

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2024**

1) **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 6:01 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	4	Carr, Roll, Johnson (6:14 pm), Fahrenwald,
Absent:	3	Montoya, Rita, McGee
Present Also:	4	Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

No comment.

5) **Public Comment**

A Blue Island resident who lives at 2420 Oak Street expressed concerns about parking. Her mother is a senior, and she frequently struggles to find parking that allows her to get in and out of her car. Every employee is vandalizing and disrespecting the street. I propose you arrange a shuttle to pick up patients and doctors; patients have parked in her handicapped spot, which is reserved for her mother. She has had to buy cones to prevent people from parking in her place.

Mr. Stevo emphasized that we need more people's feedback at public comment. He spoke with several neighbors, and many are uneasy coming to the meetings given the current state of affairs. The citizens feel unwanted. He is curious that there is not a line item for water pipes, the legislative council, or migrants. Believes there are too many TIFs, and that in the long run, people will be unable to afford their homes. Anticipates that the payroll and accounts payable registry be updated on the website to provide transparency. Inquired about the mayor's business hours.

A Blue Island resident expressed the same feelings about feeling imprisoned in her own home because if she leaves she will lose her parking spot.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

**a. Day Change for Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

The Mayor announced that the meeting will be moved to Thursdays in May, following the first Council meeting.

**b. Ordinance 2024-\_\_ : An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island Amending Chapter 92 "Fair Housing" of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor stated that in accordance with the fair housing ordinances, property sellers shall not be permitted to obtain a certificate of compliance for the sale of residential or commercial properties within the city, except for the payment of delinquent fines.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that they have been following best practices in the intent to sell process and are working to resolve outstanding water bills.

**c. City Application – Food Trucks.**

The Mayor stated it is a new application for regular food trucks that matches our ordinance.

City Attorney, Erin Blake noted that she wanted to make Council aware because there had been some inquiries about the possibility of seeing food trucks in the future. The food truck ordinance was amended to ensure consistency in application.

Alderman Johnson wondered whether it was for Blue Island residents or those who travel with their food trucks to various sites. Erin Blake, City Attorney, noted that it could be either or having to go through the approval process with the health inspector will be sufficient. The Mayor stated that this passed last year and that if there are any concerns, we can fix them.

Alderman Johnson added that the legislation was in place to prevent people from selling because some persons took advantage of senior citizens. Erin Blake, City Attorney, claimed that those were separate issues and that she felt it was necessary to establish a new ordinance to address current inquiries.

Alderman Fahrenwald stated that he has suggestions regarding parking near the clinic. Secondly, yesterday we discussed the draft for the real estate application; however, would like to see it pass. The Mayor stated that administratively, we only showed you the forms, and that if there is an issue, we are not required to use the forms that are available.

**d. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.**

No announcements.

**8) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

**a. City Clerk's Announcements.**

No announcements.

**9) City's Attorney's Report**

**a. Attorney Announcements.**

No comment.

**10) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

**a. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments**

No comment.

**11) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

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No comment.

**12) 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; and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) to discuss employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of certain employees.**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to enter Executive Session.**

Ayes: 4 Carr, Roll, Johnson, Fahrenwald

Nays: 0  
Absent: 3 Montoya, Rita, McGee  
Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll to Reconvene.**

Ayes: 4 Carr, Roll, Johnson, Fahrenwald  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 3 Montoya, Rita, McGee  
Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor stated possible imminent litigation.

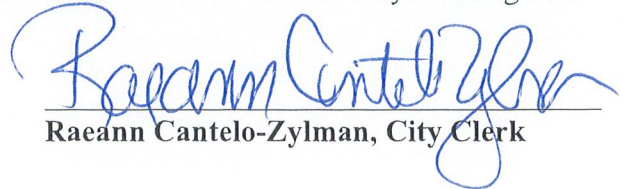
**13) Motion for Adjournment**

**Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to adjourn the regular meeting.**

Ayes: 4 Carr, Roll, Johnson, Fahrenwald  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 3 Montoya, Rita, McGee  
Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that the Committee of the Whole will meet on Thursdays starting next month.

  
Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024**



**Fred Bilotto, Mayor**