

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Valerie A. Cadez, Mayor; 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; Randy Burns, DPW Director; Laura Irvin, Director of Parks & Recreation; Ryan Massolia, Senior and Recreational Director; Teresa Kirk, Housing Director.

Jeff Bolton was absent and excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation was led by Mayor Cadez.

**11-01-001** Moved by Rowe and supported by Striz to approve the *Regular* Council Meeting minutes dated December 15, 2010.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-002:** Moved by Herman and supported by Rowe to remove from the table, Pastor John Russell of Downriver Christian Community Church for lots 151b & 152 Prospect Street.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-003:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Herman to waive penalty portion incurred against previous land owners for failure to cut grass in the amount of \$296.25 for Pastor John Russell of Downriver Christian Community Church for lots 151b & 152 Prospect Street.

YEAS: Herman, Rowe, Hess

NAYS: Striz, Alvarado

**11-01-004:** Moved by Alvarado and supported by Herman to open the public hearing at 7:50pm regarding the Community Development Block Grant Proposed Statement of Objectives for PY 2011.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-005:** Moved by Herman and supported by Rowe to close the public hearing at 8:00 pm, having received no further comments written or oral.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-006:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Alvarado to concur with the recommendation and adopt the following PY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Statement of Objectives, as outlined,

At a Regular Council Meeting held on January 5, 2011, the City of Melvindale committed the PY 2011 Wayne County Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, estimated amount \$152,000, for general activities for eligible CDBG activities:

<b>Senior Citizens Center Bond Repayment</b> Repayment of bond principal and interest for the Senior Citizens Center.	<b>\$90,300</b>
<b>Fire Station/Equipment</b> Repayment of principal and interest on loan for the new Fire Truck.	<b>\$22,820</b>
<b>Senior Services</b> Funding for the Senior Services Coordinator and miscellaneous expenses associated with operating the Senior Services Program.	<b>\$28,880</b>
<b>Administration</b> Administration of the CDBG Program.	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Housing Rehabilitation Program</b> Funding to provide deferred liens to rehabilitate code-deficient, owner-occupied homes of income-eligible families for program administered by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.	<b>\$33,000</b>
<b>Demolition</b> Funding to provide for the demolition of dangerous vacant structures that have been declared a health and safety hazard to the community.	<b>\$4,000</b>

Passed Unanimously

Receive and place on file the resignation of Becky Wilhelm to the Housing Commission.

Audience Participation was offered.

**11-01-007:** Moved by Herman and supported by Striz to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of the invoices totaling \$381,139.15 and the electronic transfers totaling \$100,990.27.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-008:** Moved by Striz and supported by Alvarado to authorize Corporation Counsel to begin a nuisance action against 19051 Harman and to ratify action that has been taken.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-009:** Moved by Herman and supported by Alvarado to authorize the request of the Police Chief to advertise for bids for the Police Department towing contract, for the two period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-010:** Moved by Alvarado and supported by Rowe to authorize the Chief of Police to utilize a substitute towing company of his selection on an interim basis, and to authorize bidding for a replacement towing company vendor.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-011:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Herman to authorize the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #754 by title only:

**ORDINANCE #754**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MELVINDALE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 11-29 OF ARTICLE II FIRE PREVENTION CODE IN CHAPTER 11, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TO DESIGNATE THE FIRE CHIEF OR HIS DESIGNEE AS THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO ENFORCE THE FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY THE CITY.**

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-012:** Moved by Striz and supported by Rowe to adopt Ordinance #754.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-013:** Moved by Striz and supported by Alvarado to authorize the retirement payout Tom Loewe in the amount of \$7615.92.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-014:** Moved by Striz and supported by Herman to authorize the payout to Antoinette Sobczak in the \$9,951.89.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Cadez appointed Jeanette DeCaire to the Housing Commission, to replace Becky Wilhelm who resigned.

**11-01-015:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Herman to recess into a closed session at 8:35 to discuss the contract for Police Labor Negotiations.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-016:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Herman to reconvene from a closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**11-01-017:** Moved by Rowe and supported by Striz to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

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Mayor Valerie A. Cadez

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Norine Peebles, City Clerk