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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024

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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 Virginia Diaz, in memory of Thomas Becvar, and in support of the City's First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum.

- Micah Caldwell spoke urging council members to vote against agenda item F-2 that would change aspects of the City of Berwyn Plumbing Code.
- Domingo Ramirez spoke on discriminatory "Seat Belt Check" stops by Berwyn police, the lack of diversity in Berwyn city departments, the lack of assistance from police for a domestic matter.
- Natalia Perez provided an update on the work of the Christian Life Food Pantry.
- City Communications Manager Claudia Ayala distributed information on an additional Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program beginning in July 2024.

C-1 Approval of Minutes: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the February 27, 2024 Minutes of the Committee of the Regular City Council Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1 Proclamation Honoring Myrtle D. Slawko: Ald. Ruiz read the Proclamation honoring Mrs. Slawko into the record. Mayor Lovero, North Berwyn Park District Director Joseph Valez, and Ald. Ruiz made comments thanking Mrs. Slawko for her many years of public service. Mayor Lovero presented her with a copy of the Proclamation. Ms. Slawko addressed the council and attendees. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F-2 Ordinance Amending Ch. 1422 – Plumbing Code: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to defer Item F-2 for two weeks and refer it to the Committee of the Whole. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-1 Reports from the Clerk: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to override the recommendations of city staff and approve Handicap Parking spaces for 3225 S. Cuyler and 3137 Highland. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to mark the Public Works Aldermanic Committee meeting Minutes for October 24, 2023 informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's notice that Jennifer Mazur and Jesus Ariezaga were the next eligible candidates on the Police Sergeant Eligibility List as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's notice that Nicole Cimaglia, Raul Magna, and Alexandro Perez were the next eligible candidates on the Police Entry Level Eligibility List as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the settlement, as discussed in executive session, of 20WC011856 for \$167,388.00. The motion passed on the call of the role with all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE.

J-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the settlement, as discussed in executive session, of 20WC21358 for \$187,422.00. The motion passed on the call of the role with all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's communication presenting Sgt. Jennifer Mazur to be sworn in as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's communication presenting Sgt. Jesus Ariezaga to be sworn in as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office.

J-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's communication presenting Probationary Officer Nicole Cimaglia to be sworn in as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office.

J-6: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's communication presenting Probationary Officer Raul Magana to be sworn in as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office.

J-7: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's communication presenting Probationary Officer Alexandro Perez to be sworn in as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office.

J-8: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella to mark Chief Cimaglia's approval of the 8th Grade Parade for School Dist. 98 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

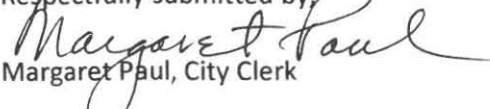
J-9: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to waive the sealed bid process and authorize the purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle for \$59,570.00. The motion by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-10 Ordinance for the Abatement of Taxes: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to **adopt** the **Ordinance** entitled: **Ordinance for the Abatement of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Bonds for the Year 20223**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and place it on its way to passage. The motion passed with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael voting AYE.

Consent Agenda: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K-1 through K-3) as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk