

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

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

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

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

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

**14-03-055:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to approve the Knights of Columbus's solicitation at local Melvindale intersections for its annual Tootsie Roll Drive from April 11 through April 13, 2014.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-056:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes to approve the **Regular** Council Meeting minutes dated March 5, 2014.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered.

**14-03-057:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to approve the request by Chad L. Hayse to purchase one year and three months of credited service with MERS under Section 7 of the MERS defined benefit plan totaling approximately \$36,081, pursuant to the MERS calculations presented to City Council, paid by Chad L. Hayse and no cost to the city.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-058:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to authorize the City Clerk to complete the Member Certification and Governing Body Resolution as presented to City Council and send such document to MERS.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-059:** Moved by Hess and supported by Marsee to reinstate Chad Detrich as a first year Sergeant in the Police Department, with supervisor seniority and benefits beginning anew on his reinstatement date, with his salary as that of a first year Sergeant of \$54,425.51, and with his retirement provisions the same as provided in the patrol union agreement, including the same employee contribution rate.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-060:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to waive the waiting period and right to rescind this motion for the reinstatement of Chad Detrich, with the resolutions becoming effective immediately.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-061:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to authorize City Administrator, Richard Ortiz to hire up to (2) two part-time Ordinance Officers for the city, at an hourly rate of \$12 and the total number of hours worked per week not to exceed 28 each per each Ordinance Officer.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-062:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee to approve the purchase of two chairs by the Police Department for use at the Police Station front desk for a total cost of \$2,514, paid for with drug forfeiture funds, as presented to City Council.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-063:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to approve the sale of the city's 1992 Grumman Pumper to Unicorn Enterprises Inc. for the total amount of \$7,000.00, with the sale to be "as is where is" and no warranty to be provided to Unicorn Enterprises Inc.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-064:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes to *table* the transfer of all the City's 2013 delinquent water bills and delinquent weed cutting bills to the 2014 City Tax Rolls, effective April 30, 2014.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-065:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to renew the Agreement for the Provision of Animal Control Services between the City of Melvindale and Brownstown Township, with no change in terms, from March 20, 2014 through March 19, 2015.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-066:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Cybulski to grant vegetation easements to International Transmission Company, for the purpose of trimming trees, brush and other vegetation on Palmer Street (Parcel ID 47-004-99-0009-001), South Wabash Avenue (Parcel ID 47-004-06-0034-000 and 47-004-06-0035-000) and Wall Street (Parcel ID 47-004-02-001-000), with ITC paying the City \$.50 per square foot for the easement, at a total price of \$20,817.42.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-067:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to waive the waiting period and right to rescind this motion for the International Transmission Company, with the resolutions becoming effective immediately.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-068:** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Balderas to adjourn into closed session under MCL 15.268 for the purpose of strategy and negotiation connected with a collective bargaining agreement at the end of the council meeting.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-069:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to approve the Mayoral nomination of Cristina Drum to the Historical Commission, to replace the unexpired term of Stephanie Ashton.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-070:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Louvet to waive the waiting period and right to rescind this motion for the Mayoral nomination of Cristina Drum to the Historical Commission, with the resolutions becoming effective immediately.

Passed Unanimously

Audience participation was offered a second time.

**14-03-071:** 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 \$374,933.66 and the electronic transfers totaling \$125,827.74.

Passed Unanimously

**14-03-072:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Cybulski to adjourn into a closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk