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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

MINUTES
BERWYN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 24, 2008

1. The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 8:35 p.m. Upon the call of the roll, the following responded present: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Absent: none.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the safety of our armed forces, police, firefighters, paramedics, and city employees.
3. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced. The Mayor recognized Cook County Commissioner Tony Peraica who congratulated the City of Berwyn on its Centennial and read and presented a Resolution and also announced the grand opening of the Cermak Aquatic Park on July 18th, Carl Reina spoke regarding the Centennial revenues and attendance, Mayor O'Connor thanked Michael Anthony's Pizza for the \$2,000 donation for fireworks for the 4th of July, Alderman Skryd also thanked Michael Anthony's Pizza for handling the softball tournament, Sandi VanGoethem spoke on the need for more employees and not laying them off and suggested a 10% cut in wages and that legal fees may out-weigh employee layoffs, Officers O'Halloran and Mazza of the Berwyn Police department spoke regarding a FOIA request and response, owner of Cigars & Strips along with 2 business owners who voiced complaints regarding LaQuinta Restaurant having a party last Friday night and damages to a window and unruly patrons on weekends, Alderman Chapman spoke on reviewing the Entertainment License and will place a communication on the next City Council agenda, Alderman Skryd read a letter from a resident Kathy Stechmiller regarding 6501 W. 27th Place, the Sears House, and placed same into record.
4. The minutes of the regular Berwyn City Council and the Committee of the Whole for June 10, 2008 were submitted. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
5. The Berwyn Health District submitted an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Comprehensive Rodent Control 2008. Thereafter, Erickson

made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve the agreement as submitted and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. The Berwyn Development Corporation submitted a communication regarding the re appointment of Lance Malina to the Roosevelt Road Advisory Committee. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur. The motion carried by a voice vote. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur in the reappointment of Anthony Griffin, Executive Director of the BDC to the Economic Development staff position. The motion carried by a voice vote.
7. The Berwyn Development Corporation, Special Events Committee, submitted a request for (3) additional Clean Sweep Garage Sales to be added to their 2008 events. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
8. The City Clerk submitted the Resolution from the Cook County Board commemorating the Berwyn Centennial. Thereafter, Ramos made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote.
9. The City Clerk submitted a communication requesting the approval of Closed Committee of the Whole minutes for April 22, 2008, April 28, 2008, May 13, 2008 and May 27, 2008 as reviewed in closed session on June 10, 2008. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
10. A deferred communication from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Ernesto Lechuga, D/B/A Durango Custom 72, Inc. 6805 W. Ogden Avenue. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and adopt the Resolution/Ordinance as submitted and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Phelan, Erickson. Nays: Skryd, Lovero.
11. A deferred communication from Alderman Skryd regarding a City Council Meeting Parliamentarian. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to defer the matter generally, stating that she was not in favor of expending more funds while there were impending layoffs. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding a fence at 7102 W. 34th Street. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and approve as submitted and grant permission to install said fence. After further discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the law and building departments, to include an agreement with the city for access, to draft an ordinance to overrule and grant an easement, and to direct the building department to issue permits. The motion carried by a voice vote.
13. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding City Finances and 15 union layoffs. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole, Finance and law departments for the appropriate responses and actions to this communication. The motion carried by a voice vote.
14. Alderman Skryd submitted a communication regarding employee layoffs. Thereafter, Alderman Skryd read the communication into record. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and to call a Special meeting to address Future Financial Strategy Discussion. The motion carried by voice vote.
15. Alderman Skryd submitted a communication regarding a Military Recognition Day on July 5, 2008 to be held on 27th Street between Ridgeland and East Avenues from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
16. The Berwyn Historic Preservation Commission submitted a Resolution and Report nominating the Berwyn Municipal Building, the City Hall, as a Berwyn Historic Landmark. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
17. The Berwyn Historic Preservation Commission submitted a Resolution and Report nominating the Sears House, 6501 W. 27th Street as a Berwyn Historic Landmark. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Day, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion failed by the following roll call: Yeas: Weiner, Day, Erickson. Nays: Chapman, Ramos, Skryd, Phelan, Lovero. Thereafter, the Mayor declared the matter defeated.
18. A deferred communication from the Law department regarding the Fire and Police committee recommendations, Grievance "A". After discussion, Chapman stated that the response to the IMPA regarding the grievance was falsified after listening to the closed tapes of the Committee meeting of

December 13, 2007. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the Administration committee for investigation. The motion carried by a voice vote. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to refer the matter to the States Attorney's Office, Public Integrity Unit. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

19. A deferred communication from the Law department regarding the Fire and Police committee recommendations, Grievance "B". Alderman Chapman reiterated the same applies to Grievance "A", stating the committee did hear the matter with no vote taken, and the decision of the committee was to further investigate, requesting more information. After further discussion, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to refer the matter to the Administration committee and to the States Attorney's office, Public Integrity Unit, for investigation. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
20. The Law department submitted and ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 462.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD FROM SIXTY TO THIRTY DAYS TO PURCHASE A CITY VEHICLE STICKER FOR A NEW CAR OR A NEW RESIDENT

Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and **adopt** the ordinance as submitted and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: Phelan. Thereafter, the Clerk stated that there was a request to immediately post on the city's website with present ordinances, and cautioned that the law does not take affect until 10 days after passage, and the ordinance shall be posted after the 10th day.

21. The Law department submitted an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF WENONAH AVENUE

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

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22. The Fire Chief submitted a communication regarding 1535 Clarence Avenue. After discussion, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by a voice vote with Alderman Phelan voicing a contrary nay.
23. Ramos made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. per city ordinance. The motion carried by a voice vote.
24. The Police Chief submitted a communication regarding the 2006 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Agreement. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and approve the agreement as submitted and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
25. The Collector, Police Division Commander, and the Traffic Engineer submitted a communication regarding Chapter 484.04A, School District and Church Special Visitor Parking Pass. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and refer the matter to the law department to draft same. The motion carried by a voice vote.
26. Consent Agenda items K-1 through K-10 were submitted:
 - K-1 The Budget Chairman submitted the payroll for June 11, 2008 in the total amount of \$983,707.31
 - K-2 The Budget Chairman submitted the payables for June 24, 2008 in total amount of \$1,438,759.46
 - K-3 Skryd submitted a handicap sign request for O. Herrera, 2306 Gunderson with a recommendation to **approve**
 - K-4 The North Berwyn Park District, Summer Flea Market July 19th & 20th
 - K-5 7th Day Adventist-solicitation door to door between 6/1/08 & 8/15/08
 - K-6 CBC Shoe Corporation, sidewalk sale June 19th through June 22, 2008
 - K-7 Block party, 3100 Euclid, August 9, 2008
 - K-8 Block party, 3300 Home, August 2, 2008 rain date August 7, 2008
 - K-9 Block party, 2500 Scoville, July 5, 2008
 - K-10 Alley Garage Sale, 3200 Wisconsin, June 28, 2008Chapman made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to concur and approve by Omnibus Vote Designation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
27. The Mayor called for a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.
28. Alderman Skryd called an Administration Committee meeting for Monday, July 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.

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29. 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 10:10 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pavlik
City Clerk