

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 16, 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, Balderas, Barnes, Cybulski.

**ALSO PRESENT:**; Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Karen Lowe, Treasurer; Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Steven Densmore, Assistant Fire Chief; Laura Barbosa-Irvin, Parks & Recreation Director.

Councilman Wheeler T. Marsee was absent and excused.  
Joe Owens, DPW Director, was absent and was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stacy Striz.

**13-10-231:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to approve the request of the Melvindale Crisis Pregnancy Center to place signs throughout the city to advertise for their Annual Walk 5K Relay.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-232:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes to approve the **Regular** Council Meeting minutes dated October 2, 2013.

**YEAS:** Louvet, Balderas, Barnes, Cybulski

**ABSTAIN:** Hess

**Motion passed**

Audience participation was offered.

**13-10-233:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief Chad Hayse to grant curfew restrictions under Ordinance 15-133, changing the curfew from 10:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 30, 2013 and on October 31, 2013.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-234:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Hess to approve the solicitation of funds by the Melvindale Police Department and the Melvindale VFW Post No. 6032 at various intersections throughout the city from October 18, 2013 through November 9, 2013 in order to raise funds for a new police canine.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-235:** Moved by Hess and supported by Louvet to approve the expenditure of \$4,995.00 for a new copy machine for the Police Department to be purchased with drug forfeiture funds.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-236:** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Louvet to approve the extension of the ABS health care self-insurance and stop loss prevention agreement for the 2014 plan year at the rates and costs presented to the Finance Committee on October 9, 2013 and City Council on October 16, 2013 and recommended by the City Administrator.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-237:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Balderas that, after having heard the appeal of Mel Produce and Fish regarding their denial of a business license, in accordance with Ordinance 6-13, the City Council hereby concurs with the decision of the City Clerk and denies a business license to Mel Produce and Fish.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-238:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to that, after having heard the appeal of Signature Services regarding their denial of a business license, in accordance with Ordinance 6-13, the City Council hereby concurs with the decision of the City Clerk and denies a business license to Signature Series.

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:** Hess, Louvet, Balderas, Barnes, Cybulski

***Motion Failed***

**13-10-239:** Moved by Balderas and supported by Hess to reverse the denial of a business license and grant Signature Services a business license.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Barnes, Cybulski

**ABSTAIN:** Louvet

***Motion Passed***

**13-10-240:** Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes to appoint Richard S. Ortiz to serve as Director of the city's Downtown Development Authority at an annual salary of \$7,000.00.

Passed Unanimously

Audience participation was offered for a second time.

**13-10-241:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Hess to authorize funds for Prosecutor Larry Coogan to defend the City of Melvindale in a lawsuit filed by Expert Services for work performed at the Civic Arena.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-242:** 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 \$245,895.03 and the electronic transfers totaling \$109,094.18.

Passed Unanimously

**13-10-243:** Moved by Barnes and supported by Cybulski to adjourn at

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk