

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

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: Karen Lowe, Treasurer; Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Steven Densmore, Assistant Fire Chief; Rick Browning, DPW Director.

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk was absent and excused.
Joseph Murray, Fire Chief was absent and excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Striz.

Plante & Moran gave a presentation to Mayor and City Council of 2013 Fiscal Year Financial Report.

14-07-135: Moved by Balderas and supported by Barnes to receive and place on file the Plante & Moran 2013 Fiscal Year Financial Report as presented to City Council.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-136: Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet to approve the **Regular** Council Meeting minutes dated July 2, 2014.

YEAS: Louvet, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

ABSTAIN: Hess, Balderas

Motion Passed

Audience Participation was offered.

14-07-137: Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to approve the purchase of one new police squad car to replace the Dodge Charger, using drug forfeiture funds and insurance proceeds from the total loss of the Dodge Charger.

YEAS: Hess, Marsee, Cybulski

NAYS: Louvet, Balderas, Barnes

Motion failed to adopt

14-07-138: Moved by Barnes and supported by Hess authorize the second reading of Ordinance #765:

ORDINANCE NO. #765

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 23-57 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MELVINDALE TO ADJUST THE RATES CHARGED FOR VEGETATION CUTTING AND LOT CLEAN UP SERVICES.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-139: Moved by Barnes and supported by Balderas to adopt Ordinance #765.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-140: Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to take all actions necessary to declare the property located at 17374 Wall Street a nuisance.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-141: Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes to recess into closed session at 8:30 p.m. under MCL 15.268(e) to consult with an attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-142: Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:45p.m.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-143: Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to approve the case settlement of Expert Services, Inc. against the City of Melvindale and JRV – Melvindale, as presented to City Council by Attorney Lawrence Coogan.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-144: Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to rescind the resolutions dated June 18, 2014 relating to improvements at the Melvindale Ice Arena, as the payment terms in Section 4 were in error.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-145: Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee to approve the agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Melvindale and the Melvindale Building Authority for improvements to the Melvindale Ice Arena as presented to City Council, with a revised Section 4, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-146: Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to waive the waiting period and the right to rescind the above resolution for approval of the agreement.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-147: Motion by Barnes and supported by Marsee to receive and place on file the June Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-148: Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas to approve the Melvindale Public Library transferring out of the Wayne County Library System and becoming a city library as soon as practical and upon thirty (30) day notice to the Wayne County Library.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-149: Moved by Balderas and supported by Louvet to approve the expenditure of \$5,747.00 to Detroit Edison Company to remove 19 overhead street lights located on Greenfield Road based on the sketch map as presented to City Council.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-150: Moved by Cybulski and supported by Balderas to approve the city exercising its Right of First Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed properties in the city, and purchase those properties provided on the list submitted by the Wayne County Treasurer, as deemed necessary for a public purpose by the City Administrator and the Mayor.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-151: Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to waive the waiting period and right to rescind this motion for approval of purchasing tax foreclosed houses.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered a second time

14-07-152: Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheets and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$359,487.38 and the electronic transfers totaling \$120,924.19.

Passed Unanimously

14-07-153: Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to adjourn at 9:25p.m.

Passed Unanimously

Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

Yvonne M. Kollmorgen, Deputy City Clerk