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

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpersons were present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, and Carmichael. Ald. Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to excuse Ald. Arenella. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the recitation, Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in support of our First Responders.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Clerk Paul distributed emailed remarks from Barb Krasny to the members. Yadira Padilla (Junior States of America – Morton H.S. Chapter) announced the success of their book drive and their fundraiser to finance their club's trip to Washington D.C. Ald. Leja commented on the success of Piper School's Science Fair and complemented the students, parents, and teachers for their participation. Clerk Paul read the names of the student participants. Mayor Lovero presented the children with recognition certificates.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**C-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the October 24, 2023 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular City Council Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid Openings:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.

### **Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC), BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions:**

**E-1:** Mayor Lovero congratulated the BDC for receiving the Outstanding Chamber of the Year award. He then recognized BDC Director Hulseberg. Mr. Hulseberg presented the BDC 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the report as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**E-2:** Mr. Hulseberg reported on the publication and distribution of the Berwyn Magazine. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod to accept the item as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Reports from the Mayor:**

**F-1:** Ald. Ruiz congratulated and thanked the Vesecky family on their many years of business in Berwyn and wished them well in retirement. She then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to adopt the Proclamation recognizing November 14, 2023 as Vesecky's Bakery Day in Berwyn. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero and BDC representatives presented Nancy Vesecky with framed copies of the Proclamation. Ms. Vesecky thanked the City Council for the recognition and Berwyn residents for their loyal patronage over the years.

**F-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to adopt the Proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday in Berwyn on November 25, 2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**F-3:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to concur with Mayor Lovero's appointment of Monica Martin as City Finance Director. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Martin.

**F-4:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur in the appointment of Nicholas DePetris to the Berwyn Library Board effective immediately until November 14, 2026. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Mr. DePetris.

**F-5:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Marta Rodriguez, Bridget W. Buckley and Maria G. Salinas to the Berwyn Library Board for three-year terms expiring November 10, 2026. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from the Clerk:**

**G-1:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Clerk Paul's communication regarding the removal of Handicap Space or Zone parking spaces at certain locations due to residents' failure to renew as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**G-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to **adopt the Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; and Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with 7 voting AYE and 1 Absent – Excused.

**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. Lennon, to mark his communication recognizing the Piper School Science Fair students as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-2:** Ald. Lennon submitted a corrected copy of the Aldermanic Budget Committee Minutes for October 19, 2023 as germane to Item I-2. He then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to accept the Budget Committee Minutes for meetings held on 9/5/2023, 10/17/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/19/2023 (corrected), and 10/23/2023 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-3:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to override the staff recommendation to deny handicap parking signage for 3607 Euclid Avenue and approve the application. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-4:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to override the staff recommendation to deny handicap parking signage for 1248 Kenilworth Avenue and approve the application. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

**J-1:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to accept Police Chief Cimaglia's report on revenue collections for September and October 2023 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**J-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to direct Finance Director Daish to prepare a proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for 2023 city taxes to be collected in 2024 reflecting the tax rate "Option B" as discussed during the preceding Committee of the Whole. Mayor Lovero asked for a roll call vote. Clerk Paul called the roll. The motion passed with 7 voting AYE, 1 Absent – Excused.

**J-3:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to **adopt** the **Resolution** entitled: **A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Local Public Agency Funding Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements and Signal Modernization Project**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with 7 voting AYE and 1 Absent-Excused.

**J-4:** Ald. Ruiz and Ald. Fejt asked several questions about the transition of services from Waste Management (“WM”) to S.B.C. Waste Solutions (“SBC”). Salient points of the discussion concerned WM’s removal of their totes and distribution of SBC totes, the Administration’s plans to inform and publicize to residents information about the new waste hauler’s services, and how the administration is preparing to field residents’ calls regarding service. Shawn Flood of SBC joined the discussion concerning public notification of the new service. Thereafter, Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the contract with SBC and authorize the Mayor to execute same. The motion passed with 7 members voting AYE and 1 Absent - Excused.

**J-5:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the renewal of the General Liability insurance coverage with Safety National at the \$5,000,000 limit for a premium amount of \$753,530 and with Genesis for Excess Liability coverage at the premium amount of \$1,210,161 at the \$5,000,000 limit. The motion passed with 7 members voting AYE and 1 member Absent - Excused.

**J-6:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve a contract for Excess Workers Compensation insurance with Safety National for a premium amount of \$179,170 and a Self-Insured Retention (“SIR”) of \$1,000,000. The motion passed with 7 members voting AYE and 1 member Absent - Excused.

**Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K5):** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, 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 November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works Committee meeting for 11/28 (time t.b.a.), and Ald. Carmichael announced an 8<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting on 11/21 at 7:00 p.m.

Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk