

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; Ardys Bennett, Chief Building Official; Richard Browning, DPW Director.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Striz.

15-10-235 Moved by Barnes and supported by Balderas, to approve the **Regular** City Council Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2015.

Yeas: Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes

Abstain: Louvet, Cybulski

Resolution adopted.

The tabled item, recommendation from EDC to transfer the vacant land on Francis Street to the City to remain tabled; hearing no objections, so ordered.

Audience Participation was offered.

15-10-236 Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet, to close the Regular Public meeting at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of the 2015 Police and Fire Special Assessment.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-237 Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas, to open the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the estimated costs and expenses of police and fire protection, the amount of the special assessment levy for such police and fire protection and for the distribution of the special assessment levy.

Passed Unanimously

The following individual participated: Gerald Lustila, 2774 Blanche.

15-10-238 Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet, having heard no further comments, pro or con for the 2015 Police and Fire Special Assessment the Public Hearing is hereby closed at 7:45 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-239 Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee, to open the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-240 Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski, to approve the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Melvindale is levying the Special 2015 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 7, 2015, at 7:30 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 Police and Fire protection, exclusive of healthcare and pension is **\$3,116,159.16**; and
2. The Amount of the special assessment shall be 10 Mils which is estimated to generate **\$1,510,780.97**; 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

15-10-241 Moved by Louvet and supported by Balderas, to authorize the City Administrator to meet with Bond Counsel (Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone), to begin the process for the City of Melvindale Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2016, in the amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.00 in principle.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-242 Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to award the bid for the Melvindale Fire Department Building Improvements to the low bidder, Howell Construction Services, 84 Harmon Road, Howell, MI 48843, in the amount of \$167,800.00

Passed Unanimously

15-10-243 Moved by Barnes and supported by Balderas to receive and place on file the September 2015 Treasurers Report in the amount of 1,589,416.19.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-244 Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of James Riley Hamel as a Part Time Temporary Building Inspector.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-245 Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas, Council Members hereby waive their right to reconsider their vote resolution 15-10-244, so that James Riley Hamel, Part Time Temporary Building Inspector, can begin working immediately.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-246 Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas, to concur with the Mayor's request to form a Swimming Pool Committee for a period of 2 years for the purpose of restoring the pool.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-247 Moved by Barnes and supported by Hess, to authorize Corporation Counsel to draft a Wavier of Liability for anyone that performs manual labor on the repairs for the Melvindale Swimming Pool.

Passed Unanimously

Second audience participation was offered.

15-10-248 Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess, to receive and place on file the cover sheet and to authorize the payments of approved invoices totaling 1,162,900.22.

Passed Unanimously

15-10-249 Motion by Mayor Striz to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, no objections.

Passed Unanimously

Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk