



MINUTES
Regular Berwyn City Council Meeting
November 27, 2018

1. The Regular Meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor Lovero at 8:00 p.m. The following Aldermen responded present upon the call of the roll: Lennon, Ramirez, Reardon, Fejt, Santoy, Ruiz, Avila, and Garcia.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was given for the family of Valentina Hovorka, the family of Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez who lost his life in the line of duty, and for the safety of the men and women protecting us on the streets of Berwyn.
3. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced. Mr. Caleb Kimmel approached to speak regarding his zoning appeal. Mayor Lovero advised him of the Zoning Board's procedures. Mr. Kimmel then gave a brief statement about the home remodeling project he would like to complete at 6444 27th St. Mr. Kimmel submitted a copy of his letter (undated) addressed to Building Director Charles Lazzara and a one-page double sided sheet showing a picture of the current house, his design for a 2nd floor addition, and houses in the surrounding neighborhood; copies of which are made a part of the record.

Alderman Avila reminded Council members of the Tony's Grand Opening on Wednesday, December 28, 2018 and announced that all are welcome to attend. Mayor Lovero thanked former Berwyn Development Corporation Executive Tony Griffin for all the work he did to accomplish the store location.

Clerk Paul announced the resignation of Deputy Clerk Lillian Guerrier who was in attendance. Clerk Paul asked all present to join her in thanking Deputy Clerk Guerrier for her work for the City of Berwyn.
4. Minutes for the Regular Berwyn City Council and Committee of the Whole held on November 13, 2018 were submitted. Thereafter, Avila made a motion, seconded by Fejt, to approve the minutes as submitted and place same on file for audit. The motion carried by a voice vote.
5. Alderman Avila made a motion, seconded by Santoy, to suspend the rules and bring forward agenda item I-1 and J-1. The motion carried. I-1 is a communication from the Berwyn Police and Fire Commissioners recommending the appointment of James Kenny to the rank of Berwyn Police Sergeant. J-1 is a communication from Police Chief Cimaglia regarding the presentation of a Life Saving Recognition Award to Officers Ryan Kukla and Edward Tovar. Avila then made the motion, seconded by Ruiz, to concur in the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commission and appoint James Kenney to the rank of Sergeant. The motion carried. Clerk Paul then administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Kenny.
6. Alderman Avila made a motion, seconded by Garcia, to concur with Chief Cimaglia and recognize Officers Kukla and Tovar for their lifesaving actions on the night of October 21, 2018. The motion carried. Chief Cimaglia then presented Officer Kukla and Officer Tovar with Life Saving Award certificates.
7. Clerk Paul submitted an Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; and Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith.** Alderman Garcia made the motion, seconded by Santoy, to **concur with the Clerk's recommendation, adopt the Ordinance as presented, and direct the corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto.** The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
8. Alderman Ruiz submitted a communication regarding installation of "Red Light" cameras at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Roosevelt Road. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Santoy, to move forward on the Finance Department's recommendation to request SafeSpeed, LLC, in conjunction with the State to conduct the required study necessary prior the determination to install "Red Light" cameras at the intersection. Discussion ensued. A roll call vote was taken. The following Aldermen answered AYE: Lennon, Reardon, Santoy, Ruiz, Avila, and Garcia. Those voting NAY were: Ramirez and Fejt.

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9. Alderman Ruiz submitted a communication regarding the Home Rule Sales Tax Rate. Ruiz then made the motion, seconded by Santoy, to concur with the Finance Department's recommendation to increase the Home Rule Sales Tax rate from the current rate of 1% to 1.75% and refer the item to the Legal Department to draft the appropriate Ordinance to adopt the approved increase. The motion carried on a voice vote 7 to 1 with Alderman Reardon voting NAY.
10. Alderman Avila submitted a communication regarding Ad Hoc Rat Abatement Committee Recommendations. Avila gave an overview of the Committee's work. He then made the motion, seconded by Lennon, requesting the distribution of the Committee's findings and recommendations to the appropriate departments for review and implementation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
11. Assistant City Administrator Ruth Volbre submitted a communication regarding Renewal of Excess Workers Compensation Insurance. Alderman Reardon made the motion, seconded by Garcia, to renew the contract with the current carrier Safety National approving the "Renewal Option 2" annual premium rate of \$116,723 and increasing the Self Insured Rate (SIR) to \$1,000,000 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS). The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
12. Finance Director Rasheed Jones submitted a communication requesting approval of the attached Resolution entitled: **A Resolution Approving the Use of Certain Loan Proceeds by the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, State of Illinois**. Alderman Garcia made the motion, seconded by Santoy, **to concur and adopt the Resolution** as presented, authorize the corporate authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion carried by a unanimous call of the roll.
13. Assistant Finance Director Benjamin Daish submitted a communication requesting the Council to award a contract for 3rd Party Collections. Thereafter, Lennon made the motion, seconded by Santoy, to award the contract to Sonnenschein Financial Services for calendar year 2019 with a renewable option by mutual agreement. The motion passed on the call of the roll with 7 voting AYE and Ald. Reardon voting NAY.
14. Interim Library Director Tammy Sheedy submitted a communication requesting an additional \$2,635.00 for the amount previously approved by Council for the purchase of a vehicle. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Avila, to approve the additional funds. Questions ensued. The motion carried on a roll call vote with 7 voting AYE and Ald. Ruiz voting NAY.
15. Interim Library Director Tammy Sheedy submitted a communication requesting permission to post a job opening for Library Page – part time. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ramirez, to grant permission to post the opening. The motion passed by a voice vote.
16. The consent agenda with items K-1 through K-2 was submitted.
 1. Payroll: 11/14/2018 in the amount of \$1,211,964.73: Informational
 2. Payables: 11/15/2018 – 11/28/2018 in the amount of \$1,355,193.28: InformationalThereafter, Avila made the motion, seconded by Lennon, to concur and approve the Consent Agenda as submitted by omnibus vote designation. The motion carried by a voice vote.
17. Aldermanic Committees:
Alderman Ruiz: Public Works, Parking, Trees, Traffic, Streets & Sewers Committee meeting for December 11th at 5:00 pm.
18. There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Garcia made the motion, seconded by Avila, to adjourn at the hour of 8:28 pm. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Paul, City Clerk