



MINUTES
Regular Berwyn City Council Meeting
March 24, 2020

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Approved as Submitted

Clerk's Note: Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 5 on March 16, 2020. Executive Order No. 5, section 6 suspended "in-person attendance" by elected officials at public meetings required under 5 ILCS 120/2.01 due to the Covid-19 pandemic to allow remote participation. The Order also limited the congregation of Illinois residents to 50 or less to prevent the spread of the disease. The Governor further reduced the number of residents that could congregate to 10 or less under Executive Order No. 8 issued on March 20, 2020. The City of Berwyn used best efforts to comply with the Governor's Order and the spirit of the Open Meetings Act. The following measures were taken to provide residents with notice of changes to the Regular Meeting and ability to observe the meeting in progress through a live video stream:

- Notice that the City Council would comply with the Governor's Order was posted on the City's website along with direction on how the public could view the meeting.
- Notice that the City Council would comply with the Governor's Order was posted on the City's Facebook page along with directions on how the public could view the meeting.
- Notice that the City Council would comply with the Governor's Order was published in the Lawndale Bilingual News on March 19, 2020 with directions on how the public could view the meeting.
- City staff live-streamed the meeting on the City of Berwyn Facebook page beginning at 8:00 p.m.

A. Meeting Opening:

Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to Order at 8:00 P.M. He recognized Ald. Lennon who made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to allow that Aldermen calling in be allowed to participate remotely in the meeting in compliance with Executive Order No.5. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Aldermen answered Present: Lennon (in-person), Ramirez (participated remotely), Reardon (participated remotely), Fejt (in-person), Santoy (participated remotely), Avila (participated remotely), and Nowak (in-person). Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to excuse Ald. Ruiz. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Clerk's Note: City Treasurer Miranda also participated in the meeting remotely.

Mayor Lovero led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bonita Sedore, mother of Berwyn Police Department Communications Manager Wayne Sedore. He asked for additional thoughts and prayers for the health and safety of our local First Responders working in the Police, Fire and Public Works departments during this time of emergency as well as all those working in area hospitals and those who are suffering from Covid-19.

B. Open Forum: Mayor Lovero asked if anyone had received emails, texts, or phone messages with comments from the public to be communicated during Open Forum. All Aldermen, the Clerk, and staff responded that they had not. Mayor Lovero asked if the Aldermen had comments. Treasurer Miranda spoke about emergency assistance being made available by financial institutions to people during the crisis. She urged everyone to contact their lending institutions to see what help might be available. Alderman Reardon extended her thoughts and prayers for the Emergency Operations Committee and the First Responders. Alderman Santoy thanked Tony Laureto for his leadership during the emergency as well as the preparation all made to be NIMS compliant. Mayor Lovero expressed his thanks to all First Responders including the Fire, Police and Public Works departments and particularly Fire Chief Hayes, Police Chief Cimaglia and Public Works Director Schiller for their efforts. He expressed his gratitude for the efforts and cooperation of his administrative staff, all city staff and department heads, all elected officials, and in particular, Tony Laureto for his guidance during this extraordinary time. He further expressed his appreciation to all Berwyn residents for their cooperation and compliance with difficult orders to shelter in place.

C. Approval of Minutes: Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to amend the Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting (at item I-2) to show that he had revoked his initial abstention to vote on the motion (following the tally of votes by the other Aldermen) and voted Nay. The motion to amend the Minutes as requested carried by a

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unanimous voice vote. Ald. Fejt then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of March 10, 2020 and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, as amended, of March 10, 2020. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ald. Avila, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the Committee of the Whole and Regular City Council Minutes of February 25, 2020 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Lovero asked that a Roll Call vote be taken on the remainder of the agenda items to allow the public viewing the live stream and those attending in-person opportunity to hear the votes cast by the Aldermen participating remotely.

D. Bid Openings:

D-1: Berwyn Library LED Lighting Project: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur, award the bid to Twin Supplies as the lowest bidder, and approve a contract for \$31,491.20. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.

D-2: 2020 Seasonal Landscaping Maintenance: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur and award Diaz Group, LLC the contract for the Roosevelt Road Corridor at \$18,000.00, Cermak Road at \$16,800.00, and Ogden Avenue at \$7,500.00 in addition to mulch and also to award a contract to Alvarez, Inc. the contract for the Depot District for all four areas and mulch for the planters for an amount of \$15,500 for a total project amount of \$57,800.00. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.

D-3: 2020 MFT Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Award: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and award the bid contract Superior Road Striping for \$78,249.20. The motion carried on a unanimous call of the roll.

D-4: Project Management Services: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur and award a contract to Metro Strategies, Inc. for assistance with city infrastructure projects at a monthly retainer fee of \$2,500 per month. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D-5: Radar Feedback Sign: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur and award a contract to All Traffic Solutions for a total price of \$10,800.00. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

E. Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation: No items submitted.

F. Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Emergency Declaration: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to **adopt** the Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Declaring an Emergency Affecting the Public Health due to the Outbreak of the Covid-19 Disease in the State of Illinois**, to direct the Corporate Authorities to affix their signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F-2: Appointment of Lt. Michael R. Ochsner, Jr. to the rank of Berwyn Police Department Division Commander: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur and approve the appointment of Michael R. Ochsner to the rank of Division Commander. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Div. Commander Ochsner.

F-3: Appointment of Unit Commander Sergeant Michael G. Cirolia to rank of Berwyn Police Department Deputy Chief: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur and approve the appointment of Michael G. Cirolia to the rank of Deputy Chief. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Dep. Chief Cirolia.

F-4: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur and approve the renewal of the insurance policies at the rate negotiated by Berwyn Insurance Services with Blue Cross / Blue Shield as presented at the preceding Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

G. Reports from the Clerk: None submitted.

H. Reports from Zoning, Planning, and Development Commission: None submitted.

I. Reports from the Aldermen, Committees and Boards: None submitted.

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J. Reports from the Staff:

J-1: Appropriations Ordinance: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled **The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2020**, 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: Abatement Ordinance for 2019 Tax Levy: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **Ordinance for the Abatement of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Bonds for the Tax Year 2019**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and place it on its way to passage. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-3: Waive Sealed Bid Requirement and Purchase 2017 Ford E450: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to waive the sealed bid requirement and approve the Fire Department's purchase of a 2017 Ford E450 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-4: Request to Hire 7 Probationary Police Officers: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and approve the Police Chief's request to hire 7 Probationary Police Officers to fill various vacancies on the force. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-5: Request to Promote 2 Patrol Officers to the Rank of Sergeant: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur with the Police Chief and approve the promotion of two Patrol Officers to the rank of Sergeant. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-6: Request to Purchase 1 Police Service Dog: Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the purchase of 1 police service dog from Excel K-9 for \$10,800.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

K. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ald. Lennon, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to approve item K-2 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aldermanic Committee Meetings: All committee and ward meetings have been temporarily postponed due to the Covid-19 emergency.

Adjournment: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Paul, City Clerk