

The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 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, Arenella, and Carmichael. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Alderman Richard Toman in support of the City's First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. Yadira Padilla, representing the Junior States of America – Morton West Chapter, spoke on her club's trip to Washing D.C. She again thanked all the sponsors who helped make the trip possible.

C-1 Approval of Minutes: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the January 23, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

E-1: The Mayor recognized BDC Executive Director David Hulseberg. Mr. Hulseberg introduced the Finish Line Grant recipients individually. They were; Margo Ruark, owner of Baila Conmigo; Manuel and Mauriel Davila, owners of Physicians To You; and Juan Pablo Berruti owner of Preferred Rate. Each owner was recognized for their investment in their businesses and our community.

Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to accept the BDC communication as informational following the presentation of awards. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Clerk Paul announced the Mayor's proposed Proclamation recognizing February 2024 as Black History Month in the City of Berwyn and read it into the record. Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to adopt the Resolution to allow the Annual Baseball Parade along Berwyn streets on May 4, 2024 as requested. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-1 Reports from the Clerk: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to override city staff recommendations and approve a Handicap Drop-off Zone for the applicant at 1615 S. Wisconsin. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Arenella then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to concur with staff recommendations as submitted pertaining to the remainder Handicap Parking applications. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to accept as informational the Public Works, Parking, Trees and Traffic Aldermanic Committee Minutes for meetings held on 3/14/2023, 6/27/2023, 7/11/2023, 8/8/2023, and 9/26/2023. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the negotiated contract between the City of Berwyn and the Service Employees' International Union, Local 73 covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2030 as submitted and authorize the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures. The motion passed on the call of the roll with all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE.

J-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Woywod, to approve the terms of the Letter of Engagement with GW & Associates to conduct the 2023 audit for \$72,975.00 and direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 8 Alderpeople voting AYE.

J-3: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur with Assistant Finance Director Daish and declare the 2013 Ford Explorer (VIN #1FM5K8AR4DGB28407) as surplus and authorize its sale. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote Chief Cimaglia's request to contact the Fire and Police Commission to hire three Probationary Police Officers in anticipation of retirements from the police ranks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-4: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution for Roadway Improvements Under the Illinois Highway Code for MFT 2024 Roadway Resurfacing, 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 all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE.

Consent Agenda: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve all items K-1 through K-3 on the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Leja announced a Fire and Police Committee meeting scheduled for February 20, 2024. Ald. Pabon announced a 5th Ward meeting, and Ald. Ruiz announced a 6th Ward virtual meeting.

There being no further business before the council, 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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk