



The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024

Mayor Robert J. Lovero was unable to attend the Council meeting. City Attorney Bertuca convened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and asked Clerk Paul to call the roll. Alderpeople present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Arenella, and Carmichael. Clerk Paul announced that a quorum of City Council members were in attendance.

Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to excuse Ald. Ruiz from the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to appoint Ald. Lennon as Temporary Chairman of this Regular City Council meeting. Clerk Paul called for the Yeas and Nays on the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote in favor. Ald. Lennon assumed the chair.

Ald. Lennon asked the attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Thomas Lovero, Carl Reina, Sr., and in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Ald. Lennon invited attendees to address the Council for Open Forum. Ms. Judith Vesely spoke on her observations of increased litter accumulating near her home. Ald. Leja remarked on the tragedy of 9-11 reminding attendees of the event being held at the 16th Street Firehouse to observe the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attack along with the Coffee with Cops event immediately following. Ald. Pabon announced a 5th Ward Native Plant Sale event being held at the Brocato Playground (19th and Cuyler). There will be a Berwyn Native Plant Club meet and greet as well.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the August 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation: Nothing submitted for the agenda

Reports from the Mayor: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
Reports from the Clerk: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
Reports from the Aldermen, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to reconsider the prior denial of a Reserved Handicap Parking space and approve same for 2523 Clinton Avenue. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to accept the Minutes of the July 23, 2024 Building and Zoning Aldermanic Committee as informational and refer the issues discussed to the Legal Department for review and drafting of relevant Ordinances. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

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J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to adopt the Resolution entitled: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Funds for the Access to Transit Improvement Project, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed with all seven Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to concur with Police Chief Cimaglia and approve the purchase of added "Auto-Transcribe Minutes" from AXON for bodyworn camera, in-car video, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), 911 audio and necessary redaction tools for Freedom of Information requests; increasing the contractual plan for the current year and subsequent years on the contract for a total cost of \$57,667.65. The motion passed with all seven Alderpeople voting AYE on the call of the roll.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to authorize Chief Cimaglia to request proposals for audio-visual equipment to be installed in the new addition to the police building. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to authorize Chief Cimaglia to request proposals for office furniture to be installed in the new addition to the police building. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to authorize Chief Cimaglia to hire two Probationary Police Officers from the Lateral Eligibility Pool. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda Items K-1 through K-7: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, 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. Arenella, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Margaret Paul,

City Clerk