

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**; Karen Lowe, Treasurer; Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel; James Beri, City Administrator; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Joseph Murray Fire Chief; Steven Densmore, Assistant Fire Chief.

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk, was absent and was excused.  
Carl Louvet, Councilman, was absent and was excused.  
Nicole Barnes, Councilwoman, was absent and was excused.  
Laura Barbosa-Irvin, Parks & Recreation Director, was absent and was excused.  
Joe Owens, DPW Director, was absent and was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stacy Striz and the invocation was given by Father Ed Zaorski of St. Mary Magdalen Church.

**13-09-187:** Moved by Hess and supported by Marsee to reconsider City Council Resolution #13-08-184 made at the August 21, 2013 City Council Meeting regarding GLE Scrap Metal and to table a new vote on Planning Commission Resolution #PC 13-33.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-188:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to approve the **Regular** Council Meeting minutes dated August 21, 2013.

Passed Unanimously

Audience participation was offered.

**13-09-189:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to recess the regular council meeting.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-190:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Hess to open the Public Hearing for Police and Fire Special Assessment at 7:57 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-191:** Moved by Hess and supported by Cybulski that having received no further comments written or oral, Mayor Striz declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-192:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to adopt the resolution providing for the estimated costs and expenses of Police and Fire, determination of the amount of the Special Assessment and the distribution of the levy;

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council for the City of Melvindale is levying the special assessment to maintain the current level of Police and Fire Protection for the protection and well-being of its citizens as permitted by MCL 41.801, et seq; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk published a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the estimate of the expenses for Police and Fire protection, the amount of the Special Assessment levied for such Police and Fire protection and for the distribution of the Special Assessment levy in the News Herald Newspaper; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held on **September 4, 2013** at 7:57 p.m. before the Common Council for the City of Melvindale where citizens were given the opportunity to state their comments and objections to the estimate of the expenses for Police and Fire protection, the amount of the Special Assessment levied for such Police and Fire protection and for the distribution of the Special Assessment levy; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council for the City of Melvindale that:

1. It is estimated that the cost and expenses of the Police and Fire protection exclusive of healthcare and pension is **\$3,327,000.00**; and
2. The Amount of the special assessment shall be 10 Mills which is estimated to generate **\$1,512,092.00** and
3. The City Administrator or his designee shall spread the assessment on the taxable value of all property in the City of Melvindale except lands exempt from collection of taxes under the general property tax act.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-193**: Moved by Hess and supported by Cybulski to receive and place on file the resignation of Police Officer Duane Mitchell.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-194**: Moved by Cybulski and supported by Balderas to approve the contract as presented and to enter into a one (1) year Marketing and Consulting Agreement with Rink Management for the Ice Arena.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-195**: Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to concur with the recommendation of Corinne Galusky, Corporation Counsel, and approve the Property Inspection Rate Adjustments effective September 15, 2013.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-196**: Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to waive the one week waiting period and right to rescind council's vote on Resolution #**13-09-195**.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-197**: Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to receive and place on file the August Treasurers Report.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-198:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Balderas to increase the hourly rate for Ordinance Officer Rick Browning to \$14.00.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee

**NAYS:** Cybulski

***Motion Passed***

**13-09-199:** Moved by Hess and supported by Cybulski to purchase the Hearthside Mobile Home Park located at 17742 Dix Rd. in the amount of \$36,455.42.

**YEAS:** Hess, Balderas, Marsee

**NAYS:** Cybulski

***Motion Passed***

City Administrator Jim Beri announced his retirement.

**13-09-200:** Moved by Balderas and supported by Hess to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Richard S. Ortiz, Interim City Administrator, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation was offered for a second time.

**13-09-201:** Moved by Hess and supported by Balderas to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheets and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$594,435.50 and the electronic transfers totaling \$896.19.

Passed Unanimously

**13-09-202:** Moved by Marsee and supported by Cybulski to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

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Yvonne M. Kollmorgen, Deputy City Clerk

