



The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople were present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, and Carmichael. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to excuse Ald. Arenella. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory Luz Elena Peña, retired BFD Lt. Glenn Michalek, retired BPD Officer George F. Haennicke, and in support of the City's First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Berwyn School Superintendent Mary Havis thanked Berwyn Police Department and Traffic Engineer Nicole Campbell for rerouting traffic near Irving School to help alleviate school traffic congestion (see Item J-5). No one else asked to be recognized. Open Forum was closed.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the December 26, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Noting submitted for the agenda.

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

E-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the schedule of events submitted by the BDC and authorize necessary city services as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Lennon then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Closure of Rte. 34 (Ogden Avenue / Historic Route 66) on August 24, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance of December 21, 2023 as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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. Pabon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's introduction of Fabiola Amezcua as the next eligible candidate for hire on the Probationary Firefighter / Paramedic. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark the Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Fire and Police Aldermanic Committee as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the Minutes of the Outreach and Communication Aldermanic Committee held on July 17, 2023 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-4: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to defer generally the Resolution Regarding the Freedom of Information Act. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to authorize and approve settlement of 23L011276 for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 based upon City Council authority granted in Executive session. The motion passed with 6 voting AYE, 1 Voting Abstain (Ruiz), and 1 Absent – Excused (Arenella).

J-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Carmichael, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **An Ordinance Regarding the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance 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 a vote of 7 AYES and 1 Absent – Excused.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve Chief Cimaglia’s request to promote one Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant due to the retirement of Sgt. Bojovic. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to accept the Parking Revenue Collections for December 2023 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept Chief Cimaglia’s notice of a new traffic plan at Irving Elementary School (3501 S. Clinton) for the safety of students as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-6: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to mark the award of a \$500,000 grant enhancing the City of Berwyn’s Flood Mitigation Program as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

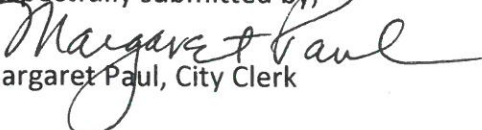
J-7: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve Pay Estimate #5 for the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Roadway Resurfacing Program and authorize payment of \$195,269.12 to Lindahl Brothers Inc. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Agenda: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve all items K-1 through K-4 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 1/23/2023. 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 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk

