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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 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 and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Disanti and Rosalba Lazo and in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following people addressed the City Council members: Members of the Berwyn Tree Canopy Initiative reiterating request for increased funding for trees among other requests (copy of comments submitted for the record). Ms. Sandy VanGoethem thanked Berwyn Police for efforts to notify residents concerning possible civil disturbance and Fire Departments for early deployment of life-saving equipment.

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 the Regular City Council Meeting of May 9, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions: Nothing submitted to the agenda.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Resolution honoring Joe Buonavolanto Sr. and designating Joe Buonavolanto Sr. Way at the corner of Oak Park Avenue and Roosevelt Road as submitted. The motion passed with all eight Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

F-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the Proclamation honoring Richard "Rick" Toman as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur in the appointment of Giordano E. Manfredini as Deputy Police Chief effective immediately. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Manfredini.

F-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to concur in the appointment of Michael W. Fellows as a Police Division Commander effective immediately. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Division Commander Fellows.

F-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to concur in the appointment of Gavin Zarbock to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Unit Commander Zarbock.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Lovero asked for a motion to bring forward agenda items I-6, I-7, I-8, and I-9. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to bring forward the requested items. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

I-6: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the Fire and Police Commission’s certification of Thomas W. Hoelscher as next eligible candidate for promotion to the rank of Sergeant as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Hoelscher.

I-7: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the Fire and Police Commission’s certification of Jaime Acosta as next eligible Probationary Police Officer candidate as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Officer Acosta.

I-8: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the Fire and Police Commission’s certification of Nolan Fletcher as next eligible Probationary Police Officer candidate as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Officer Fletcher.

I-9: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the Fire and Police Commission’s certification of Thomas Kowal as next eligible Probationary Police Officer candidate as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Officer Kowal.

F-6: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the settlement of case #21 CV 06721 for \$475,000.00. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

F-7: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to defer the item and refer it to the Public Works, Parking, Trees, Traffic, and Streets & Sewers Aldermanic Committee for further discussion and review. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Clerk: Noting submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the deferred Block Party application for the 3200 Block of Wenonah as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to deny the deferred Handicap Parking Space application for 2345 Wesley Avenue base on staff recommendations. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to reverse the previously denied Handicap Space application for 1404 Grove. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-4: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the event request for city services submitted by Awake, Inc. for the Annual Juneteenth Unity Festival scheduled for June 24, 2023 at Proksa Park. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-5: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to accept the D.E.I. training report as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-6 through I-9: See above.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve payment to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. for Phase 2 – Green Alley Program; Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$310,954.95. The motion passed with all eight Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur and authorize the insurance renewal contract with Liberty Mutual Insurance for property, inland marine and auto physical damage coverage at the premium amount of \$160,066.00 with a \$25,000.00 deductible amount. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-3: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to thank business owner Tom Benson for his civic involvement and generosity, to authorize city staff to collaborate with the Tom Benson and family with their offer to once again sponsor the Independence Day Fireworks celebration in the city, and provide any city services necessary for the event. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

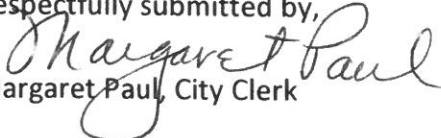
J-4: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the event application submitted by the Junior Statesmen of America – Morton West Chapter for their Juneteenth commemoration event to be held on June 17, 2023 at Serenity Park and authorize city services as requested. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K16): 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. Carmichael announced an 8th Ward Meeting on scheduled for May 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk