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

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, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sandra M. Hoelscher and in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Mr. William Gilsdorf spoke on a personal issue concerning a loud noise emitting from a neighbor's HVAC system. He submitted written comments for the record. Mayor Lovero presented recognition certificates to School District 98 students who were selected to display their art in City Hall. No one else asked to be recognized. 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 February 28, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions:

E-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1480: Vacant Buildings and Property of the City Code 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 in favor. E-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the submitted Berwyn Development Corporation 2023-2023 Strategic Goal Setting Summary Report as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

E-3: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the BDC's request to close Clinton Ave. at Roosevelt Road from 3/21/2023 through 3/24/2023 (7:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. daily) to facilitate for construction at the Berwyn Shops location. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur and approve the recommendations of the city's insurance broker to renew the health, dental, and vision policies as presented and discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 14, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

F-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur with Mayor Lovero's reappointment of Alice Solis and Ken Waszak to three year terms on the Fire and Police Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Waszak who was in attendance at the meeting.

Clerk's Note: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to bring forward Agenda Item J-4. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to mark Fire Chief Hayes' communication introducing Jillian Halley and Justin Schorn as Probationary Paramedic/Firefighters as informational. The motion carried. Clerk Paul administered their Oaths of Office.

F-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to concur with Mayor Lovero's appointment of Angela Kuczak to the Berwyn Library Board for a three year term expiring on March 14,

2026 and to thank Mr. Paul Nudd for his service. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Kuczak.

Reports from the Clerk: Noting submitted for the agenda.

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

Reports from Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept as informational the Fire and Police Commission's announcement that Jillian Halley was the next eligible candidate to be hired from the Fire Department's Eligibility List. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept as informational the Fire and Police Commission's announcement that Justin Schorn was the next eligible candidate to be hired from the Fire Department's Eligibility List. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 422, Section 422.99 of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Fines for Violations of Certain Sections of this Traffic Code 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 in favor.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept Chief Cimaglia's report on revenue collection as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve Chief Cimaglia's request to hire one probationary police officer from the Lateral Eligibility Pool due to the resignation of Officer Anthony Kozi. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-4: See above.

J-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2023, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE with Pabon voting NAY.

J-6: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to defer Item J-6 concerning the demolition of the house and garage at 1213 S Grove Avenue until receipt of more information about the property. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K11): Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Pabon announced a 5th Ward meeting on March 21st at Hett Park and an Ad Hoc Rat Abatement meeting scheduled for March 23rd at City Hall. Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for April 25th and a 6th Ward meeting March 17th. Ald. Arenella thanked the Administrative Committee and all who worked to have DEI training for city staff.

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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Margaret Paul, City Clerk