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MAYOR

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MINUTES
BERWYN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2005

- 1) The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Shaughnessy presiding. Upon the call of the roll, the following members responded present: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Absent: A. Bojovic. Thereafter, the meeting duly convened for further business. B. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by Pechota to excuse A. Bojovic. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 2) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mayor called for a moment of silence for the betterment of the community and for the safe return of the men and women overseas.
- 3) The open forum portion of the meeting was announced. There being no speakers, the open forum was closed.
- 4) The minutes of the Berwyn City Council meeting held on February 23, 2005, were submitted. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Fron, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 5) The Mayor submitted a communication requesting concurrence in his re-appointment of Irene Martin, 7143 W. 34th St., to the Library Board. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to concur in the Mayoral re-appointment as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 6) The Mayor submitted a communication requesting concurrence in his re-appointment of Richard Toman, 2720 Clinton Avenue, to the Fire and Police Commission. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur in the Mayoral re-appointment as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 7) The Mayor submitted a communication requesting concurrence in his appointment of Joel Chrastka as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals replacing Richard Swade who has resigned. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Fron, to concur in the Mayoral appointment as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.

- 8) Joseph Vallez, Director of the North Berwyn Park District submitted a communication and Resolution requesting the closure of various streets for the Park District and Berwyn Little League parade being held on Saturday, April 23, 2005, beginning at 11:00 a.m., and ending at approximately 12:00 noon. Pechota made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to waive the reading, concur and grant permission for said parade and street closings. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 9) The Administration Committee submitted a communication recommending that the City health insurance be renewed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a 5.2% increase. After discussion, Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur in the recommendation as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 10) Alderman Lovero submitted the Payroll Report for February 23, 2005, in the total amount of \$666,893.15. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to approve for payment. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 11) Alderman Lovero submitted the Payables for March 8, 2005, in the total amount of \$471,261.65. Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to approve for payment. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 12) Alderman Lovero submitted a communication requesting a handicapped curb cut at Morton West High School for the purpose of facilitating access to the polling places at that location. After discussion, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Fortunato, to concur in the recommendation and refer the matter to the Public Works Director, Tom Martirano to coordinate this project with the County Clerk's office. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 13) Alderman Pechota submitted a communication recommending that a "Left Turn Only" sign be installed in the alley at the exit of the Drive Thru and also a "Right Turn Only" sign going onto East Avenue from the alley at 6601 Cermak Road (Dunkin Donuts). Pechota made a motion, seconded by Brocato to concur in the recommendation and refer the matter to the Public Works Department for installation of said signs. The motion carried

by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.

- 14) Alderman Pechota submitted a communication recommending that the property located at 2819 Ridgeland Avenue, be granted a variance to construct a two family residence similar to those at 2803 and 2805 Ridgeland. Pechota made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to waive the reading, concur in the recommendation and issue said variance. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: B. Bojovic. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 15) Alderman Fron submitted a communication regarding the status of City budget reports and City audits. After discussion, the matter was rendered informational by Order of the Chair.
- 16) Alderman Fron submitted a communication requesting a comprehensive listing of vacant or available commercial or residential properties in Berwyn. After discussion, the matter was deferred to the Berwyn Development Corporation by Order of the Chair.
- 17) Alderman Fron submitted a communication stating that the answer provided by the Director of Public Safety relative to Drug Forfeiture Funds was incomplete and did not fully address the subject. After discussion, Brocato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to refer the matter to the Fire and Police Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 18) Alderman Fron submitted a communication stating that City funds were expended but not authorized on certain advertisements in the Gazette Newspaper. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Law Department by Order of the Chair.
- 19) The Budget Committee submitted a communication recommending that the 2005 Budget be placed on the Council floor at the next meeting. After discussion Lovero made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to defer the matter to a Public Hearing to be held on March 22, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 20) Alderman Chapman submitted a communication expressing her dissatisfaction with the current budget cycle. After discussion, in which Paul Nosek, Finance Director was allowed to respond, Chapman made a motion, seconded by B. Bojovic, to refer the matter to the Budget Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 21) A deferred communication was submitted by the Berwyn Police Department requesting a handicapped sign for Richard Ciz, 1318 Clinton. Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to overrule the recommendation of

the investigating officer and install said sign. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.

- 22) A deferred communication was submitted by the Berwyn Police Department requesting a handicapped sign for Joyce Cwik, 3516 Wenonah. Chapman made a motion, seconded by B. Bojovic, to overrule the recommendation of the investigating officer and install said sign. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 23) A deferred communication was submitted by the Berwyn Police Department requesting a handicapped sign for Larry Burton, 1212 Scoville. Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to overrule the recommendation of the investigating officer and install said sign. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 24) A deferred communication was submitted by the Berwyn Police Department requesting a handicapped sign for Genoveva Vazquez, 2238 Kenilworth. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur in the recommendation of the investigating officer and deny said sign. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 25) The Law Department submitted an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL GAS USE TAX IN PLACE OF THE CHAPTER 886 MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAX ON GAS

Pechota made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 26) Paul Nosek, Director of Finance submitted a communication proposing that the Council consider the two other bidders on the Superblock project given the fact that the current developer has not been able to obtain any lease commitments for the site development in the past year. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 27) The Berwyn Police Department submitted a communication requesting a handicapped sign for Susan Pohl, 3323 Clarence Avenue. B. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 28) The Berwyn Police Department submitted a communication requesting a handicapped sign for Graciela Ramirez, 1324 Clarence. Fortunato made a

motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 29) The Berwyn Police Department submitted a communication requesting a handicapped sign for Patricia Shield, 1846 Grove Avenue. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 30) The Berwyn Police Department submitted a communication requesting a handicapped sign for Ronald Drabanski, 3631 Clarence Avenue. B. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.
- 31) Kevin B. Kelly, Executive Director of the Berwyn Development Corporation submitted a communication and Resolution requesting permission to hold the Annual Route 66 Car Show and to close Ogden Avenue, between Ridgeland and Oak Park Avenue, on Saturday, September 10, 2005, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur, adopt the Resolution as presented and authorize the appropriate corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 32) At this time the Consent Agenda, items K-1 through K-4 were presented.
 - K-1 Paralyzed Veterans fundraiser-March 25 & March 26th, 2005
 - K-2 Building Department-Building Permits issued during February, 2005
 - K-3 Collector-Business Licenses issued during February, 2005
 - K-4 Berwyn Police Department-Metro Towing Services-\$3,560.00 for January, 2005

Lovero made a motion, seconded by Fortunato, to concur, grant permission and accept as informational. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 33) Tony Martinucci, Director of Recreation submitted a communication requesting permission to advertise for sealed bids for the Berwyn Recreation Swimming Pool project, to be opened at the March 22, 2005 City Council Meeting. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to concur and allow said bid process. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none. Excused: A. Bojovic.
- 34) The Mayor announced that a Public Hearing for the 2005 Budget would be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

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- 35) The Mayor called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., on referrals.
- 36) Alderman Lovero called a Budget Committee meeting for Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., on referrals.
- 37) There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was, after a motion by Pechota, seconded by Brocato, adjourned at the hour of 8:45 p.m., by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Woodward
City Clerk