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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2024

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. Alderpeople present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence in support of our First Responders.

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

- Anna Wagner requested that the council delay their vote on approving the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (“IGA”) for the multi-sport field proposal to have time to determine whether the planned synthetic field material was EPA approved. Mayor Lovero advised the audience that he had an EPA approval letter.
- George Lambesis read a letter from School District 100 Superintendent Mary Havis thanking Claudia Ayala for her help in providing volunteers to assist in a large scale school project.
- Corinne Stienfeld spoke in support of the multi-sport field planned project.
- Daniel Treadwell asked that any sport field project have the specific spacing of lines, bases, pitcher mounds, etc. to accommodate usage by all age groups.
- Michael spoke in favor of the IGA.
- Janelle Moreland representing the Pink Divas and Gents thanked all who participated and assisted in their annual fundraiser to make it a wonderful success.
- Ald. Ruiz announced her scheduled Shredding/Electronic recycling event scheduled for Friday, July 26th. She introduced her summer intern Marianna Ramos. Ms. Ramos was recognized and thanked Ald. Ruiz for the opportunity.
- Berwyn Township Assessor Jacqueline Pareda announced a Property Tax Appeal drive-up event scheduled for Sunday, July 29th and stated that Berwyn Township would soon be open for property tax appeals.
- Mayor Lovero recognized Clerk Paul who informed the council that both she and the Mayor had received emails on the matter of the IGA for the multi-sport field and that copies of the emails were being made available to the council members.
- Ald. Fejt thanked the Public Works Department staff for their quick response and clean-up following the severe storms of July 14th and 15th.
- Ald. Arenella joined in thanking Public Works and announced the School District 98 Back to School even scheduled in August.
- Ald. Pabon thanked all who participated in the Cermak Beautification event, especially Corazon, Youth Crossroads, and all businesses that lent refreshments and support.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the July 9, 2024 City Council Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting Minutes of the same date as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

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DATE 8/13/2024
DISPOSITION Approved as submitted

Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation:

E-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve the Berwyn Township’s event asking for city services along with certain street and alley closures as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

E-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to accept the Berwyn Development Corporation’s 2nd Quarter report as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for a Multi-purpose Sport Field & Walkway between the City of Berwyn and the Berwyn Public Health District and the Township of Berwyn as submitted. The motion passed on the call of the roll with Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, and Arenella voting AYE. Ald. Pabon and Ald. Carmichael voted NAY.

Reports from the Clerk:

G-1: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon to ratify the approval of the 1800 Block of Scoville Block Party event and authorization of requested city services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-2: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the closed executive session Minutes for December 26, 2023, February 13, 2024, February 27, 2024, and May 28, 2024 as reviewed in executive session and to release the Minutes of February 27, 2024 to the public and direct the Clerk to maintain the remaining Minutes as confidential due to continuing pending litigation. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-3: Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to defer Item G-3 (Handicap Application #1499) for four weeks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-4: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to override the staff recommendation and approve Handicap Application #1500 for 2245 S. Elmwood (parking to be placed on 23rd St.) and direct the Clerk to request a physician’s follow up form in 12 months. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G-5: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur with the staff recommendation to deny the Handicap Parking Application #1504 – 1815 Gunderson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Aldermen, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to override Ordinance 823.02 (D) for the one-time block front yard sales event for the 1900 Block of Wisconsin, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to refer his recommendation to amend Ordinance 823.03 Casual Sales (i.e. garage sales) to the Budget, Finance & Revenue and/or Licensing & Taxation Aldermanic Committee for review generally and specifically of fees charged and hold the current fee of \$20.00 in abeyance until further council action on the matter. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve settlement of 2019CH00381 for an amount not to exceed \$113,669.53 as discussed in executive session. The motion passed with all Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-2: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to accept Police Chief Cimaglia’s approval of the Morton High School Homecoming Parade as informational and approve requested city services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to waive the sealed bid process and approve the contract with Tyler Technologies for \$34,409.00 and then an annual payment of \$3,980 for additional modules to the city’s employee payroll software. The motion passed with all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.


J-4: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve final Pay Estimate #2 to Lyons Electric for the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Luminaire project in the amount of \$14,291.80. The motion passed with all 8 Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

Consent Agenda Items K-1 through K16: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee Meetings: No meetings announced.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk