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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 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 Arenella. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to excuse Ald. Carmichael from the meeting. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mary Kaye Kozial, in memory of the lives lost in the Baltimore, MD bridge tragedy, and in support of the City's First Responders.

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

- Mr. Evan Davis thanked the fire and police departments for their work when his home caught fire. He thanked Ald. Woywod, Building Director Lazzara, Shannon Reberski and Marisa Caraballo for their continuing help. Mr. Davis asked the council to vote in favor of the agenda item requesting authorization to demolish his home as it was a total loss.
- Clerk Paul announced the Berwyn Township Annual Town Meeting being held on April 9, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. at PAV YMCA.

C-1 Approval of Minutes: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the March 12, 2024 Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

E-1 Berwyn Development Corporation: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the request for a street closure (Clinton at Roosevelt) and city services as requested for the BDC's grand opening of the Berwyn Shops program. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1 Deputy Chief Appointment: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Michael R. Ochsner to the rank of Deputy Police Chief. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Ochsner.

F-2 Division Commander Appointment: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Gavin R Zarbock to the rank of Division Commander. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Office to Div. Commander Zarbock.

F-3 Deferred Item from March 12, 2024: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adopt the Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1422 of the Codified Ordinances of Berwyn Regarding the Plumbing Code 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 with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, and Arenella voting AYE. Ald. Pabon voted NAY.

F-4 Employee Health, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance Renewals: Mayor Lovero recognized City Administrator Siaba-Green. She summarized the insurance premium quotes received from various carriers. The increase comes in below the 10% premium increase budgeted. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the renewal of the policies as recommended by Ms. Siaba-Green and as presented by Berwyn Insurance and Financial Services during the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE.

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 March 12, 2024 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the committee members' recommendations to amend City Ordinances and refer them to the Legal Department to draft the appropriate Ordinance amendments as follows: Sec. 462.04 – 05 to increase the commercial vehicle sticker fee \$150.00; 484.10 (F) to increase commercial vehicle parking fees to \$175.00 quarterly and \$500 per year annually; 484.04 (B) to increase Visitor Parking Passes (10/pkg.) to \$10.00; and 480.09 prohibit commercial vehicle parking in Depot District areas constructed with permeable pavers. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon to defer generally item #3 (Appeal Process) from her communication. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Ruiz then made a motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the recommendations of the Public Works, Parking, and Traffic Aldermanic Committee for certain amendments to Ordinance 484.05 Reservation of Street Parking for Persons with Disabilities and refer them to the Legal Department to draft the Ordinance. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the settlement, as discussed in executive session, of 23L007495 for \$12,000.00. The motion passed on the call of the roll with all 7 Alderpeople voting AYE.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to authorize the promotion of one Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the renewal of the Berwyn Police Pension Fund Fiduciary insurance policy with ULLICO for premium and fees at \$7,399.00. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Ald. Lennon then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the renewal of the Berwyn Fire Pension Fund Fiduciary insurance policy with ULLICO for premium and fees at \$5,411.00. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

J-4: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to authorize the update of the Authority to Enter into Contracts with the State of Illinois approving signers being Mayor Lovero and Public Works Director Schiller. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-5: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the demolition of the house located at 6631 W. 31st Street due to fire damage. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-6: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to mark the Finance Department's communication regarding changes to online payment fees as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-7: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to mark Police Chief Cimaglia's approval of School District 98's parade request for May 3rd as informational and approve requested city services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K-1 through K-5) as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of regular business. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk