
| Abstain: | 0 | |

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Reminders: Blue Cap Fundraiser, "Bucket of Balls" will be on Sunday, July 31st at 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Also, City of Blue Island is hosting "National Night Out" at the John D. Rita Recreation Center on August 2, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Hawley to approve a request from the Blue Island Fire Fighters to hold a make up rain date "Fill the Boot" Tag Day for Muscular Dystrophy on August 26th at the intersections of 127th & Kedzie, 119th & Western and Vermont & Western.

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| Ayes: | 10 | Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery |
| Nays: | 0 | |
| Absent: | 4 | Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson |
| Abstain: | 0 | |

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Poulos to approve a request from St. Benedict Catholic Church to hold their St. Benedict Fest on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Street closing at 8:00 a.m. for set-up.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER:

No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

No business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Payroll for July 1, 2016 for \$344,074.90.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

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Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Accounts Payable for July 6, 2016 for \$1,239,797.47.

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Accounts Payable for July 20, 2016 for \$612,718.46

Ayes: 10 Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra,
Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 6:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

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Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Donahue, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Frausto, Chairman

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Denial of Damage Claim 2016-6236.

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| Ayes: | 10 | Ostling, Pittman, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Carr, Slattery |
| Nays: | 0 | |
| Absent: | 4 | Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson |
| Abstain: | 0 | |

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:00 – East Annex

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Donahue thanked all the city departments for their efforts during the storm clean up. He also announced that August 4th will be the grand opening of the Division Street bridge at 5:30 p.m.

Ald. Bilotto announced St. Donatus 107th Anniversary will be from August 3-7 opening at 6 p.m. except Sunday at 1 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a procession on the streets after 10 a.m. mass.

ADJOURNMENT

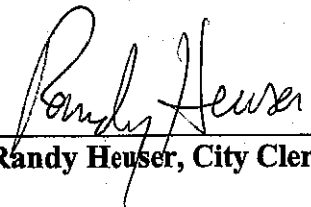
Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Pittman to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

