



The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2023

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Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople responded present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to excuse Ald. Ruiz from the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Turek and in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Ms. Suzie Donnelly raised concerns on various topics including safety and preparation in case of a train derailment, the BDC's Project Sprout proposed project, Pedestrian crossing light on Roosevelt, and expressed criticism of the Mayor. City Administrator Siaba-Green introduced Vaughn Kirschner of Waste Management. Mr. Kirschner spoke on the success of the At Your Door collection program in the City of Berwyn. He provided program materials to the Alderpeople. No one else asked to be recognized for comments. Mayor Lovero concluded Open Forum.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

C-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 30, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Leja made a motion, seconded by Lennon, to bring forward Items I-1 and J-5 on the agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept as informational the Fire and Police Commission's certification that Miko J. Ortega, Sean C. Mullins, and Alexander J. Heavey were the next eligible candidates on the entry level Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark Fire Chief Hayes' communication introducing Probationary Firefighters/Paramedics Ortega, Mullins, and Heavey as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to each of the new hires.

Bid Openings:

D-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur and award the consulting contract for Phase I Design Engineering for the Access to Transit 26th Street and Ridgeland Avenue Utility and Roadway Improvements project to V3 Companies for an estimated fee of \$575,000.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur and award the consulting contract for Phase I Design Engineering for the 34th Street Utility and Roadway Improvements project to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd for an estimated fee of \$494,712.00. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submission:

E-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the Berwyn Development Corporation's request and approve the petition by 6431 Cermak, LLC for a Class 7a Tax Abatement (PINs: 16-30-206-004-0000 and 16-30-206-005-0000) and adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution Supporting a Class 7A Real Estate Tax Assessment Application for a Commercial Facility Located at 6431 Cermak 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 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

E-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the City's assignment of a Promissory Note to the Berwyn Development Corporation for Rite Price Auto and also approve the assignment of a Promissory Note to the Berwyn Development Corporation for Oak Park Forest Park Funeral Home and Creation, LLC and authorize the Mayor to sign same when drafted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E-3: Mayor Lovero recognized BDC Executive Director Hulseberg to answer questions raised by Ald. Arenella. Mr. Hulseberg explained the success of the Berwyn Shops project and how Project Sprout would further enhance and attract business in the city. Ald. Arenella then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the project as submitted and authorize \$50,000 per year for three years from the Harlem TIF to fund Project Sprout at Cermak Plaza. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the negotiated contract between the City of Berwyn and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Local #705 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F-2: Clerk Paul announced the Proclamation honoring Sande Brennan for her fifteen years of service to the Berwyn Development Corporation and the City of Berwyn. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to adopt the Proclamation as submitted and thank Sande for her hard work and devotion to the City wishing her well in retirement. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Brennan accepted a copy of the Proclamation to the applause of the attendees.

Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Clerk Paul was recognized. She asked that her communication on behalf of the Township Assessor be considered informational. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod to mark is as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards: See I-1 above.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon to approve Police Chief Cimaglia's request to hire one Probationary Police Officer from the Lateral Eligibility Pool. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve Chief Cimaglia's request to promote 2 Police Officers to the Rank of Sergeant. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1068 of the Codified Ordinances of Berwyn Regarding False Alarm Service Fees 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.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve Fire Chief Hayes' request to waive the sealed bid process and hire Cummins Sales and Service to provide and install a new motor for Engine 902 for an amount not to exceed 60,135.06. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. J-5: See J-5 above.

J-6: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing Adoption and Endorsement of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact, 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-7: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, Illinois to Borrow Funds From the Public Water Supply Loan Program State Revolving Fund Loan Numbers L176316, L176317, L176318, L146319 and L176320, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE. Ald. Ruiz was absent. Thereafter, Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution of the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, Illinois Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents for the Water Supply Loan Program State Revolving Fund Loan Numbers L176316, L176317, L176318, L146319 and L176320, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE. Ald. Ruiz was absent.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 - K7): Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Lennon announced a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for February 22nd, Ald. Leja announced a 3rd Ward Community Meeting on February 16th, and Ald. Pabon announced a 5th Ward Seniors' Meeting on March 21st.

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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