

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025**

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 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	6	Fahrenwald, McGee, Carr, Johnson, Montoya, Ruthenberg
Absent:	1	Roll
Present Also:	5	Racann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Nancy Rita, 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 Carr to approve the City Council Minutes from the February 25, 2025, City Council meeting.

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

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

b. Motion by Alderman Ruthenberg, second by Alderman McGee to approve minutes from the Public Hearing relating to the 2025 Appropriations Ordinance from February 25, 2025.

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

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

c. Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve the City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes from the February 13, 2025.

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

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

5) Public Comment

No Public Comment.

6) Old Business

a. Proclamation for Intellectual and Disability Awareness Day in Blue Island, Illinois for March 12, 2025.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Ruthenberg for to Proclaim Intellectual and Disability Awareness Day to be 3/12/25.

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

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

The Mayor stated that all people need to treat others with dignity and that the City will continue to spread awareness, educate, and show respect throughout our community.

7) **New Business**

No new business.

8) **Mayor's Report**

b. Motion for Approval of Payroll dated February 28, 2025, for \$472,349.30 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman McGee to approve Payroll for February 28, 2025 for \$472,349.30.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

c. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable dated March 12, 2025 for \$617,894.71 (gross).

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Ruthenberg to approve Accounts Payable for March 12, 2025 for \$617,894.71 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

d. Motion to Approve Mayoral Appointment to the City’s Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Mayor seeks to appoint Patti Jo Mitchel to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve Mitchel Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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

e. Ordinance 2025-013: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Designating 12930 Western Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois As A Historic Landmark.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance 2025-013.

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

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

f. Resolution 2025-009: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2025, 120th Street from Western Avenue to Longwood Drive.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Adoption of Resolution 2025-009.

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

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

- g. Resolution 2025-010: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Submittal of a Grant Application for Invest in Cook Program Funds for the City of Blue Island’s Highland Avenue Improvements Project.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr for Adoption of Resolution 2025-010.

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

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

- h. Resolution 2025-011: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve the Purchase of Three (3) Municipal Vehicles from Terry’s Ford.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Resolution 2025-011.

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

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

- i. Ordinance 2025-014: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Promissory Note in Connection with the Municipal Acquisition of An Ambulance.**

Motion by Alderman Ruthenberg, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-014.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

- j. Ordinance 2025-015: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title VII (“Traffic Code”), Chapter 72 (“Parking Regulations”) of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-015.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman McGee asked if this was residential or a business location. The Mayor stated it is residential.

- k. Motion to Award Base Bid – Crack Routing/Sealing & Patching – 2025 Road Maintenance Program (Modified Scope) to Denler, Inc. in the Amount of \$127,040.16.**

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr to Award Denler, Inc. for Crack Routing/Sealing & Patching.

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

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

i. Motion to Award Alternate 1 Bid – Rejuvenator-Reclamite – 2025 Road Maintenance Program (Modified Scope) to Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC in the Amount of \$113,601.25.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Ruthenberg to Award Asphalt Materials, LLC for Rejuvenator-Reclamite.

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

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

Alderman Fahrenwald commended the city for accomplishing this project. The Mayor indicated that this is the first time the City has done this, and that it will be an ongoing effort.

m. Mayor’s Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor asked the City Council whether they wanted to reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting, which only had one item on the agenda. The council unanimously agreed.

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

a. **City Clerk’s Announcements**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed everyone that the City Clerk’s office is now accepting Hometown Heroe applications.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed everyone that the Community Clean Up will take place on 4/26/25.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed everyone that the MAI Fest will take place on 5/10/25.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, encouraged everyone to visit the Flower Sale on May 3, 17, and 24th at York and Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to join Junior Golf from 6/10/25 until 7/22/25. For more information, visit the Clerk’s office.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, wished Luiz Montoya a happy belated birthday.

10) **Treasurer’s Report**

a. **Motion to Approve February 2025 Treasurer’s Report.**

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Ruthenberg to Approve February 2025 Treasurer’s Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

b. **City Treasurer’s Announcements/Comments**

No report.

11) City Attorney's Report

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No reportt.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

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City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, reminded everyone to complete the statement of economic interest.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Johnson invited everyone to the Community Watch Group meeting at the John D. Rita Recreation Center tomorrow (3/12/25) at 6 p.m. He indicated that representatives from Bremen Township would also be speaking about property taxes.

Alderman McGee conveyed his sympathies to former Alderman Thompson on the death of her brother.

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 Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

Nays: 0


Absent: 1 Roll

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned 7:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled March 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



Fred Bilotto, Mayor

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025**



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk