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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 26, 2023

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. 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, a moment of silence was observed in support of our First Responders. **Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. No one asked to be recognized.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the December 12, 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.

Clerk's Note: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to bring forward agenda items J-3 through J-7 forward. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Fire Chief Hayes' introduction of Scott Waszak to be promoted to Division Chief effective January 1, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Div. Chief Waszak.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Fire Chief Hayes' introduction of Leon Botha to be promoted to Lieutenant effective January 6, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Botha.

J-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Fire Chief Hayes' introduction of Daniel Simek to be promoted to Engineer effective January 1, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Engineer Simek.

J-6: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Fire Chief Hayes' introduction of Frank Bonadonna to be promoted to Engineer effective January 5, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Engineer Bonadonna.

J-7: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Fire Chief Hayes' introduction of Christina Jacobs to be promoted to Engineer effective January 6, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Engineer Jacobs.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Lovero informed the attendees that Eng. Jacobs became the first woman to achieve the rank of Berwyn Fire Department Engineer. Clerk Paul, Alderperson Alicia Ruiz, Alderperson Marybeth Arenella, Auxiliary Police Superintendent Faviola Campos, and City Administrator Ruth Siaba-Green presented Eng. Jacobs with a bouquet of flowers to congratulate her and mark the occasion. Clerk Paul then presented Superintendent Campos

with a bouquet of flowers to mark her promotion in November as the first woman Superintendent of Auxiliary Police. The order of the meeting continued with the remaining agenda items at the conclusion of the presentations.

Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC), BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions: Noting submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of North Riverside and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the traffic signal at North Riverside Plaza and Cermak Plaza (Harlem Avenue at 23rd Street), concur with the Plan Approval, and **adopt the Funding Resolution** appropriating the sum of money as indicated, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send the Resolution on its way to passage. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to **adopt** the presented corrected **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** and mark it as Ordinance 23-26 replacing the original enacted Ordinance 23-26 on November 28, 2023 due to a significant drafting error pertaining to general obligations stated in the agreement between the City of Berwyn and BMO Harris Bank N.A. direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE, no one voting NAY, and no one abstaining.

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

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to mark the Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Aldermanic Budget and Finance Committee meeting as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve Ald. Leja's override of staff recommendations and approve a Handicap Parking space for applicant #1484 at 7056 26th Parkway. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to mark the Fire and Police Commissioner's introduction of Probationary Police Officer Jesus Bravo who was sworn in on December 19, 2023 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to defer Agenda Item J-1 to the next council meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur with the Police Department's request to waive the sealed bid process and approve the upgrade and renewal of the License Plate Reading (LPR) equipment and software purchased through Minuteman Security & Life Safety for an approximate amount of \$150,000.00 to be paid out of grant funds already

awarded to the department. On the call of the roll, the motion passed by a vote of 7 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 abstentions.

J-8: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois for Fiscal Year 2024**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signature and send it on its way to passage. On the call of the roll, the motion passed with the following Alderpeople voting AYE: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Pabon voted NAY. There were no abstentions and no Alderpeople were absent.

J-9: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, authorize payment of Pay Estimate #4 for the Motor Fuel Tax Roadway Resurfacing program to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$264,132.37. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-10: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to authorize payment on Pay Request #18 – Final to Pan Oceanic Engineering Co. Inc. for \$348,973.17 from the City of Berwyn, IEPA Water Main and Sewer loans for the Depot District utility work. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.


J-11: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 228.05 of Chapter 228 of the Berwyn Codified Ordinances, 2023, as Amended, Concerning Competitive Bidding Procedures by Public Works for Work, Materials, or Supplies in 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 with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

Consent Agenda: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve all items K-1 through K-2 on the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Ruiz announced an Aldermanic Committee meeting to be scheduled for 1/9/2023. Time to be determined.

Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk