

**MICHAEL A. O'CONNOR**  
**MAYOR**

**THOMAS J. PAVLIK**  
**CITY CLERK**

**MINUTES**  
**BERWYN CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

1. The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor 8:00 p.m. Upon the call of the roll, the following responded present: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Absent: Skryd. Thereafter, Ramos made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to excuse Alderman Skryd. The motion carried.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the safety of our armed forces, police, firefighters, and paramedics.
3. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced. The Mayor recognized Cook County Commissioner, Tony Perica, who reported on the State of the County budget and reported that there will be no new tax increases in the \$3.2 billion dollar budget and that the budget included Capital projects through Bond issues. There being no further speakers, the Open Forum portion was declared closed.
4. The minutes of the regular meeting and the Committee of the Whole held on February 10, 2009 were submitted. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
5. The Mayor submitted a Proclamation honoring Alderman Thomas J. Day for the Distinguished Service Award. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion carried. Thereafter, the Mayor recognized and presented the proclamation to Alderman Thomas J. Day.  
Alderman Skryd present at 8:15 p.m.
6. The Mayor submitted a Proclamation honoring dispatchers Jesus Carillo, Lisa Coleman, and Monica Wilk, Police officers Carl Gray, Guy Papa and Donald Wilhite, regarding the incident which occurred on February 7, 2009, wherein an armed robber was apprehended. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to suspend the rules and bring forth item I-9. The motion carried. Item I-9 is a communication from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners regarding the appointment of James Sassetti to the rank of Sergeant in the Berwyn Police department. Thereafter, Clerk Pavlik administered the oath of office. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve the appointment as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
8. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding Lombard Avenue parking. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to refer the matter to the Traffic Engineer. The motion carried by a voice vote.
9. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the reappointments of Larry Cullen and Donald Erce to the Police Pension Board. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and approve the appointments as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
10. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the Berwyn Housing Center. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by a voice vote.
11. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the new proposed 2009 Budget. Thereafter, Weiner made a motion to concur and approve the 2009 Budget as submitted. The motion failed for lack of a second. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to defer the matter for 2 weeks. The motion carried by a voice vote with Weiner voicing a contrary nay.
12. The Mayor submitted a communication regarding the Handicap sign for Elba Ramos, 1848 Elmwood Avenue. Thereafter, Phelan made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and approve the handicap sign as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
13. A deferred communication from Alderman Erickson regarding a Temporary building at St. Mary of Celle. After discussion, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and override the decision of the building director, and grant permission to allow 1 modular unit. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: Skryd.
14. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding an incident at La Quinta Restaurant again. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Law department and to the

police department and also request the police department to look into providing a valet parking service without a license. The motion carried by a voice vote.

15. Alderman Chapman submitted a communication regarding the alley to the north of Salerno's. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Traffic Engineer and Fire department for study and recommendation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
16. Alderman Weiner submitted a communication regarding parking at the Berwyn Library. Thereafter, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to refer the matter to the Traffic Engineer. The motion carried by a voice vote.
17. Alderman Weiner submitted a communication regarding Freedom of Information requests. Thereafter, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to withdraw the communication. The motion carried by a voice vote.
18. Alderman Phelan submitted a communication regarding 1926 East Avenue, plumbing issues. After discussion, Phelan made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Public Works director and Novotny & Associates and requested a full report from public works. The motion carried by a voice vote.
19. Alderman Lovero and Day submitted a joint communication regarding tree removal at 1844 Lombard Avenue. After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and refer the matter to the public works department for tree removal. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Day, Phelan, Lovero. Nays: Skryd, Erickson.
20. The Administration Committee submitted a communication regarding Referral item #17 of April 8, 2008, Prohibited Political Activity. After discussion, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to refer the matter to the Ethics Commission. The motion carried by a voice vote.
21. The Berwyn Historic Preservation Commission submitted a communication regarding the nomination of Marik & Sons Funeral Home building, 6507 West Cermak Road, as a Berwyn Historic Landmark. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to defer and refer the matter to the Law department. The motion carried by a voice vote.

22. Alderman Weiner submitted a communication regarding gas key, gas usage. Thereafter, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to withdraw the communication. The motion carried by a voice vote.
23. A deferred communication from the Law department regarding: **A Resolution to Convey Property & Assign Lease to Sedgwick Properties Development Corporation.** Thereafter, Weiner made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and **adopt** the Resolution as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
24. The Law Department submitted a **Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Application with the Federal Transit Administration for Transportation Assistance.** Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and **adopt** the Resolution as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
25. The Law Department submitted a **Resolution Authorizing Payment of Taxes.** Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to concur and **adopt** the Resolution as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
26. The Law department submitted a communication regarding a Sign Ordinance. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by a voice vote.
27. The Law department submitted an ordinance entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE DISIGNATING THE AMERICAN BANK BUILDING, 6801 WEST CERMAK ROAD, AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 1820 OF THE BERWYN CITY CODE.**  
Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and adopt the ordinance as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: Day, Phelan.
28. The Law department submitted an ordinance entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE DISIGNATING THE BERWYN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, 6804 WEST WINDSOR AVENUE, AS A HISTORIC**

**LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 1820 OF THE BERWYN CITY CODE.**

Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and adopt the ordinance as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Lovero. Nays: Day, Phelan, Erickson.

29. The Law department submitted an ordinance amending Chapter 480 and 484 of the Traffic Code. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer the matter for 2 weeks. The motion carried by a voice vote.
30. The Law department submitted a **Resolution of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois, Adopting Public Hearing Procedures for the Berwyn Historic Preservation Commission.** Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and adopt the Resolution as presented and to authorize the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Ramos, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Lovero. Nays: Phelan, Erickson.
31. The Building director submitted a demolition request for 1320 Highland Avenue. Thereafter, Erickson made a motion, seconded by Weiner, to concur and approve the request as submitted. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Weiner, Skryd, Day, Phelan, Lovero, Erickson. Nays: Ramos.
32. The Traffic Engineer submitted a communication regarding referral item I-6 from the January 27, 2009 City Council meeting, Windsor Avenue conflicting signage problems versus our written ordinances. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Skryd to refer the matter to the Ordinance and Resolutions committee to amend the Code. The motion carried by a voice vote.
33. The Traffic Engineer submitted a communication regarding additional Staff parking at Havlicek School. After discussion, Erickson Ramos made a motion, seconded by Ramos, to refer the matter to the Ordinance and Resolutions committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.
34. The City Engineer submitted a communication regarding the demolition at 7124-26 and 7128 Cermak Road. Thereafter, Skryd made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve the awarding of contract to Stanley Rebacz Trucking, Inc, Hodgkins, Illinois, in the total amount of \$68,300. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

35. The Consent Agenda K-1 through K-6 was submitted.  
K-1-Budget Chairman, payroll, \$897,859.85  
K-2-Budget Chairman, payables, 2/25/09, \$2,972,140.46  
K-3-Weiner, handicap sign, K. Zolecke, 7120 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Place-Approve  
K-4-Lovero, handicap sign, N. Lada, 1818 Home Ave.-Approve  
K-5-Erickson, handicap sign, M. Sinnott, 1429 Clinton Ave-Approve  
K-6-Erickson, handicap sign, S. Hensel, 1246 East Ave.-Approve  
Thereafter, Ramos made a motion, seconded by Skryd, to concur and approve by Omnibus Vote Designation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
36. The Mayor called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, March 2, 2009. After a vote was taken, the meeting request was withdrawn by Order of the Chair. Thereafter, the Mayor called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for referrals.
37. Alderman Lovero called an Ordinance and Resolutions committee meeting for Monday, March 9, 2009 for referrals.
38. Alderman Skryd called an Administration committee meeting for Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for referrals.
39. There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was, after a motion by Ramos, seconded by Skryd, to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 9:29 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pavlik  
City Clerk