

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 2024.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	6	Carr, Roll, Johnson, Montoya (7:08 pm), Rita Fahrenwald, McGee
Absent:	0	
Present Also:	5	Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Jairo Frausto, Treasurer Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

a. Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

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

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

b. Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the August 15, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

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

c. Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from the August 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

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

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

5) Public Comment

A resident of Blue Island is concerned with the Meadows Golf Course after a ball hit her car, costing her \$515 in damages and causing her to miss her mother's doctor's appointment. The resident also stated that another golf ball hit her landscaper's vehicle. The resident also expressed excitement regarding the street and sidewalk restoration but stated that her curb was skipped without explanation.

Another resident reported that his car was towed near 126th and Greenwood. The resident stated that there are conflicting signs and notices regarding daytime parking in that area. According to the resident, there was apparently no response at the resident's door when the Police Department attempted to notify him of the tow. Because there is no alley behind 126th and Greenwood, some residents have had to walk two and a half blocks around construction.

6) Old Business

No old business.

7) New Business

a. National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Rita to approve National Suicide Prevention Month.

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

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

8) Mayor's Report

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for August 30, 2024, for \$444,136.32 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for August 30, 2024, for \$444,136.32 (gross).

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

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

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable dated September 11, 2024, for \$501,145.75 (gross).

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

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

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

- c. **Motion to approve the recommendation award from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and deem Gallagher Asphalt Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder for the 2025 Alley Resurfacing Project and to direct staff to prepare a contract for authorization and approval.**

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Carr for the 2025 Alley Resurfacing Project.

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

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

The Mayor indicated that this covers all of the remaining alleys.

- d. **Resolution 2024-033: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Providing for and Requiring the Submission of an Advisory Referendum to the Electors of the City of Blue Island, at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025, regarding a Public Question Related to Western Avenue becoming a two-way street between 127th Street and Grove Street.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-033.

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

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

- e. **Resolution 2024-034: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Providing for and Requiring the Submission of an Advisory Referendum**

to the Electors of the City of Blue Island, at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025, regarding a Public Question Related to Gaming Cafes within the City of Blue Island.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-034.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

- f. Resolution 2024-035: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Providing for and Requiring the Submission of an Advisory Referendum to the Electors of the City of Blue Island, at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025, regarding a Public Question Related to Reducing the Tax Burden on Local Property Owners and Taxpayers by Increasing State Funding for Schools.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-035.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention: 0

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

- g. Resolution 2024-036: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving the Execution of a Lease Agreement, Value Agreement, and Service Agreement by and between the City and Proven Business Systems, LLC for the Lease of Office and Technology Equipment and Related Services.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-036.

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

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

h. Ordinance 2024-039: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Granting a Special Use Permitting a Gas Station with a Mini-Mart within the C-2 Highway Commercial District (12300 S. Western Avenue).

Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-039.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald asked why we needed so many gas stations in the City and further stated that there is no need for all of the waste that will be produced. In addition, many residents expressed their concerns about the situation.

The Mayor indicated that it passed unanimously via Building and Zoning.

Alderman McGee clarified which gas station was being discussed. Mayor stated that he does not recollect because he only attended the first meeting.

i. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated that they are organizing the 4th of July Parade for 2025 and that if anyone knows of a marching band that would like to join, please let the City know.

The Mayor announced a handful of events for the upcoming weeks and urged citizens

to support whatever events they could. The City offered thanks to the Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Police Department in advance for their service.

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

a. City Clerk’s Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified everyone about the Knights of Columbus' tag days on September 13-15th 2024.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated the State Representative Bob Rita and the Mayor invites everyone to shredding and e-recycling day on September 14, 2024 from 9 am to 11 am located at 12921 Western Avenue.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reminded everyone about the Eisenhower Alumni Golf Outing scheduled for September 14, 2024 at the Meadows Golf Course.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, encouraged residents to the Blue Island Historical Annual house walk on September 21, 2024, from 1pm to 5pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to St. Mary Magdalene Church's Family Fest on September 14, 2024 from 3 pm to 10 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the Guildhaus 5k run/walk on September 22, 2024 at 10 am.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the Romin Chariots car show on September 28, 2024 from 3 pm to 7 pm at Blue Cap.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the Blue Island Health Expo on September 28, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm.

10) **Treasurer’s Report**

a. Motion to Approve the August 2024 Treasurer’s Report.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Montoya for August 2024 Treasurer’s Report.

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

Abstention: 0

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

b. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments

No comment.

11) City Attorney's Report

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City Attorney, Erin Blake, reported that there was one bid for 12801 S. Lincoln Street, Blue Island, Illinois 60406. The bid was received from Rembrandt Builders, who offered \$12,000 for new residential construction.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

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No comment.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Johnson stated that he would like more speed bumps in the City. In the meantime, he also required police presence due to the large number of children playing.

Alderman Fahrenwald had the same concerns as Alderman Johnson.

The Mayor noted that after the streets are completed, speed bumps would be installed. The City will hold a meeting for the first ward since these are not new streets.

Alderman McGee extended an invitation to everyone to attend their block party on the 2200 block of 120th Street on Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

No Executive Session.

15) Motion for Adjournment

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

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

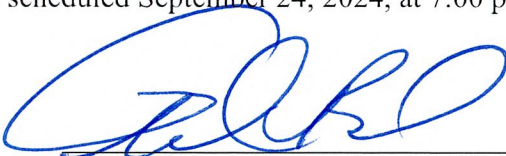
McGee

Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

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

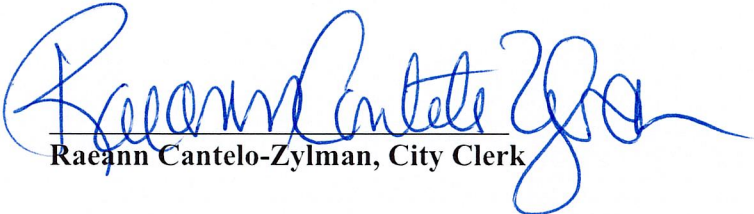
The meeting was adjourned 7:22 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled September 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



Fred Bilotto, Mayor

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024**



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk