

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

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

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

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

Councilwoman Medina Balderas was absent and excused.

Laura Barbosa-Irvin, Parks & Recreation Director was absent and excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stacy Striz and the invocation was given by Pastor Louis Hornak of Heart to Heart Ministries.

13-06-129: Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to approve the request of Bishop Sammy Huff of Faith Tabernacle Church located at 17431 Allen Rd. to host their annual Summer Camp Meeting on July 7th through August 4th from 7:00 p.m. till 10:30 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-130: Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to approve the **Regular** meeting minutes dated June 5, 2013.

Passed Unanimously

Audience participation was offered.

13-06-131: Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief Chad Hayse and authorize the retirement payout to Lieutenant William Plemons in the amount of \$56,003.68 as presented.

YEAS: Hess, Marsee, Barnes, Cybulski

ABSTAIN: Louvet

ABSENT: Balderas

Motion Passed

13-06-132: Moved by Cybulski and supported by Louvet to approve the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS: The City of Melvindale wishes to consolidate fire services with the City of Dearborn; and

WHEREAS: Both the Melvindale (L1728) and Dearborn (L412) fire unions have indicated their support for a Dearborn-Melvindale fire service consolidation through separate votes, and

WHEREAS: Full consolidation is expected by September 1st, 2013 however operations will begin to merge in stages, starting the day after both cities approve an agreement. Community Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) funds awarded from the State of Michigan for this consolidation will be utilized for the purchase of required equipment in order to facilitate full consolidation, and

WHEREAS: The City of Melvindale and the City of Dearborn find that it is in the mutual best interests of their municipalities and citizens to provide the consolidated services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Fire Department Consolidation Agreement Between the City of Dearborn and the City of Melvindale, as approved by the City of Dearborn on June 11, 2013 (Agreement) and provided to the City of Melvindale City Council members on June 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS: The Cities have negotiated the Agreement for the provision of fire services to the City of Melvindale with the City of Melvindale paying the City of Dearborn \$1,250,000 annually in conjunction with an annual adjustment factor; and

WHEREAS: The primary operational benefits to the City of Melvindale by entering into this Agreement include the following:

- Cost savings to the City, which is projected to assist in the City's deficit elimination;
- Equal or better service to the residents of the City;
- Equal or better fire and rescue equipment;
- Potential for lower insurance rates for the residents of the City due to Dearborn's elevated ISO rating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Agreement, as presented to Melvindale City Council, be, and it is hereby approved. Under the terms of the Agreement the City of Melvindale agrees to pay the City of Dearborn an annual fee of \$1,250,000 to provide fire and emergency medical services with an annual adjustment pursuant to the terms of the Agreement as presented; and further

RESOLVED: That the current Melvindale Firefighters shall become employees of the City of Dearborn Fire Department. Migrating staff shall be placed in the most equivalent position within the Dearborn Fire Department in terms of pay and rank. Under the terms of the Agreement, Melvindale shall retain the contractual obligation and provide retiree benefits to the most senior seven members. The migrating employees may enter into one of the retirement plans available to current Dearborn firefighters.

RESOLVED: That under the terms of the Agreement, Melvindale will transfer ownership of its primary fire engine, primary rescue, utility SUV and related equipment to Dearborn (specifically excluded from the vehicles to be transferred to Dearborn are Melvindale's antique fire engine and 1992 reserve fire engine, which shall remain in the ownership and possession of Melvindale). Once these items are replaced or deemed obsolete they will be returned to Melvindale; and further

RESOLVED: That Dearborn shall lease the Melvindale Fire Station for an annual fee of one dollar. Melvindale remains responsible for all general and capital maintenance, snow plowing grass cutting and exterior maintenance. Dearborn will be responsible for the payment of water, gas, and electric utilities at the fire station, shall insure the fire station as a tenant, shall maintain the interior in relation to cleanliness, light maintenance and small cosmetic repairs, and painting; and further

RESOLVED: That under the terms of this Agreement Dearborn shall provide a minimum of four firefighters daily and maintain one engine company and one rescue company at the Melvindale fire station. Under the terms of this Agreement, Dearborn shall provide Melvindale a level of service that Melvindale currently enjoys. The closest companies shall respond to any emergency regardless of borders. All staff shall have the same training requirements and possess the same job skills; and further

RESOLVED: That after an initial four year term, either party may terminate with not less than one year written notification to the other party. Should either party be in default of this Agreement the non-defaulting party may: terminate the agreement, refrain from providing further services, declare all unpaid amounts immediately due and exercise any and all rights and remedies available to it under the agreement or applicable law; and further

RESOLVED: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the formal Agreement as presented to City Council; and further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect so Dearborn and Melvindale can begin merging in stages to meet the September 1, 2013 consolidation date; and further

RESOLVED: That all of the recitals contained in the preamble to these resolutions are hereby incorporated into the resolutions.

YEAS: Hess, Louvet, Cybulski

NAYS: Marsee, Barnes

ABSENT: Balderas

Motion Passed

13-06-133: Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to concur with the recommendation of DPW Director Joe Owens to authorize Fairfax Electronic to replace the electrical breakers at the Melvindale Library in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-134: Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes to approve the grant as written from Wayne County in the amount of \$21,000.00, to be used for improvements to six city parks and play areas.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-135: Moved by Hess and supported by Louvet to concur with the recommendation of City Administrator, Jim Beri and authorize the repair to the Zamboni in the amount of \$1,009.00.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-136: Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to receive and place on file the May Treasurers Report.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-137: Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee to terminate Corinne Galusky.

YEAS: Louvet, Marsee, Barnes

NAYS: Hess, Cybulski

Mayor Striz voted no

Motion failed to adopt

13-06-138: Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to table the Mayoral nomination of Donna Vaillancourt to the Library Commission.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered for a second time.

13-06-139: Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheets and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$563,274.52 and the electronic transfers totaling \$2,635.35.

Passed Unanimously

13-06-140: Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk