

MICHAEL A. O'CONNOR
MAYOR

THOMAS J. PAVLIK
CITY CLERK

MINUTES
BERWYN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 23, 2008

1. The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 8:07 p.m. Upon the call of the roll, the following responded present: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Phelan, Lovero. Absent: Skryd, Erickson. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Day to excuse Aldermen Skryd and Aldermen Erickson. The motion carried by a voice vote.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Mayor then wished everyone joy for the holidays a moment of silence was observed for health and wellbeing for all.
3. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced. Resident Lisa Marada of 6814 W. 30th Place spoke regarding the snow removal and read a letter regarding and supplied same to Clerk for minutes. Aldermen Chapman reported receiving 46 calls regarding the same lack of snow removal. Thereafter, the Mayor recognized the Public Works Director, Patrick Ryan, who stated that crews will be out in full force on Wednesday to alleviate the situation.
4. The minutes of the regular City Council meeting and the Committee of the Whole held on December 9, 2008 were submitted. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve as amended on face item #27 and to approve the Committee of The Whole minutes as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
5. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero to suspend the rules and bring forth item #I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4. Motion carried.
I-2 is a communication from the Board of Fire and Police Commission regarding the appointment of Probationary Fire Fighter Scott Waszak and a communication from Fire Chief O'Halloran regarding the promotion of John Janata to the rank of Engineer. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor O'Connor then recognized Fire Fighter Waszak and Engineer Janata. Thereafter, the Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

6. A communication from The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners regarding the appointment of Probationary Police Officers, Thomas Garcia, James Grabarczyk and Casey C. Stefano. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve the appointment as submitted. Mayor O'Connor recognized the newly appointed officers, the Clerk then administered the Oath of Office.
7. A communication from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners regarding the appointment of Lateral Transfers Police Officers, Richard Novotny, Daniel Rodriguez and Carl Gray. Lovero made a motion by, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve the appointments as submitted. Mayor O'Connor recognized the newly appointed Police Officers; the Clerk then administered the Oath of Office.
8. A deferred communication from Alderman Chapman regarding Sergeants promotion. Alderman Phelan made a motion to accept the matter as informational. There being no second, the Mayor recognized the motion by Lovero, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve as submitted to fill the two Sergeants positions. Thereafter, Mayor O'Connor recognized Police Chief William Kushner who spoke regarding the matter. Thereafter, the motion carried following the call of the roll: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Lovero. Nays: Phelan. Excused: Skryd and Erickson.
9. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the Tax Levy Proposal and an attached ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE LEVING TAXES FOR GENERAL CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2008, FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and adopt ordinance as presented and authorize the corporate authorizes to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following call of the roll: Pass: Chapman. Yeas: Ramos, Weiner, Phelan, Lovero. Nays: Day. Thereafter, Chapman entered a vote of Yea. Excused: Skryd and Erickson.

10. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding Strategic Planning Proposal from Executive Partners. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to deny the request. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding land acquisition and Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6647 WEST 26TH STREET IN THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion carried by the following call of the roll: Yeas: Chapman, Weiner, Day, Lovero. Nays: Ramos, Phelan. Excused: Skryd, Erickson.

12. The Zoning Board of Appeals submitted a communication and an Ordinance Resolution regarding Darlene and Eric Yoder d/b/a Horse Drawn Productions, 6519 W. 26th Street. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur and adopt the Resolution as presented granting the variation. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
13. The Board of Trustees, Berwyn Firemen's Pension Fund submitted a communication regarding Estimated Pension Cost 2009. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the Committee of The Whole. The motion carried by a voice vote.
14. The Berwyn Police Pension Fund submitted a communication regarding Annual Municipal Compliance Report. After discussion, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by a voice vote.
15. A deferred communication from the Law Department regarding the Sister City Ordinance. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to defer the matter for 3 weeks. The motion carried by voice vote.
16. The Finance Director submitted a communication regarding Tax Levy Abatement Ordinances and an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2001, OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Weiner, 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.

17. The Finance Director submitted a communication regarding Tax Levy Abatement Ordinances and an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2002A, OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Weiner, 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.

18. The Finance Director submitted a communication regarding Tax Levy Abatement Ordinances and an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2002B, OF THE CITY OF BERWYN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Weiner, 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.

19. The Finance Director submitted a communication regarding CCMSI Proposal. After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Day, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. The Law Department submitted a communication regarding the removal of items from Law Department Referral List. Thereafter, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote.

21. The Library Director submitted a communication regarding request to authorize to replace recently resigned staff member. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur, waive the hiring freeze and approve the request as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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22. The Finance director submitted a communication regarding Excess Liability and Workers Compensation Renewal. After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and to approve the Excess Liability Agreement with Lexington Insurance in the amount of \$207,050.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Day, to concur and approve as submitted the request for Workmen's Compensation Insurance with National Safety with an SIR at \$600,000., in the amount of \$110,180.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
23. The Finance Director submitted a communication regarding the Folgers Flag Payment, check number 340272 in the amount of \$14,781.00. Thereafter Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve for payment. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
24. The Consent agenda items K-1 through and K-3 were submitted:
K-1-The budget chairman submitted the payroll for December 23, 2008 in the total amount of \$1,044,237.39
K-2-The budget chairman submitted the payables for December 23, 2008, the total amount of \$1,692,348.96
K-3-Maria SS. Lauretana Feast September 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th 2009
Thereafter, Ramos made a motion, seconded by Day, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
25. The Mayor wished a Happy Holidays, and then called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.
26. Fire and Police committee called a meeting as previously called, for meeting, for Friday, December 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.
27. There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was, after a motion by Ramos, seconded by Day, to adjourn at the hour of 9:00 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pavlik
City Clerk