

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cadez and roll call was taken:

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Striz, Herman, Bolton, Rowe, Hess, Alvarado.

ALSO PRESENT: Norine Peeples, City Clerk; John K. Kessey, Treasurer; Paul L. LaManes, City Administrator; Joe Couvreur, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Rick Cadez, Police Chief; Dan Wilhelm, Fire Chief; Ryan Massolia, Senior and Recreational Director.

Joe Owens, DPW Director is absent and excused.

Laura Irvin, Director of Parks & Recreation is absent and excused.

Teresa Kirk, Housing Director is absent and excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Cadez and the invocation was led by Pastor John Russell of Downriver Christian Community Church.

11-10-190 Moved by Rowe and supported by Striz to approve the *Regular* Council Meeting minutes dated October 5, 2011.

YEAS: Striz, Herman, Bolton, Rowe, Hess

ABSTAIN: Alvarado

11-10-191 Moved by Alvarado and supported by Rowe to open the Public Hearing for Police and Fire Special Assessment at 7:35 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

11-10-192: Moved by Alvarado and supported by Herman that having received no further comments written or oral, Mayor Cadez declared the Public Hearing closed.

Passed Unanimously

11-10-193: Moved by Bolton and supported by Herman to adopt the resolution providing for the estimated costs and expenses of Police and Fire, determination of the amount of the Special Assessment and the distribution of the levy.

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Melvindale is levying the special assessment to maintain the current level of Police and Fire Protection for the protection and well being of its citizens as permitted by MCLA 41.801 et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk published a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the estimate of the expenses for Police and Fire protection, the amount of the Special Assessment levied for such Police and Fire protection and for the distribution of the Special Assessment levy in the News Herald Newspaper; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on **October 19, 2011** at 7:35 p.m. before the Common Council for the City of Melvindale where citizens were given the opportunity to state their comments and objections to the estimate of the expenses for Police and Fire protection, the amount of the Special Assessment levied for such Police and Fire protection and for the distribution of the Special Assessment levy; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Melvindale that:

1. It is estimated that the cost and expenses of the police and fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing and police and fire protection is \$ **3,098,133.00** exclusive of health care and pension for police and fire personnel; and
2. The Amount of the special assessment shall be \$**1,226,310.00** and
3. The City Administrator or his designee shall spread the assessment on the taxable value of all property in the City of Melvindale except lands exempt from collection of taxes under the general property tax act.

Passed Unanimously

Receive and place on file the communication from the Beautification Committee announcing the Harvest Fest "Trunk or Treat" on October 23, 2011.

Receive and place on file the communication from the Fire Department announcing the Open House on October 23, 2011.

Audience participation was offered.

Bob Brown, from the Senior Alliance addressed the Mayor and City Council with a yearly update.

11-10-194: Moved by Rowe and supported by Herman to authorize a temporary waiver of compliance to Kevin Wise for the home located at 19091 Harman wherein he will have until November 2, 2011 to make repairs and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. Further, if a Certificate of Occupancy is not issued on or before November 2, 2011, a \$500 escrow deposit shall be made by Kevin Wise and held until a Final Certificate of Occupancy is obtained. A failure to abide by the terms of the waiver of compliance to be issued by the Building Department pursuant to this resolution may result in the issuance of a court appearance citation by the Building Department.

YEAS: Striz, Herman, Bolton, Rowe, Alvarado
ABSTAIN: Hess

11-10-195: Moved by Herman and supported by Striz to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$447,615.41.

Passed Unanimously

11-10-196: Moved by Herman and supported by Rowe to approve the revised site plan for a proposed Dollar General at 3580 Oakwood Blvd, pending final approval of Wayne County, all Department Heads and the City Engineer.

Passed Unanimously

11-10-197: Moved by Herman and supported by Bolton regarding 17250 Raupp Rd to:

- A. Advise Melvindale Square/Infinity Management to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals to address the dumpster enclosure issue.
- B. Forgo further forfeiture of funds held in escrow for 6 months (April 19, 2012) to enable inspections and repairs. If Certificate of Occupancy is not obtained in six months, forbearance of the forfeiture of escrow funds will cease and funds will be forfeited.
- C. Melvindale Square/Infinity Management shall forthwith apply and pay for the inspection of the apartment complex located at 17250 Raupp Road.
- D. If repairs are completed and a final Certificate of Occupancy is issued within six months, the remainder of the escrow money shall be applied toward any then outstanding water bill and the remainder of funds shall be returned to Melvindale Square.

YEAS: Striz, Herman, Bolton, Rowe, Hess

NAYS: Alvarado

11-10-198: Moved by Alvarado and supported by Striz to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief, Rick Cadez for the curfew to be amended for anyone under the age of 18 on the following dates:

Sunday, October 30, 2011 – Curfew of 7:00 pm

Monday, October 31, 2011 – Curfew of 7:00 pm

Passed Unanimously

11-10-199 Moved by Bolton and supported by Rowe to approve the Healthcare Renewal choosing HCC Option #3 proposal as solicited by ABS for stop loss coverage effective November 1, 2011.

Passed Unanimously

11-10-200: Moved by Striz and supported by Rowe to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Valerie Cadez

Norine Peebles, City Clerk