

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024**

1) **Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:02 p.m. on August 27, 2024.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	6	Carr, Roll, Johnson, Montoya, Fahrenwald, McGee
Absent:	1	Rita
Present Also:	4	Racann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

No proceedings.

5) **Public Comment**

The Mayor reminded everyone that public comment is just that, and nobody will engage in a conversation.

Mission Covenant Church commended the City for repairing the curves and streets and offered an invitation to the blessing of your pet on September 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

A Blue Island neighbor who lives on Fulton Street is concerned about unwelcome visitors to the Metra parking lot and their intentions. Blue Island is accomplishing amazing things, and we'd like to revisit our parking limitations.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

- a. Motion to approve Mayoral Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya to approve Janet Garetto to the Planning and Zoning Board.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

8) **Mayor's Report**

- a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for August 16, 2024, for \$433,992.05 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for August 16, 2024, for \$433,992.05 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable dated August 28, 2024, for \$1,746,348.95 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- c. **Ordinance 2024-034: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 165 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Use Dispersal Standards.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-034.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- d. **Ordinance 2024-035: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving an Ordinance Regulation Public Camping and Other Actions in Connection Therewith within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-035.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

- e. **Ordinance 2024-036: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 75 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Unlawful Operation of Overweight Vehicles.**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-036.

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

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

- f. Ordinance 2024-037: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 165 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Nonconforming Buildings, Structures, and Uses.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-037.

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

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

Alderman McGee did not perceive any stipulation distinguishing between garage and coach. The City Council wants a definition of coach house into this ordinance.

- g. Ordinance 2024-038: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 72 “Parking Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances regarding Restricted Street Parking.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-038.

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

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

- h. Resolution 2024-029: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Supporting a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Renewal Application by BRJ Investments, LLC for an Industrial Facility Located at 13033 S. California.**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-029.

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

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

- i. Resolution 2024-030: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Approve Utilization of Rebuilding Illinois Grant Funds for the Improvement of Streets/Roads/Structures under the Illinois Highway Code.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-030.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald inquired about the application for the grant funds and the subsequent reporting requirements related to the use of funds. Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska, explained that Rebuild Illinois requires all communities to submit information to IDOT to evidence the use of the grant funds.

- j. Resolution 2024-031: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Approve Utilization of MFT Funds for the Improvement of Streets/Roads/Structures under the Illinois highway Code.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-031.

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

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

k. Resolution 2024-032: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorizing and Approving a Proposal from Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-032.

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

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

l. Mayor’s Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor reported that there was a small tornado. He stated that this City Counsel and administration reviewed the systems and reactivated the emergency sirens upon entering office. Unfortunately, two of the sirens are damaged and must be replaced. The Mayor discussed applying for available grant funds for the cost of this issue. Alderman Fahrenwald commended the Neighborhood Watch Group for bringing this issue to the City’s attention.

The Mayor informed the Council that Tree City USA is coming to the City to highlight the Forestry Board's successful tree planting program, which was established and reinstited during the last two decades thanks to Valarie Kehoe's efforts.

The Mayor stated that the City sent out lead surveys and clarified that the survey is requesting pictures and answers to questions on the website and Facebook. The goal is to determine what information is known and the cost of lead pipe(s) in order for the City to obtain low-interest loans for the replacement.

The Mayor stated that the Mayor of Evergreen Park, who was an attorney during the last administration, is spearheading a campaign to obtain financial assistance through Springfield. The Mayor further stated that Blue Island has an aging infrastructure, so the Mayor of Evergreen Park is obtaining data from Burke Engineering for more information.

The Mayor announced that the City has been awarded \$40,000 in CDBG grants for the northeast sections of streets as well as the 119th and Irving program for next year.

The Mayor notified the City that there are twenty vacant homes, seven of which require emergency demolition and cannot be salvaged, and that a grant received earlier in the year will be used for demolition costs.

The Mayor indicated that Forest View has received an encouraging report on mobile homes, which would be discussed during executive session.

The Mayor indicated that Green Alleyways has been approved, with one that will be completed next spring located on the northwest corner of Central and 123rd.

The Mayor announced that the City received one of the four plow trucks that were purchased three and a half years ago. Jim Poelsterl was helpful in urging the City to promptly purchase the plow trucks by providing information that the trucks would not be received immediately.

The Mayor stated that although the Police and Fire Departments need full-time employees, it is manageable and being addressed. The City is conducting a survey on how nearby communities encourage applicants.

The Mayor stated that the City received a \$120,000 grant from the DCEO.

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

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to "Kid in the Park," held by the Blue Island Park District and the Blue Island Public Library on August 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at York and Western. Alderman Montoya noted that it is similar to the kids' first day of school.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, praised everyone who participated in the TGIF, including the community, vendors, restaurants, and Produce Brothers.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reminded everyone that the City of Blue Island is celebrating staff appreciation this week and encouraged everyone to express their gratitude to a City employee for their hard work.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, advised everyone to be on the lookout for all September activities.

10) Treasurer’s Report

a. City Treasurer’s Announcements/Comments

No comment.

11) City Attorney’s Report

a. City Attorney’s Announcements/Comments

No comment.

12) City Administrator’s Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator’s Announcements/Comments

No comment.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

No comment.

14) 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.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to enter Executive Session.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Rita

Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr to Reconvene.

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

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

The Mayor stated possible imminent litigation.

15) Motion for Adjournment

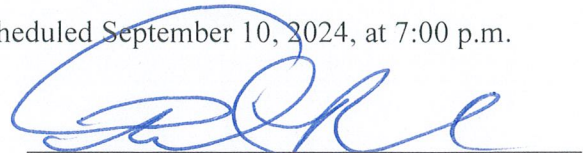
Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



Fred Bilotto, Mayor

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024**



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk