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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 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, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to excuse Ruiz and Pabon. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Ms. Yadira Padilla (member of the Morton West Junior States of America) spoke on her recent experience in Mexico participating in a youth government event. Mayor Lovero announced that Recreation Director Tony Martinucci was recently honored by the West Suburban Mayors Conference. Mayor Lovero presented Mr. Martinucci with a good-natured homemade trophy to recognize the occasion. Ms. Luz Chavez emailed remarks regarding the lack of cooling centers in Berwyn during the extreme heat being experienced. Copies of the email were distributed to the elected officials.

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the August 8, 2023 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Clerk's Note: Ald. Leja made a motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to bring forward Agenda Item J-2. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and accept Police Chief Cimaglia's communication recognizing Police Officers Christopher Swiecionis and Jaime Acosta for their life saving efforts to rescue Ms. Rose Skirha while her home was on fire on August 7, 2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero recognized Chief Cimaglia who presented certificates of recognition to the Officers. Ms. Skirha was recognized. She recounted her experience that day and thanked the officers for their help.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions:

E-1: Mayor Lovero recognized Berwyn Development Corporation ("BDC") Board President Diane Salemi and Vice President Jousef Mondragon. They spoke on the "Always Welcome" program developed by the BDC with the help of members of Berwyn's LGBTQi+ community. Berwyn is home to the 3rd largest LGBTQi+ population in Illinois. The program is in response to the June 2023 Supreme Court ruling in 303 CREATIVE LLC v. ELENIS. The program initiative encourages inclusivity for all people to feel welcome at Berwyn businesses. Clerk Paul was recognized. She added her comments in support of the program. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to authorize the BDC to use the City of Berwyn logo in the design of the "Always Welcome" signage.

E-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Berwyn Township's request for alley closure and city services for the upcoming Sunday Market events on 8/27, 9/24, and 10/15/2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

E-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Berwyn Township's request for alley closure and city services for the upcoming Community Resource Fair and Festival scheduled for 9/9/2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor: Nothing submitted for this agenda.

Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to ratify the Clerk's action to assist in correcting scrivener's errors in Resolution 08082023-01 (corrected property index numbers) passed on August 8, 2023 supporting the Class 7C Real Estate Tax assessment application by J.J. Faust Properties (6631 Ogden). The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the Block Party application for the 3800 Block of Lombard scheduled for 8/27/2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize settlement of **19WC011762** for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 as discussed in executive session. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: See discussion of J-2 above.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to mark Chief Cimaglia's communication regarding the July collection of \$291,758.76 as informational. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, approve the lease extension with American Tower for cellular equipment located at the North Fire House. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk's Note: City Administrator Siaba-Green provided council members with a copy of the First Amendment to Lease Agreement as germane to J-4 prior to the start of the meeting.

J-5: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to retroactively approve the 8/21/2023 event submitted by Realty of Chicago The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K6): Ald. Lennon made the 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. Lennon announced a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for 9/5/2023 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 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margaret Paul, City Clerk

