



ITEM NO. C-1264/21
DATE 2/24/21
DISPOSITION Approved as Submitted

Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting— February 9, 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, Avila, and Nowak. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt to excuse Ald. Ruiz. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk's Note: Ald. Ruiz arrived in chambers at 8:05 p.m. Treasurer Miranda 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 John Ivanelli, husband of former long-time employee Luna Ivanelli. He also asked that the safety of our First Responders be kept in our thoughts and prayers.
- B. Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero called for Open Forum comments. Clerk Paul announced that she had received two requests from residents to address the council remotely. Clerk Paul called Ms. Judith Vessely. Ms. Vessely came on the phone line. She requested an Ordinance to require that alleys be plowed following sever snowstorms and requiring homeowners and businesses to shovel snow accumulated in the alleys behind their homes. Clerk Paul then telephoned Mr. Jonathan Palles. Mr. Palles came on the line. He criticized local elected officials for not engaging with, or answering questions posed by, residents. Ms. Luz Chavez, attending in person, was recognized. She stated that residents want to hear from all candidates. She stated that there was still time before the local election for additional public forums. Clerk Paul then read summaries of email submissions sent for Open Forum: Ruanda Mejia spoke against the recent promotion of Det. David Green to Sergeant. Denise Poncher and Tracy Abrusci each requested the City to snow plow alleys. Erika Corona Owens asked the City to enforce the Campaign Sign Regulation Act and impose fines for failure to adhere to the Act. Judith Roth commented on local elected officials not participating in public debates or forums. Rita Wroblewski commented on the professional service provided to her by police Officers Rivera and Kenny. Clerk Paul summarized several comments received in favor of the promotion of Sgt. David Green received from the following people: Kristy Cavanaugh, Steven Roden, Rev. Fernando Siaba, James Aitcheson, Korry Thomas, Gina Valente, Gerald Conoboy, Melissa Green, Nicole Tomasello, Susan Greenberg, Lisa Franco, James Ritz, Fabiola Mejia-Montalto, Craig Golucki, and Rev. Marti Scott.
- C. Approval of Minutes:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Avila, to correct the Minutes submitted to show the vote count for Item I-3 as 7 AYES and 1 Abstention (Ruiz). The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021 as corrected. 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 (BDC):**
E-1: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to **adopt** the Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Amendment of a Certain Promissory Note Executed by the Berwyn Bottega Co. in Favor of the Berwyn Development Corporation for 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.

E-2: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Avila, to **adopt** the Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Amendment of a Certain Promissory Note Executed by La Parra, Inc. in Favor of the Berwyn Development Corporation for 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.

E-2: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Avila, to **adopt** the Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Amendment of a Certain Promissory Note Executed by Autre Monde, LLC. in Favor of the Berwyn Development Corporation for 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.

E-4: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the Berwyn Development Corporation Commercial Vacancy Report Final 2020 (Q4) as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

E-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to accept the BDC's Annual Report as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

F. Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Clerk Paul read aloud the proposed Proclamation making February 2021 as Black History Month in Berwyn. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

G. Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to mark the receipt of \$15,000 in grant money by the Clerk to reimburse the City for funds expended during the 2020 U.S. Census outreach campaign as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

I-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark her communication regarding Housing Forward as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J. Reports from the Staff:

J-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to **adopt** the Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Berwyn's Amended Action Plan for Program Year 2019 for Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds and to Include and Implement the Corona Virus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 ("CDBG-CV") Funds and Submission of Same to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD")** 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. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the purchase of an enclosed trailer from A & W Trailer by the Berwyn Police Department for \$3,299.00. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the Berwyn Police Department to purchase three Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles for \$121,041.93 from Currie Motors. The motion carried with 7 AYES and 1 NAY.

J-4: Mayor Lovero recognized Police Chief Cimaglia. Chief Cimaglia spoke on efforts by the department to rebuild its relationship with Berwyn residents. He asked Clerk Paul to read the 10 Shared Principals developed by the Illinois NAACP and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and now signed onto by the Berwyn Police Department. A brief discussion period ensued. Chief Cimaglia signed a poster listing the 10 Shared Principals. The poster will hang in City Hall. An identical poster will hang at the police department. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to accept the communication as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

K. Consent Agenda: Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K5) by omnibus designation. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee Meetings: Ald. Reardon announced a Third Ward Zoom Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Margaret Paul, Margaret Paul, City Clerk