

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

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

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

Kalley Hess was absent and excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Karen Lowe, Treasurer; Jim Beri, City Administrator; Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel; Chad Hayse, Interim Police Chief; Steven Dunsmore, Interim Fire Chief; Joe Owens, DPW Director.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Striz and the invocation was led by Rev. Jerry Lee Williams of Heart to Heart Ministries.

12-03-57 Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to approve the *Regular* Council Meeting minutes dated February 15, 2012.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-58 Moved by Louvet and supported by Balderas to receive and place on file the communication from Parks & Recreation regarding the removal of Melvin MacDonald and to accept his resignation.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-59: Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to adopt Parks & Recreation Res. #12-10 requesting meeting time to be changed from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Passed Unanimously

Audience participation was offered.

12-03-60: Moved by Louvet and supported by Balderas to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$936,228.92 and the electronic transfers totaling \$102,074.81.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-61: Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to approve the request of the Interim Police Chief Chad Hayse to hire additional police officers to bring the total number of police officers to 24.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-62: Moved by Balderas and supported by Cybulski to authorize the City Administrator and the City Clerk to review all contracts over \$5000.00 and go out for competitive bids in those instances where it is deemed beneficial to the city.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-63: Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to reduce the authorization of expenditures for Department Heads to approve invoices to \$500.00 and below.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-64: Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to table the Mayoral nomination of James Metz to the Historical Commission.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-65 Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to table the Mayoral nomination of Uriel Garza to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Passed Unanimously

12-03-66 Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to recess into a closed session at 8:05pm according to the open meeting act 15.268 Section 8(a) to hear complaints and 8(c) for the purpose of strategy negotiations.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor and City Council reconvened at 9:25pm from a closed session to a regular council meeting.

12-03-67 Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to request the resignations of Public Safety Commissioners Ron Henson and Dan Smith.

YEAS: Louvet, Balderas, Barnes, Cybulski

NAYS: Marsee

MOTION CARRIED

12-03-68 Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to adjourn at 9:26pm.

Passed Unanimously

Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

Diana Zurazua, City Clerk