



ITEM NO. C-1
DATE 1-9-2021
DISPOSITION Approved as
Amended @ I-3
vote count
7 AYES and 1 Abstain

Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting- January 26, 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, Reardon, Fejt, Santoy, Ruiz, and Nowak. Ald. Avila participated remotely.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence to mark the passing of James Knowski and Ken Geiger.
- B. Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero called for Open Forum comments. Clerk Paul announced that she had received seventeen email submissions speaking against the promotion of Det. David Green to Sergeant. Clerk Paul summarized the submissions of the following people. She will make the summary and emails a part of the record. The following people submitted comments for Open Forum: Rizoma Collective, Matt Williams, Keyla Navarrete, Emily Kraiem, Beth Laurel, Sabine Krauss, Jose Garcia, Sheila Bielecki, Kristy Mallette-Nichols, Vanesa Avalos, Kevin and Andrea Munday, Marisol Brambila, Rocio Hernandez, Cassandra Gonzalez, Jessica Jane, Zachary Taylor, and Luz Chavez. Mayor Lovero commented that Det. Green was not the only officer named in the lawsuits referred to generally in several of the emailed comments. He also commented that he addressed with Det. Green the social media comments he made at the time when Mr. Williams brought them to his attention.
- C. Approval of Minutes:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021 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:**
E-1: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ramirez, to approve and authorize the use of \$300,000 in funds from the Roosevelt TIF to pay off the city-held loan amount on the property commonly known as 6935 Roosevelt Road. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
E-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BERWYN TO ENTER INTO A SALES TAX SHARING AGREEMENT WITH 7050 OGDEN, LLC TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A CAR DEALERSHIP WITHIN 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.
- F. Reports from the Mayor:**
F-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Avila, to adopt the Proclamation honoring Carl Reina's service to the City of Berwyn upon his resignation from the city's Police and Fire Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Paul read the Proclamation into the record.

F-2: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur in the appointment of Daniel K. Treadwell to serve on the Police and Fire Commission for a three-year term. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Treadwell.

F-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur in the appointment of Patrick Washington to serve as the Mayoral Liaison with regard to Lateral Hires of Police Officers as conducted by the Police and Fire Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F-4: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur in the appointment of Patrick Washington to serve as a member of the Auxiliary Review Board (replacing J. Malizzio) for a two-year term expiring on January 26, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Washington.

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. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur in the hiring of Colin Kielbasa as a Probationary Paramedic/Firefighter on the Berwyn Fire Department. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

I-2: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur with the appointment of David Green to the rank of Sergeant. On the motion Lennon, Fejt, Santoy and Nowak voting AYE. Ramirez and Reardon voted NO. Ruiz voted to abstain. Avila voted "Present". Mayor Lovero declared the motion as passed. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Green.

I-3: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur in the promotion of Carl Gray to the rank of Sergeant. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Gray.

J. Reports from the Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the contract with GW & Associates, PC for auditing services for the 2020 fiscal year for \$66,200. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the demolition of the building on the property commonly known as 6629 W 16th Street. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

K. Consent Agenda:

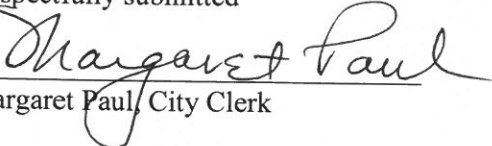
Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K6) by omnibus designation. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Margaret Paul, City Clerk