



# Minutes of the Regular Berwyn City Council Meeting of December 14, 2021

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 Aldermen were in attendance and present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, and Arenella. Alderman Carmichael participated remotely and answered present on the call of the roll.

- A. Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Gumercinda Cristobol and in support of our First Responders.
- B. Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. There were no commentators forthcoming. Open Forum was closed.
- C. Approval of Minutes: Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes and the Minutes for the Regular Meeting both of November 23, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### D. Bid Openings:

D-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur with Fire Chief Hayes and reject the one bid received by Tiles in Style, LLC d/b/a Taza Construction and authorize Chief Hayes to purchase cabinetry directly for a lesser amount. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to award the bid for the Hood and Fire Suppression / Station 901 project to Avantiar, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to award the bid for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement Project to Municipal Emergency Services (to include agreed to trade-ins, upgrades, and conversion SCBA bottles) for an amount not to exceed \$419,731.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation: E-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Plat of Subdivision and Consolidation for Certain Property Located at 2609 Harlem Avenue for the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, State of Illinois, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and place it on its way to passage. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote in favor of passage.

## F. Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the Host Agreement between the City of Berwyn and Craft Creations, LLC and Craft Infusions, LLC as submitted. The motion carried with Lennon, Woywod, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE. Leja and Fejt voted NAY.

## G. Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur regarding the resizing of reserved parking from a Space to a Zone for 2323 Harvey and 3640 Wesley and to refund the renewal fee and remove the Handicap Parking reserved space at 3801 Maple. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### H. Zoning Commission:

H-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Approving Special Use Permits for Various Cannabis Uses Within the C-4 Commercial Zoning District at the Address Commonly Known as 6613-6621 W. Ogden Avenue and 6631 W. Ogden Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois – Craft Creations, LLC, Craft Infusions, LLC, & Craft Transports, LLC, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and place it on its way to passage. On the call of the roll, the motion carried with six Aldermen voting AYE. Leja and Fejt voted NAY.

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

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the communication from the Fire and Police Commission regarding Probationary Paramedic-Firefighter Ruben Velasco as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
I-2: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to accept the Administration Aldermanic Committee's Minutes of 8/3/2021 and 10/19/2021 as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### J. Reports from Staff

J-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for General Corporate and Special Purposes for the Tax Year 2021, Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022 for the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois, direct the Corporate Authorities to Affix the Necessary Signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried on the call of the roll with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, and Arenella voting AYE. Pabon and Carmichael voted NAY.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize Fire Chief Hayes to contact the Police and Fire Commission in order to promote the next qualified candidate from the Lieutenant's List, promote the next qualified Firefighter to Engineer, and to recommend the hiring of the next qualified candidate to fill a vacant Firefighter/Paramedic position. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**J-3**: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to accept the Berwyn Police Department's Automated License Plate Recognition Camera System Policy as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**J-4**: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize the settlement of 19WC029333 for an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Mr. Tom Benson's offer to finance a fireworks display on July 2, 2022 and to authorize city services as needed as well as staff to collaborate with Mr. Benson and Morton West High School staff as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**K. Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K-14)**: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the Consent Agenda Items K-1 through K-14 by omnibus designation as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works/Streets/Trees Committee Meeting 01/11/2022.

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margaret Paul, Berwyn City Clerk