

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the time of 7:33 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Kalley Hess, and roll call was taken.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Karen Lowe, Treasurer; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator /Finance Director; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; Steve Densmore, Deputy Fire Chief; Rick Browning, Director: Department of Public Works

Excused and absent: Mayor, Stacy Striz; City Clerk, Diana Zarazua; Councilman, Carl Louvet

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem, Kalley Hess

Invocation: Pastor, John Mosaic, Faith Christian Assembly

**15-05-121** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Marsee to approve the **regular** Council Minutes dated May 6, 2015.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

***Passed unanimously.***

**15-05-122** Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to award “credit pay” to the City of Melvindale’s newly appointed Officers, Lash and Olson, for their previous experience as Police Officers, as such stated in the current contract of the Melvindale Police Officers Association. Officer Olson is currently rated as “Patrolman 2<sup>nd</sup> year,” with a pay rate of \$19.9301. He will now be rated as Patrolman 4<sup>th</sup> year, with a pay rate of \$22.9752. Officer Lash is currently rated as “Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> year, with a pay rate of \$21.4526. He will now be rated as Patrolman 4<sup>th</sup> year, with a pay rate of \$22.9752. Please note that these salaries were effective from 7/1/09 – 12/31/09. No pay increases have been awarded since 2009.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

***Passed unanimously.***

**15-05-123** Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to authorize the City of Melvindale’s City Clerk to inform the City of Melvindale’s property owners, in an “Annual Notice to Property Owners,” of their obligation to repair and maintain all sidewalks adjoining their property in a safe and sound manner, in compliance with the Code of Ordinances No. 514, Section 19:31-39, in addition, to inform the same property owners of their obligation to cut and maintain all grass, noxious weeds, rank vegetation, noxious or dangerous trees, according to Ordinance 514, Section 23:51-61.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

***Passed unanimously***

**15-05-124** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Balderas to authorize a 12.5 % increase in the current City of Melvindale water rate, sewer rate and operations of main rate. The increase is illustrated in the following chart:

**Water:**

Current: \$33.29 per thousand cubic ft. + **12.5% increase**=\$37.45 per thousand cubic ft.

**Sewer:**

Current: \$54.08 per thousand cubic ft. + **12.5 % increase**=\$60.84 per thousand cubic ft.

**Operation of Mains:**

Current: \$21.50 per thousand cubic ft. + **12.5 % increase**=\$24.19 per thousand cubic ft.

These 12.5 % rate increases are effective July 1, 2015. This increase reflects the City of Detroit Water and Sewer increase.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-125** Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas to authorize the immediate hire of the next individual on the City of Melvindale Department of Public Works (DPW) Civil Service list.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-126** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Balderas to authorize the City of Melvindale Department of Public Works (DPW) to transfer all inactive, delinquent water bills from 2014 and all delinquent grass cutting bills from 2014 to Summer 2015 taxes.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-127** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Barnes to remove from table the Towing Bid Award, authorized through Resolution #15-05-116 at the City of Melvindale City Council Meeting the May 6, 2015.

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-128** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Barnes to table the Towing Bid Award for purposes of further research.

*Motion failed.*

**15-05-129** Moved by Balderas and supported by Barnes to award the City of Melvindale Towing bid to Goch and Sons Towing, a three-year contract effective June 1, 2015.

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-130** Moved by Balderas and supported by Marsee to award the Natural Gas Bid to Constellation Energy for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2015, for the purpose of supplying natural gas to all of The City of Melvindale's Municipal Buildings.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-131** Moved by Balderas and supported by Marsee to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$652,401.53 and the electronic transfers totaling \$974.98.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

**15-05-132** Moved by Mayor pro tem Hess and supported by Barnes to adjourn the May 20, 2015 City of Melvindale Council meeting.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Louvet

*Passed unanimously*

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Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk