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## The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 28, 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, Arenella, and Carmichael. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the recitation, Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of Frank Olinger, and in support of our First Responders.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Clerk Paul distributed emailed remarks from Ted Korbos to the members. Yadira Padilla (Junior States of America – Morton H.S. Chapter) announced the City of Berwyn's Holiday Tree Lighting event and participation by Junior States of America members. She also announced the continuation of the club's fundraiser to finance their trip to Washington D.C. Natalie Perez spoke on the Christian Life Center's food pantry hours and invited all to volunteer. Ald. Ruiz announced a Ward Meeting and activity for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward residents at Striker Lanes on December 2, 2023. Ald. Leja announced an outdoor Advent Calendar being erected by Concordia Lutheran Church and their invitation to the community to participate in their events.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**C-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the November 14, 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 recognized BDC Director Hulseberg. Mr. Hulseberg presented his communication. Thereafter, Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Certain Agreement Terminating the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Five F, Inc. 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 passed on the call of the roll with a vote of 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 Abstentions.

**E-2:** Mr. Hulseberg commented on his communication. He advised that he recently was made aware of an outstanding liability charged against the Ridgeland TIF payable to Cook County. That will be paid and the remainder of the funds in the Ridgeland TIF will be transferred to the South Berwyn Depot TIF Fund if the proposed Ordinance is adopted. Ald. Lennon then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Ratifying the Transfer of the Ridgeland Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area Funds to Pay for Certain Eligible Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Costs of the South Berwyn Depot Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 voting AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 abstentions.

**Reports from the Mayor:**

**F-1:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and approve the appointment of Auxiliary Police Deputy Superintendent Faviola Campos to the rank of Auxiliary Police Superintendent. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Auxiliary Police Superintendent Campos.

**F-2:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur and approve the appointment of Citlaly Gonzalez to the Berwyn Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Nora Laureto. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**F-3:** Mayor Lovero commented on his communication recognizing School District 98 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students who came for a tour of City Hall and Fire Department. He praised their department and invited other school groups to learn about city government. Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to accept the communication as informational.

**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 mark as informational the Fire and Police Commission’s introduction of Mark Hernandez as the next eligible candidate on the Berwyn Police Department Candidates Entry Level Eligibility List. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-2:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark as informational the Fire and Police Commission’s introduction of Gabriella Castillo as the next eligible candidate on the Berwyn Police Department Candidates Entry Level Eligibility List. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

**J-1:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Zoning Code of the City of Berwyn Relative to Zoning Code Variations and Related Procedures**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 Alderpeople voting AYE, 0 voting NAY and no abstentions.

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. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the settlement of 18WC023191, 19WC010709, and 19WC019949 for an amount not to exceed \$39,970.96. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 voting AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 abstentions.

**J-3:** (Part A) Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to **adopt** the **Resolution** entitled: **A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code**, approving the appropriating of the sum of \$1,250,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for maintenance of Berwyn streets from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with 8 voting AYE, 0 NAYS and 0 abstentions.

(Part B) Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve of and direct the Mayor to sign the Maintenance Engineering contract as submitted. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 Alderpeople voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 abstentions.

(Part C) Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella to approve the Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs as submitted and direct the Mayor to affix his signature. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 Alderpeople voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 abstentions.

**J-4:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to **adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Fifth Amendment of a Certain Revolving Credit Agreement Between the City of Berwyn and BMO Harris Bank N.A. 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 passed on the call of the roll with 8 Alderpeople voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 0 abstentions.

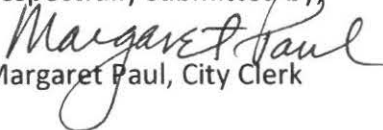
**J-5:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur and permit Police Chief Cimaglia to hire the next three eligible candidates from the current Fire and Police Commission Police Eligibility List due to the retirement of Officer Rivera, the resignations of Officers Keske and Morales. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K3):** 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:** Mayor Lovero recognizes Mr. Anthony Ward. Mr. Ward announced the resumption of the Sailors for Christmas program sponsored by the Combined Veterans of Berwyn. He explained the program and asked for financial donations to help defer the cost of the Christmas Day event. Ald. Lennon announced a Budget and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk