

**MICHAEL A. O'CONNOR**  
**MAYOR**

**THOMAS J. PAVLIK**  
**CITY CLERK**

**MINUTES**  
**BERWYN CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 8, 2008**

1. The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 8:52 p.m. Upon the call of the roll, the following responded present: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the safety of our armed forces, police, firefighters, and paramedics.
3. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced. The Mayor recognized Mary Ann Pater, 3418 Wesley, who addressed the Council regarding Alderman Erickson's newsletter which she received under her pet's name and Alderman Erickson's response when asked how he obtained the information. Alderman Erickson then offered the Council and anyone in the audience a copy of the mailing and stated that it was not a political mailing. The Mayor then recognized Alderman Chapman who then requested a copy of Alderman Erickson's mailing and spoke in regards to the letter and stated that she thought it was a political mailing. The Mayor recognized Treasurer Pater who stated that he was in agreement with Alderman Chapman regarding it being a political mailing. The Mayor then recognized Crossing Guard, Charlene Bradshaw, 3816 Kenilworth, who spoke regarding the contract for crossing guards and items and benefits removed by the past administration and would like to see them back into the union contract. The Mayor then presented a resolution urging the Surface Transportation Board of the U.S. Board of Transportation to approve the application of the Canadian National Railroad Company to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. The Mayor then recognized Alderman Erickson who spoke on a letter from Costco.
4. The minutes of the regular City Council meeting and the Committee of the Whole for March 25, 2008 were presented. Phelan made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to amend item #19 of the regular minutes of March 25, 2008 to read "Rich Bruen has a conflict of interest regarding the matter". The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: none. Excused: Weiner. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to approve the minutes as amended and to concur and approve the

Committee of the Whole minutes of March 25, 2008. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Bid opening for Tree Trimming at various locations throughout the city was submitted. Weiner made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and authorize the law department, public works, and any other interested parties, to proceed to the conference room for the opening and tabulation of bids and to return to the Council Chambers for reading. The motion carried by a voice vote.
6. Bid opening for Sew Cleaning and Televising were submitted. Wiener made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and authorize the law department, public works, and any other interested parties, to proceed to the conference room for the opening and tabulation of bids and to return to the Council Chambers for reading. The motion carried by a voice vote.
7. The Berwyn Development Corporation submitted an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, THE CITY OF BERWYN AND THE TOWN OF CICERO TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A STREETScape DESIGN PLAN AND ZONING REGULATIONS FOR ROOSEVELT ROAD**

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and adopt the ordinance as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

8. The Berwyn Development Corporation submitted a communication requesting consideration for the addition of three (3) cruise nights to their 2008 events list, dates June 17, July 15, and August 19, 2008. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
9. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to suspend the rules and bring forth item F-2 and mark as germane F-1. The motion carried by a voice vote. F-2 is a communication from the Mayor regarding Health Insurance renewal. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Day, to concur and approve the renewal for the city's health care with Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a reduced rate, with a savings of \$176,000. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: Ramos, Weiner.

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10. The Mayor submitted a proclamation proclaiming May, 2008 as National Historical Preservation month. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.
11. The Mayor submitted a proclamation declaring April 25, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Berwyn. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.
12. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the veto of expenditures for Ancel Glink for the legal opinion of the Mayor's authority. After discussion, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote. Thereafter, Alderman Phelan stated that he will submit the request to Ancel Glink and pay out of his own Aldermanic expense account.
13. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding department quarterly reports. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote.
14. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Cell Tower proposal. Weiner made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to defer the matter for 2 weeks. The motion carried by a voice vote.
15. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the removal of referral items from the Committee of the Whole list. Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote.
16. The Clerk submitted a request for approval of Closed Committee of the Whole minutes for February 26<sup>th</sup> , March 5<sup>th</sup> , March 11<sup>th</sup> , and March 17<sup>th</sup> , 2008, as reviewed in closed session. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
17. The Clerk submitted a communication on Prohibited Political Activity which referred to a mailing by Alderman Erickson using the City pet owner's information list. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and refer the matter to the Administration Committee. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. The Zoning Board of Appeals submitted a Resolution and Ordinance regarding the Bobby Buonauro Clinic, 3245 Grove Avenue. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and adopt the Resolution/Ordinance as presented. The motion was defeated by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Skryd, Phelan, Lovero. Nays: Ramos, Weiner, Day, Erickson, O'Connor.
19. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding the "Great American Clean-Up—Depot District Style" for Saturday, April 19, 2008. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to refer the matter to the police, public works, and city wide. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
20. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding city finances and layoffs and requested a detailed breakdown on the Budget, and Revenue Expenditures. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded Skryd, to refer to the Finance department and Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by a voice vote.
21. Alderman Skryd submitted a communication regarding a proposed ordinance prohibiting hand held cell phones and texting while driving. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Day, to refer the matter to the Law and Police departments. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Weiner, Skryd, Day, O'Connor. Nays: Ramos, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson.
22. Alderman Skryd submitted a communication regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Ward bicycle racks and garbage cans. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve the request as submitted and to refer the matter to the public works department for implementation. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
23. Alderman Lovero submitted a communication regarding a sign located at 7026 W. Cermak Road. After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve the request as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
24. The Committee of the Whole submitted an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF MULTI-TENANT DWELLINGS AND MIXED USE PROPERTIES IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and **adopt** the ordinance as amended and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Lovero. Nays: Ramos, Phelan, Erickson.

25. A deferred communication from the Fire Chief regarding the recent approval of ambulance purchases. Weiner made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the Budget committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.
26. The Law department submitted a notice of Public Hearing and Public Notice on the Vacation of Wenonah Avenue. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted and to authorize a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
27. The bid tabulations for Tree Trimming were returned for reading, Winkler Tree Service in the amount of \$130,681 and Landscape Concepts Management, Inc. in the amount of \$115,816. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Public Works committee and Novotny and Associates. The motion carried by a voice vote.
28. The bid tabulations for Sewer Cleaning and Televising were returned for reading. CTR Systems, Inc in the amount of \$17,225, Visu-Sewer of Illinois in the amount of \$16,905, National Power Rodding Corp in the amount of \$17,750, and A-K Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$33,320. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Public Works committee and to Novotny and Associates. The motion carried by a voice vote.
29. The Law department submitted an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 7124-26 WEST CERMAK ROAD AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND HINCKLEY CONSULTING, L.L.C.**

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to concur and **adopt** the ordinance as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. The Law department submitted a Resolution regarding the honorary designation of a portion of Windsor Avenue as "Billy Quan Drive". Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: none. Present: Weiner.
31. The former Finance director, Stephanie Walker submitted a communication regarding the increase of vehicle sticker rates for 2008. After discussion, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur. The motion was defeated on the following roll call: Yeas: Weiner, Skryd, Day. Nays: Chapman, Ramos, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson.
32. Alderman Phelan questioned the need for a motion to be made to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. as per ordinance. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Lovero. Nays: Phelan, Erickson. Thereafter, at 10:03 p.m., Alderman Phelan excused himself from the meeting.
33. The Police Chief submitted a communication regarding the proposed amendment to Section 804 of the codified ordinances. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Day, to defer the matter. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Police department and the Ordinance and Resolution committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.
34. The Public Works director submitted a communication regarding the Landscape bid tabulations. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and refer the matter to the Law department to amend the contract on a month to month basis. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: none. Absent: Phelan.
35. The Public Works director submitted a communication requesting the approval to bid out holiday decorations. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer and refer the matter to the Public Works committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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36. The Public Works director submitted a communication requesting the approval to bid out planting services. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to defer and refer the matter to the Public Works committee and to invite representatives from the BDC and Mainstreet. The motion carried by a voice vote.
37. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the appointment, of himself, to the Fire Pension Board. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer the matter for 2 weeks. The motion carried by a voice vote.
38. Consent agenda items K-1 through K-7 were submitted:
  - K-1-The Budget Chairman submitted the payroll for April 2, 2008 in the total amount of \$844,750.61
  - K-2-The Budget Chairman submitted the payables for April 8, 2008 in the total amount of \$1,016,917.39.
  - K-3-Alderman Lovero submitted a request for a handicapped sign for P. O'Connor, 1918 Kenilworth, with a recommendation to **approve**
  - K-4- Alderman Lovero submitted a request for a handicapped sign for C. Wheat, 1932 Grove, with a recommendation to **approve**
  - K-5-The Collector submitted the business licenses issued for March, 2008
  - K-6-The Building director submitted the building permits issued in March, 2008
  - K-7-St Leonard School requested to close Clarence Ave from 33<sup>rd</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> for School picnic on May 30, 2008Thereafter, Ramos made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve by Omnibus Vote Designation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
39. The Mayor called a closed -Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to interview for Finance director, and called for a Committee of the Whole for Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.
40. Alderman Skryd announced an Administration committee meeting, as previously called, for Monday, April 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for referrals.
41. Alderman Day announced an Education committee meeting, as previously called for Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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42. There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was, after a motion by Ramos, seconded by Skryd, to adjourn at the hour of 10:46 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pavlik  
City Clerk