

MINUTES Regular Berwyn City Council Meeting July 23, 2019

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- 1. Clerk Paul called the roll at 8:00 p.m. The following Aldermen responded present: Lennon, Ramirez, Reardon, Fejt, Ruiz, Avila, and Nowak. Mayor Lovero was not present for the meeting. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to excuse Ald. Santoy and Mayor Lovero. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to elect Ald. Avila as Chair of the council meeting in the Mayor's absence. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Ald. Avila assumed the Chair. Ald. Avila called for another roll call. The following Aldermen responded present: Lennon, Ramirez, Reardon, Fejt, Ruiz, and Nowak.
- Ald. Avila asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those gathered observed a moment
 of silence for the family of Parthena Iastridis, the family of Genevieve Lucero, and for the safety of
 our First Responders.
- 3. Ald. Avila called for the Open Forum. No one asked to be recognized.
- 4. Ald. Fejt made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Minutes of the Regular Berwyn City Council meetings held on July 9, 2019 as submitted. Ald. Ruiz asked that the Minutes for the Regular Meeting be corrected to show that she was a co-sponsor of the Know Your Rights workshop announced during the July 9th Open Forum. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to accept the Committee of the Whole Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 5. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to bring forward Item J-4. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to accept the item as informational and congratulate and thank the Firefighters Connelly, Hill, Kostal, and Delong for their excellent lifesaving actions. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Assistant Fire Chief Coniglio was recognized. He read a letter sent by Dr. Cichon, D.O. the quick actions taken by the crew. Asst. Fire Chief Coniglio then introduced the Firefighters and handed out certificates of commendation.
- 6. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept Item F-1 as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 7. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to accept Item F-2 as informational and thank all involved with the effort. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 8. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the ReMax Summerfest event date and request as submitted by the Clerk. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 9. Ald. Reardon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Berwyn Census Complete Count Committee Minutes as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 10. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ramirez, to concur with the Clerk's recommendation to remove the handicap parking space #89 due to lack of use. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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- 11. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to approve the event request Half Way to St. Patrick's Day and approve and authorize the requested city services. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 12. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the swearing in of the Diversity Commission members. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to the appointed members who were present; Nenci Rodriguez, Dritan Cara, Jesus Ramirez, and Andrea Munday.
- 13. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the override of the previous denial of the handicap space # 1241 as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 14. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the settlement of 2018-M1-301261 for the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.
- 15. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the purchase of the Drug Terminator for an amount not to exceed \$4,540.00. Ald. Avila recognized Chief Cimaglia who explained the need for the purchase. Questions ensued. The Clerk called the roll. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the hiring of one new Probationary Police Officer to increase the number of officers to 114. Ald. Avila recognized Chief Cimaglia who explained the need for the increase in ranks. Chief Cimaglia pointed out that a current officer with training to work with Juveniles and work as a School Resource Officer will move to Morton High School as agreed by the police union. The officer is required to fulfill the TIF intergovernmental agreement. The officer's salary will be paid out of TIF funds. Chief Cimaglia pointed out that should funding for the officer cease, then the number of police officers will be reduced to 113. A lengthy question and answer period ensued. The motion carried with Aldermen Lennon, Fejt, Ruiz, and Nowak voting AYE. Aldermen Ramirez and Reardon voted NAY.
- 17. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to approve the continuation of the Fire Department's Public Education School Program for 2019. Battalion Chief Manfridini was recognized. He spoke about the program. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- 18. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur, approve, and authorize the execution of the energy sales agreement with Centerpoint Energy for a contract term of 36 months beginning November, 2020. Assistant City Administrator Volbre was recognized along with Brian Secola and Vince Agozzino (representatives of Navigant Power, LLC). Ms. Volbre explained the terms and benefits of the contract. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.

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- 19. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz to concur, approve, and authorize execution of an energy sales agreement with Direct Energy for a contract term of 36 months beginning in May of 2021. Ms. Volbre explained the terms and benefits of this contract. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.
- 20. Alderman Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz to approve the submitted Consent Agenda items by an omnibus voice vote:
 - 1. Payroll: 7/102019 \$1,219,226.84 Informational
 - 2. Payables: 7/11/2019 to 7/24/19 \$1,031,254.40 Informational
 - 3. Building and Local Improvement Permits for June, 2019: Informational
 - 4. Event Request: Block Party: 1300 Clarence 7/27/19 (No Rain Date) (City Services Requested)
 - 5. Event Request: Block Party: 1800 Clinton 8/3/19 (RD 8/4/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 6. Event Request: Block Party: 1200 Wenonah 8/3/19 (RD 8/1 0/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 7. Event Request: Block Party: 1800 Wenonah 8/1 0/19 (RD 8/17/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 8. Event Request: Block Party: 2600 Clinton 8/1 0/19 (RD 9/14/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 9. Event Request: Block Party: 2300 Elmwood 8/1 0/19 (RD 8/17/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 10. Event Request: Block Party: 1400 Scoville 8/11/19 (RD 8/17/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 11. Event Request: Block Party: 3800 Elmwood 8/17/19 (RD 8/24/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 12. Event Request: Block Party: 1200 Harvey 8/17/19 (RD 8/24/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 13. Event Request: Block Party: 3100 Clarence 8/17/19 (RD 8/24/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 14. Event Request: Block Party: 2300 Wesley 8/17/19 (RD 8/24/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 15. Event Request: Block Party: 1600 Home 8/17/19 (RD 8/24/19)(City Services Requested)
 - 16. Event Request: Block Party: 1300 Scoville 8/24/19 (RD 8/25/19) (City Services Requested)
 - 17. Event Request: Block Party: 2100 Wisconsin 8/31/19 (No Rain Date) (City Services Requested)
 - 18. Event Request: BDC Berwyn's Oktoberfest 9/20/19 & 9/21119 (City Services Requested)
 - 19. Handicapped Parking Application #1262 2815 S. Highland Approval of Space
- 21. Ald. Avila called for Aldermanic Committee meetings. All Aldermen answered. Call the Chair.
- 22. Ald. Nowak made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to adjourn at the hour of 8:35 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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