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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2022

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople were in attendance and present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Pabon participated remotely.

- A.** Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Maribel Gonzalez and Lawrence Toriello and in support for the safety of our First Responders.
- B. Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following speakers addressed the City Council:
- Luz Chavez raised questions concerning the lack of an alley plowing plan following a snow storm and what impact the planned Realty of Chicago headquarters will have on property taxes. Ms. Chavez, in recognition of Black History month, thanked Ald. Carmichael, Summer Butler, Nicolette Penaranda and Benjamin Henning for their continuing civic works in the community. Ms. Chavez submitted a copy of her remarks for the record.
 - Claudia Ayala, City Communications Manager, distributed newly designed Senior Services pamphlets and applications.
- C. Approval of Minutes:** Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- D. Bid Openings:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- E. Reports from the BDC, BPHD, or Berwyn Township:**
- E-1:** Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) Executive Director David Hulseberg was recognized. Mr. Hulseberg distributed the Annual Report 2021 to the council members and spoke briefly. He then introduced out-going BDC President Andy Sotiropoulos. Mr. Sotiropoulos commented on BDC achievements during his term accomplished during the trying times of the pandemic. He then introduced the new BDC President Diane Salemi. Ms. Salemi spoke of her eagerness to continue the work of the BDC. At the conclusion of their remarks, Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the BDC's schedule of community events as presented and authorize city services for the events as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- E-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the communication from the Berwyn Township announcing the deadline for submissions to April's Annual Meeting Agenda as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- F. Reports from the Mayor:** Clerk Paul read the proposed Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month in Berwyn. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Proclamation as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero asked Ald. Carmichael to accept a copy of the Proclamation in recognition of his service to the community as Berwyn's first elected Black Alderman.
- G. Reports from the Clerk:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to accept the Clerk's communication regarding the requirement for Open Meeting Act training as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- H. Zoning Commission:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.

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I. Reports from Aldermen, Committees and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the communication from the Police and Fire Commission regarding the hiring of Michael J. Jacobs as a new Probationary Paramedic/Firefighter as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the November 30, 2021 Minutes of the Ad Hoc Rat Abatement Committee as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to accept the January 27, 2022 Minutes of the Ad Hoc Rat Abatement Committee as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J. Reports from Staff

J-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Berwyn and the County of Cook for the 2021 Invest In Cook County Program with the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, State of Illinois**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize the Berwyn Police Department to contact the Police and Fire Commission for the purpose of hiring four (4) Probationary Police Officers from the Lateral Eligibility Pool and Entry Level Police Candidate List due to vacancies created by department retirements. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

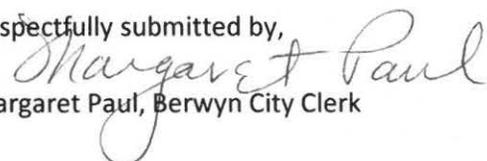
J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to waive the sealed bid process and approve the purchase of four new police vehicles (as described in Chief Cimaglia's communication) from Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed 157,543.00. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

K. Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K-10): Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K-1 through K-10) by omnibus designation as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Lennon announced a Budget Committee meeting on Feb. 10th, Ald. Leja announced a Police and Fire Committee meeting on Feb. 17th, and Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works Committee meeting for March 8th.

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, Berwyn City Clerk