

ITEM NO. C-1

DATE 1-26-21

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Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting - January 12, 2021

Clerk's Note: Governor Pritzker's Emergency Executive Orders allow for the suspension rules prohibiting "in-person attendance" by elected officials and the limiting of the number of people that could congregate in public places due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City of Berwyn uses best efforts to comply with the Governor's Orders and the spirit of the Open Meetings Act. The City Council has taken the following measures to provide residents with notice of changes to the Regular Meeting and ability to observe the meeting in progress through a live video stream:

- The City posts Meeting Notices and Agendas on its website and in City Hall with directions on how the public may view meetings, participate in public meetings, and address the City Council during Open Forum.
- The City posts directions to the public on its Face Book page on how they may participate and or view the public meeting.
- City staff live-stream the meeting on the City of Berwyn website (www.berwyn-il.us), Berwyn Facebook page, and YouTube during the City Council meeting. The video stream / audio is recorded and available to the public.

Mayor Lovero called the meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Aldermen participated in person: Lennon, Ramirez, Fejt, Avila, and Nowak. Ald. Santoy participated remotely. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to excuse Aldermen Reardon and Ruiz. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the lives lost due to COVID-19, the attack on the U.S. Capitol the previous week, and to pray for the safety of Berwyn's First Responders.
- B. Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero called for Open Forum comments. Clerk Paul announced that she had received fifteen identical letters from various restaurant owners and staff. Business owner Andy Sotirapoulis authored the original letter and solicited others to submit it to City Council. The summary of the letter provided a chronology of business owners' adherence to COVID-19 mitigation requirements, efforts taken and money spent to adhere to restrictions, the financial devastation incurred, alerted Council members to neighboring business' lax adherence to the Governor's orders in adjacent communities. The letter asked the Berwyn Unified Command to enforce "Stage 4 and not the three tiers of mitigation" and give small business the chance to survive. Clerk's Note: The full text of emails and copies of the signed letters received are a part of the record. The businesses signing and submitting the letter, in addition to Mr. Sotirapoulis were:
- Garage Smoke House (owner and staff submitted 5 signed copies)
 - Fill Up Station
 - El Meson Express
 - Out of Space
 - Christine and John Aranza
 - The James Joyce Irish Pub
 - Lavergne's Tavern
 - Off the Traxx
 - Eddie Wilkowski
 - Jennifer Wierzbowski

Clerk Paul commented in her capacity as President of the Berwyn Public Health District reporting on the high rate of COVID-19 infection among Berwyn residents; specifically the high increase in rates during the months of Governor Pritzker's Tier III Mitigations. She commented on the 92 total deaths since April 1, 2020, 44 of which died in the last

three months of the year. Mayor Lovero commented on the letters and provided remarks concerning his understanding of the plight of businesses and his responsibility to work to protect the health of residents.

Treasurer Miranda remarked on SBA loans available to small businesses and advised Berwyn business owners to contact their lending institutions for help in applying.

C. Approval of Minutes: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2020 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

D. Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

E. Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

F. Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept Mayor Lovero's communication on COVID-19 Mitigation Updates as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

F-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Avila, to accept Mayor Lovero's communication on the Berwyn EDA Revolving Loan Fund as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

G. Reports from the Clerk : Nothing submitted for the agenda.

H. Zoning Boards of Appeals: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

I. Reports from the Aldermen, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the Berwyn Pride Walk event for Saturday, June 26, 2021 as submitted if conditions permit. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Berwyn Municipal Securitization Corporation meeting as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J. Reports from the Staff:

J-1: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to accept Police Chief Cimaglia's communication on the placement of used needles "sharps" collection container in the Public Safety Building as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-2: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to authorize Chief Cimaglia to contact the Police and Fire Commission to recommend the promotion of two police officers to the rank of Sergeant. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve a 5-year contract for the grand total of \$296,470 with Axon to provide conducted electrical weapon systems (CEW – Tasers). The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-4: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur and approve settlement of 19WC25283 for \$12,550.30. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

K. Consent Agenda:

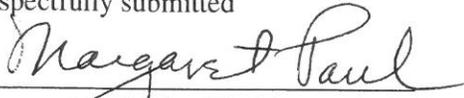
Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K8) by omnibus designation. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee Meetings: Ald. Santoy announced a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for February 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Margaret Paul, City Clerk