

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 7:30 pm.

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

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hess, Louvet, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; James Beri, City Administrator; Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel; Steven Densmore, Fire Chief; Lieutenant John Bajorek, sitting in for Police Chief Chad Hayse;

Karen Lowe, Treasure was absent and excused.

Joe Owens, DPW Director was absent and excused.

Laura Irvin, Parks & Recreation Director was absent and excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Striz and the invocation was led by Father Edward Zaorski of St Mary Magdalen Church.

**12-08-243:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to approve the *Regular* Council Meeting minutes dated August 1, 2012.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered.

**12-08-244:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Balderas to recess the regular council meeting.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-245:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas to open the Public Hearing for Police and Fire Special Assessment at 7:55 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-246:** Moved by Hess and supported by Marsee that having received no further comments written or oral, Mayor Striz declared the Public Hearing closed.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-247:** Moved by Hess and supported by Cybulski to reopen the regular council meeting.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-248:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas 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 MCL 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 **August 15, 2012** at 7:55 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 **\$3,203,656.00** exclusive of health care and pension for police and fire personnel; and
2. The Amount of the special assessment shall be **\$1,522,687.00** 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

**12-08-249:** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Marsee to rescind Council Resolution **12-06-174** and to concur with the recommendation of Lt. John Bajorek regarding the request to transfer the liquor license at Crossroads Bar & Grill at 2704 Oakwood Blvd. to Tabatha Walls of 14735 College, Allen Park.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-250:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Steven Densmore to provide rescue and fire services to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. located at 1025 Oakwood Blvd. Detroit, as needed.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-251:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to utilize R & R Fire Truck Repair to provide the necessary repairs on Fire Truck E1, E2 & R2 vehicles. Council also waived the bid process.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-252:** Moved by Hess and supported by Barnes to approve the estimated repair costs for Fire Trucks E1, E2 & R1 not to exceed \$13,808.00.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-253:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to concur with the recommendation of the City Administrator to accept the contract as presented regarding the Downriver Central Animal Control Agency Agreement.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-254:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to approve the 5 year Deficit Elimination Plan, showing the amendment of the Animal Control Authority.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-255:** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Barnes to remove from the table the closed session.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-256:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to request the DDA to move the Farmers Market to the parking lot adjacent to the Melvindale Veterans Pool; also to extend the dates for the Farmers Market through October 17, 2012.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-257:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas request a line by line itemized financial report/status of expenses after the Street Fair is concluded.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-258:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes to approve the hire of Brian Smith to fill the vacancy of Diann Rink upon retirement in the Treasurer's office, effective September 4, 2012.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-259:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet to adopt the Civil Service minutes.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-260:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Balderas to rescind Council Resolution #12-06-192 June 20, 2012 Council meeting regarding the Taco Truck.

Yeas: Balderas, Barnes

Nays: Louvet, Marsee, Cybulski

Abstain: Hess

\*Mayor Striz also voted yes

**\*\*MOTION FAILED TO ADOPT**

**12-08-261:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee to table the resignations received from Pauline Lemke and Judy Ohannasian from the Beautification Committee.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered for a second time.

**12-08-262:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$401,559.16.

Passed Unanimously

**12-08-263:** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Marsee to adjourn into a closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy Striz, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk