

ITEM NO. C-1
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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2022

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Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople responded present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the tragic loss of the entire Dobosz Family who are relatives of Berwyn Police Officer Tyler Johns and in support of our city's First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following people came to the podium to address the council members:

- Mary Peranteau and Alex McKinley representing Berwyn Tree Canopy Initiative: Requesting amendment to city's tree planning policy. Copies of remarks provided for the record.
- Stephen Taylor remarked on Blo Room Hookah Lounge. Remarks submitted for the record.
- Sylvana and John Peconio: Rat abatement efforts in 2nd Ward. Remarks and Residents' Petition submitted for the record.
- Andrew Sullivan: Increase funding for rat abatement and increase police patrol of alley congestion and speeding vehicles.
- Sandy Van Goethem thanked city departments for services for the Riverside Drive block party.
- Audrey Kane shared audio of recent gunshots she attributed to patrons of Blo Room Hookah Lounge. Expressed her concern for family and neighborhood.
- Carrie Scarlotta expressed concern regarding increased police incidents she attributed to patrons of Blo Room Hookah Lounge. Mayor Lovero announced the pending Liquor Commission hearing regarding Blo Room Hookah Lounge scheduled for September 16, 2022.
- James (last name not provided) expressed concern regarding Blo-Room Hookah Lounge.
- Sandra Montez and Amanda Steffins from In Motion Counseling remarked on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Month.
- Sandra Diaz representing Berwyn Public Art Initiative announced an event in Proksa Park on November 5, 2022.
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepulveda spoke on MWRD cooperation with City of Berwyn, participation in local events, and issued a call to action for residents to garden with native plants to save pollinators and endangered Monarch butterflies.
- Ald. Ruiz announced the change of date for the Hispanic Heritage Parade and celebration from October 9th to October 2, 2022.

No one else asked to be recognized. Mayor Lovero concluded Open Forum.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the August 23, 2022 Committee of the Whole and Public Hearing Minutes and the August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the BDC, BPHD, or Berwyn Township:

E-1: Ald. Leja motioned to strike references to Stickney, Illinois and insert Berwyn, Illinois and strike the term “Resolution” and insert the word “Ordinance” in as found in the BDC submitted agenda item. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Authorizing a Feasibility Study for the Redevelopment of Certain Real Property Located Within 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. Ald. Ruiz raised a question to BDC Executive Director Hulseberg. Mr. Hulseberg was recognized to answer any questions. Following a brief question and answer period, Clerk Paul called the roll on the motion. The motion succeeded with six (6) Alderpeople voting AYE and two (2) voting NAY.

Ald. Woywod then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of an Interested Parties Registries for the Stanley Avenue TIF, in the City of Berwyn, Illinois**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion succeeded with seven (7) Alderpeople voting AYE and one (1) voting NAY.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to **adopt** the **Resolution** in Support of the Workers’ Rights Amendment to the Illinois Constitution. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

F-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to **adopt** the **Proclamation** recognizing September 11, 2022 as National Day of Service and Remembrance in the City of Berwyn. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

F-3: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to **adopt** the Proclamation declaring September, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month in Berwyn. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero presented copies of the Proclamation to counselors of In Motion Counseling who had previously remarked on Suicide Prevention during the Committee of the Whole.

F-4: Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to **adopt** the Proclamation observing September 15th through October 15th as Latinx History Month in Berwyn and promoting the theme “More Than Monarchs: Conservation and Culture”. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lover presented copies of the Proclamation to representatives of upcoming event participants.

F-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to **adopt** the Proclamation observing Banned Book Week September 18th through September 24th, 2022 in the City of Berwyn. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero presented the Proclamation to Berwyn Library staff and board members.

Zoning, Planning, and Development Commission: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from Alderpeople, Committees, Boards:

I-1 Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to have the April 20, 2022 ad hoc Rat Abatement Committee Minutes accepted as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-2: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to have the August 24, 2022 ad hoc Rat Abatement Committee Minutes accepted as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Pabon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to direct Building Director Lazzara to issue a Request for Qualifications to hire a Rat Abatement Consultant for the City of Berwyn. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

I-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the promotion of Sgt. Matthew Burke as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to mark the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Karen Santos as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I-6: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to mark the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Keith Gardner as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to concur with City Attorney Bertuca and approve the settlement of **16 M6 8604** for an amount not to exceed \$14,000 authorize. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to ratify the emergency purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit police vehicle for \$56,839.24 as discussed during the August 23, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-3: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K15): Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Leja announced a Police and Fire Aldermanic Committee meeting scheduled for September 20, 2022. Ald. Pabon announced a 5th Ward meeting scheduled for September 21, 2022. Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for October 11, 2022

There being no further business before the City 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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Margaret Paul, City Clerk