



The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2022

Clerk’s Note: Notices of the Meeting and Agenda for the August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting were posted at Berwyn City Hall and on the City of Berwyn website on August 5, 2022. This meeting was live streamed and may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfBerwyn/videos?app=desktop>

Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting to Order. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople responded present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Arenella, and Carmichael. Alderperson Ruiz participated remotely. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following people came to the podium to address the council members:

Speaker	Topic
Alejandra Velasquez representing Oportun Inc.	Provided information about company and offered to answer questions about their request for a Special Use (item on agenda)
Charlie Mamozzer	Criticized the handling of employee dismissal for use of racial slur
Stephen Taylor	Supports referral of employee dismissal issue to city Ethics Commission
Anna Wagner	Racism and patronage in city administration
Unidentified speaker	Racism in city administration
Loreli	Racism in city administration
Jenna Musselman-Palles	Supports referral of employee dismissal issue to city Ethics Commission. Opposes Special Use for agenda Item H-1.
Chanda Szczeblowski	Disappointment of the handling of employee dismissal for use of racial slur. Opposes agenda item H-1.
Brandi Love	Failure by administration and others to return her calls, criticized lack of COVID resources and lack of gas cards.
Luz Chavez	Support for Ethics Commission referral. Opposes zoning Special Use.
Suzie Donnelly	Historical racism in city services exemplified by Pink Line and closed NBPD pool.
Zack Taylor	Support for Ethics Commission referral
Korynna Lopez	Support for Ethics Commission referral. Opposes zoning Special Use.
City Treasurer Robert Reyes	Will recuse himself from Ethics Commission review. Spoke on improving unity among residents.

No additional people asked to speak. Mayor Lovero concluded Open Forum.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: No submissions for the agenda.

Reports from the BDC, BPHD, or Berwyn Township: No submissions for the agenda.

Reports from the Mayor: No submissions for the agenda.

Reports from the Clerk: No submissions for the agenda.

Zoning, Planning, and Development Commission:

H-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to overrule the determination by the Zoning, Planning, and Development Commission and deny the request for approval of a Special Use Permit submitted by Oportun, Inc. for the property located at 6948 Cermak Road. The motion carried with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella and Carmichael voting AYE.

Reports from Alderpeople, Committees, Boards:

I-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the requested Community Front Yard Sale event for the 2200 Block of Grove to be held on August 13, 2022. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the July 29, 2022 Minutes of the Aldermanic Administrative Committee as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to forward the Letter of August 5, 2022 to the Ethics Commission asking them to convene and investigate events surrounding former Blight Inspector Lopez specifically as outlined in the letter. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to authorize the settlement of Case# 20L-064002 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to permit the demolition of the building located at 3100 S. Ridgeland Avenue. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize Pay Request #11 to Pan Oceanic Engineering for \$754,528.18 from City of Berwyn, IEPA Water Main and Sewer Loans as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

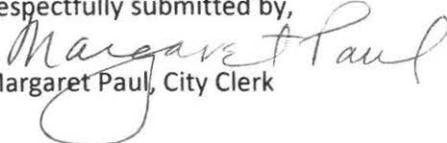
Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K19): Ald. Pabon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to bring forward Item K-16. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the block party request for the 2100 Block of Lombard subject to approval by the Town of Cicero. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda items as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Leja announced a 3rd Ward Clean-Up event. Treasurer Reyes announced his employer's Back to School event.

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 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk