

ITEM NO. C-1

DATE 5-9-2023

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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2023

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Clerk's Note: The Committee of the Whole did not convene on April 25, 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, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Alderperson Leja participated remotely. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in support of our First Responders and for the quick recovery Ald. Leja's wife Pat.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following people addressed the City Council members:

- Anthony Ward (Combined Veterans of Berwyn) announced Memorial Day events, and the June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> events to be held at Morton West High School.
- Ms. Brandy Love expressed concern regarding the addition of a third Student Resource Officer at Morton West High School and concerns about traffic conditions near her home.
- Ms. Joy Harrison described alley conditions, debris and litter in the area, and lack of street cleaning on and around her block. Ald. Arenella advised that she was aware of the issues and would be working with the resident and neighbors on the problem.
- Ald. Pabon announced the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Participatory Budgeting project.

**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 April 11, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid Openings:**

**D-1:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to award the bid for the 2023 seasonal landscaping and watering services for the three commercial corridors (Roosevelt Road, Cermak Road Area, and Ogden Avenue) to Diaz Group, LLC as detailed in the D-1 Communication and submitted Bid Proposal. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

**BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions:**

**E-1:** Mayor Lovero recognized Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) Executive Director David Hulseberg. Mr. Hulseberg announced the BDC's receipt of a matching grant from Tourism Attractions and Festivals program through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for \$175,000. He spoke on how the money will be used throughout the city. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt to mark the communication as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**E-2:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the event request for the Berwyn Shops Grand Opening on Friday, May 5, 2023, approve city services requested and to Close Clinton Avenue on May 5, 2023 to accommodate event parking. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**E-3:** Mr. Hulseberg presented the Q3 and Q4 2022 Vacancy Report. He introduced Nancy Gonzalez who will be administering the new Vacant Property Ordinance through the BDC on behalf of the city. Ms. Gonzalez reported on her work to date. A brief question and answer period ensued. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to accept the report and presentation as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**E-4:** Mr. Hulseberg provided copies of the BDC 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to accept the report as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**E-5:** Mr. Hulseberg presented a contract between the City of Berwyn and the BDC for economic development activities and services effective January 1, 2024. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the contract as presented and adopt the **Resolution** entitled: **A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Berwyn Development Corporation to Provide Funding for Economic Development Activities and Services in the Amount of \$875,000**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

**Reports from the Mayor:**

**F-1:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to concur with the appointment of James Emory Nichols to the Auxiliary Review Board and serve as Liaison to the Mayor in regard to the Lateral Hiring Process for a two-year term expiring on April 25, 2025. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Nichols.

**F-2:** Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adopt the Resolution permitting the Recreation Department’s Annual Baseball Parade on Saturday, April 29, 2023, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:**

**I-1:** Ald. Ruiz was recognized. She spoke about the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Parade and Festival on Sunday, September 24, 2023. She made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept her communication as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**I-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance Amending Chapters 426 and 460 of the Codified Ordinances of Berwyn Regarding Street Racing, Drifting, and Related Activities 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 with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

**Reports from Staff:**

**J-1:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the settlement of 19WC001327 for an amount not to exceed \$16,277.40. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

**J-2:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul read the Proclamation into the record. Ald. Ruiz and Arenella announced Arbor Day events to be held at two schools and at Pavek Recreation Center in recognition of Arbor Day.

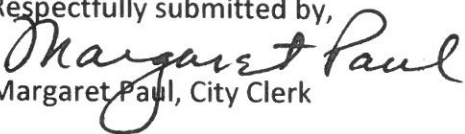
**J-3:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to remove Item J-3 from the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K6):** Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings:** Ald. Leja announced a Ward Clean-Up on May 6<sup>th</sup> and Quarterly Ward Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> to be held in the Police Department Community Room. Ald. Pabon announced a 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> to be held at Hett Park. Ald. Ruiz announced a School District 98 meeting concerning the use of newly purchased property for a bus barn. Ald. Arenella also invited people to attend the D98 meeting and thanked everyone who participated in her ward clean-up event. She also announced the D98 Dia de Los Niños Parade.

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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk