

ITEM NO. C-1  
DATE 7-25-2023  
DISPOSITION Approved



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AS CORRECTED **The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 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. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Carol Bernard and in support of our First Responders.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. He announced that he would allow a 15 minute period for public comment. Clerk Paul previously provided copies of emails to the elected officials she received from the following people on the topic of the July 2, 2023 rain event and in support of diverting funds from the Fire and Police stations remodel to sewer overflow prevention: David Henriksen; Jess Burke; Al & Kelly Kubicz; Juan Garibay; Lisa Olson; Lizardo Sanchez; Rosa Alvarez; Katherine Lively.

Mayor Lovero announced that Cook County Board would be including Berwyn in a Disaster Declaration for the July 2, 2023 rain event. He explained the ARPA funds being used for public works projects. He recognized Public Works Director Schiller to provide additional information. The following people addressed the city council:

**Cook County Board Commissioner Frank Aguilar** addressed the council. He explained that the rain had caused issues throughout the region.

**Suzanne Donnelly** spoke on the damage to her property. She asked for more money in the sewer back-up prevention program and relaxation of Berwyn's building and licensing codes.

**Mary Perantau** stated that there was no community involvement of the plans to spend ARPA funds on remodel of fire and police buildings. She asked if the plans allowed for underground rain water storage since the plan increased the size of parking lots. She asked for more money in the city's budget for planting trees.

**Cynthia Grito** spoke against the use of ARPA funds for the fire and police buildings remodel and asked for a complete overhaul of the city's sewer system.

**Josephine Svec** stated that as a 30-year resident, ~~July 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first time~~ she experienced basement flooding and asked whether street construction was the cause. *Basement flooding experienced for past 5 yrs.*

**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 June 27, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid Openings:**

**D-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to award contracts to all companies identified by City Administrator Siaba-Green in her July 11, 2023 communication for the corresponding amounts listed totaling \$9,331,313.00 and authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the contracts for the North Firehouse Garage Addition, Police Department/Dispatch Expansion, and Police Department Parking Lot projects. The motion passed with a vote of five YEAHs and three NAYS on the call of the roll.

**D-2:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur and award the contract for the CDBG Project Year 2022 and 2023 Cost Shared Sidewalk Program to J. Nardulli Concrete for a bid amount of \$404,755.00 plus a 5% contingency for a total project cost not to exceed \$424,995.00. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

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

**Reports from the Mayor:**

**F-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Proclamation authorizing the Declaration of Disaster due to the July 2, 2023 weather event. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from the Clerk:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.

**Reports from the Zoning Commission:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.

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

**I-1:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the 2023 – 2025 Berwyn Police Department Anticipatory Staffing Plan as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-2:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to override the staff recommendations and approve handicap parking in front of 2517 Kenilworth. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-3:** Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to override the city's Ordinance regarding Casual Sales and approve a two-day front yard sale by residents on the 2200 Block of Grove on August 26 and August 27, 2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-4:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's announcement of the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Wyatt Veseth as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

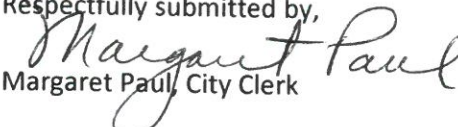
**J-1:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution Approving the City of Berwyn's Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2023 for Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds, and for Authorization to Submit same to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with Alderpeople Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE on the call of the roll. There were no abstentions. No one was absent

**Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K14):** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings:** Ald. Pabon announced a 5<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting on July 18, 2023 at Hett Park. Ald. Ruiz announced an Aldermanic Committee meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023. Time to be announced. She will also host a series of "pop-up" events beginning Friday, July 13, 2023. Ald. Carmichael announce an Aldermanic Committee meeting on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk