



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Berwyn City Council Meeting**  
**September 24, 2019**

ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 10/8/19 CI  
DISPOSITION original  
Approved

A. Meeting Opening:

1. Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to Order at 8:00 P.M. The following Aldermen answered present on the Call of the Roll: Lennon, Ramirez, Reardon, Fejt, Santoy, Ruiz, Avila, and Nowak. Mayor Lovero led the Council and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to remember the Mijares family mourning the loss of Beth Connolley and for the safety of our local First Responders.

B. Open Forum:

1. Mayor Lovero called forward Public Works Director Robert Schiller. Mr. Schiller distributed a letter by City Water Operator Kristofer Hasman dated September 23, 2019. Mr. Schiller spoke with regard to Agenda Item I-1 explaining the department's issues with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Questions and discussion ensued.
2. Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) President Andy Sotiropoulos was recognized. Mr. Sotiropoulos commented on the great success of the 19th Annual Oktoberfest and thanked all involved for making so successful.
3. Mr. Paul Morten was recognized and commented on the success of the St. Leonard Fun Run. He also asked to be kept in mind as he undergoes surgery.
4. Mrs. Myrtle Slawko was recognized. She thanked the Mayor for inviting Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia to speak to residents. She criticized Ald. Reardon for being critical of city departments. Ms. Slawko accused Clerk Paul of changing "a city document behind closed doors" and "doctoring" a city document. She wished Mayor Lovero good fortune.
5. Ms. Valdez was recognized. She requested the City's help to intervene in a federal immigration issue. Federal authorities arrested her boyfriend and father of a young girl. Others in the audience stepped forward to interpret and show support. Mayor Lovero asked how he and the City could assist. Discussion ensued. Mayor Lovero offered assistance in whatever way the City could help.
6. Ms. Deborah Vines of The Answer Inc. Autism Awareness & Support Agency was recognized. She announced an upcoming October event at the Morton High Freshman Center and thanked the Mayor and City for assistance provided.
7. Ms. Rhonda Mejia was recognized. She asked for an explanation of the city's status as a Welcoming City. She asked what the city could do for residents and their families if detained by ICE. She also asked questions concerning the safety and testing of the city's residential water service. Discussion ensued.
8. Ms. Catey Sullivan was recognized. She thanked resident Luz Chavez for attending City Council meetings and streaming the meetings on social media.
9. Ald. Jose Ramirez reported on the success of the Great Berwyn Pie Bake Off that raised money for a local non-profit.
10. Ald. Lennon spoke to thank the BDC, the special events committee, city staff and residents who helped make the Oktoberfest successful.
11. Mayor Lovero distributed a letter he received from Teamsters Local Union No. 705 dated September 24, 2019 regarding unfair labor practice. Mayor Lovero stated that the letter was in reference to the posting of the Public Works contract on the City's website prior to it being approved by City Council and ratified by the union membership. The posting caused the confidential contract to be available to the public. Clerk Paul provided an explanation of events resulting in the error. She apologized to the union members present at the meeting as well as to Local #705 for the unfortunate error.
12. Mayor Lovero announced the planned events scheduled for Dia de los Muertos in Berwyn including workshops, art walk, and procession.

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C. Approval of Minutes

1. Motion by Ald. Avila, second by Ald. Fejt to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes and the Regular City Council Minutes, both of September 10, 2019, as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Bid Openings: None submitted.

E. Berwyn Township, Berwyn Health District, Berwyn Development Corporation: Nothing submitted.

F. Reports from the Mayor:

1. Motion by Ald. Lennon, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to **adopt** the Proclamation recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of MacNeal Hospital and declaring September 24, 2019 as MacNeal Hospital Day in Berwyn as submitted, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures, and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Fabiola Zavala accepted a copy of the Proclamation on behalf of the hospital.
2. Motion by Ald. Avila, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to **adopt** the Resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month in Berwyn and authorize the flying of the national flag of Mexico at City Hall. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero asked city staff members Ms. Pacheco, Ms. Volbre, and Ms. Ayala to accept a copy of the Resolution.
3. Ald. Ramirez made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Mayor Lovero asked Clerk Paul to call the roll on the motion. Aldermen Lennon, Ramirez, Reardon, Santoy, Ruiz, and Avila voted AYE; Aldermen Fejt and Nowak voted NAY. The City Council entered the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room for the closed session at 8:40 p.m. The City Council returned from the closed session and resumed the Regular City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m. Thereafter, Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to concur with Mayor Lovero and approve the Teamsters Local No. 705 Public Works Union contract as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.

G. Reports from the Clerk:

1. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ramirez, to accept the correspondence from the Mayor of El Paso, Texas as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

H. Reports from Zoning, Planning, and Development Commission: None submitted.

I. Reports from the Aldermen, Committees and Boards:

1. Motion by Ald. Reardon, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept her communication as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J. Reports from the Staff:

1. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Nowak, to concur with Police Chief Cimaglia's request to hire one Probationary Police Officer. The motion carried with seven Aldermen voting AYE and Ald. Reardon voting Nay.
2. Mayor Lovero recognized Deputy Police Chief O'Halloran. He explained Officer Jennifer Stillo's actions earning the department's Life Saving Recognition Award. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Santoy, to concur and thank Officer Stillo for her service. Officer Stillo was recognized and presented with her recognition award.
3. Deputy Chief O'Halloran explained Officer Joseph Manfredini's actions earning the department's Life Saving Recognition Award. Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and thank Officer Manfredini for his service. Officer Manfredini was recognized and presented with his recognition award.

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4. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur and approve the amended EVgo Services LLC contract as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
5. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of a Vermeer BC1500 Chipper for a cost not to exceed \$26,400. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

K. Consent Agenda: Motion by Ald. Ruiz, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to remove and bring forward Item K-5 from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Motion by Ald. Ruiz, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to deny the Re/Max Partners event request submitted by Mr. Luis Ortiz. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Ald. Avila made the motion, seconded by Ald. Reardon, to approve Consent Agenda Items K-1 through K-4 and Item K-6 as presented by omnibus designation. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

L. Aldermanic Committee Meetings / Announcements:

1. Ruiz: 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Coffee scheduled Saturday September 28, 2019 to be held at the Berwyn Bodega from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

M. Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Nowak, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Paul, Clerk

