

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stacy L. Bazman and roll call was taken

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Marsee, Barnes Land, Louvet, Cybulski, Densmore

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stacy L. Bazman

Invocation – Deacon Dan Abraham, Downriver Christian Community Church

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; John Allen, Chief of Police; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official/Building Inspector; Susan Louvet, Interim Parks & Recreation Director

**19-02-025** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Densmore, to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes dated February 6, 2019.

Yeas: Marsee, Land, Cybulski, Densmore

Nays: none

Abstain: Barnes, Louvet

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

**19-02-026** Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet, to adopt the proposed policy for the City of Melvindale Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented by Tony Fuoco, City Assessor. Income guidelines are as follows:

**City of Melvindale Poverty Exemption Guidelines**

A family of 1 - \$19,000 per year or less.	A family of 5 - \$32,000 per year or less.
A family of 2 - \$22,000 per year or less.	A family of 6 - \$36,000 per year or less.
A family of 3 - \$25,000 per year or less.	A family of 7 - \$40,000 per year or less.
A family of 4 - \$28,000 per year or less.	A family of 8 - \$44,000 per year or less.

Add \$4,180 for each additional household member.

PA 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines shall include an asset level test. An Asset test means the amount of cash, fixed assets or other property that could be used, or converted to cash for use in the payment of property taxes. The asset test should calculate a maximum amount permitted and all other assets above that amount should be considered as available.

Hardship exemptions will be issued on an annual basis per qualification per tax year. The Board of Review will determine if there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-027** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes, to approve the payout for Erik Mott.

Resignation date: February 4, 2019

Accrued Vacation: 11.5 Hours

Unused Vacation: 40.0 Hours

TOTAL HOURS: 51.5 Hours

51.5 Hours @ \$24.0011 = **\$1,236.06**

Pro-Rated Gun Allowance: \$15.00

Pro-Rated Uniform Allowance: 169.20

Pro-Rated Longevity: 42.30

**GRAND TOTAL: \$1,462.56**

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-028** Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee, to approve the renewal contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. the energy provider for the Arena, 4300 S. Dearborn, Melvindale, MI 48122 with a start date of June 21, 2022 and further that the current rates in effect will remain the same until June 26, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-029** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes, to approve the request of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Right of Entry (ROE), on the City of Melvindale property adjacent to the Rouge River to conduct surveys and explorations and further the investigation project will be extended to December 31, 2020.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-030** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to receive and place on file the January 2019 Treasurers report.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-031** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to approve the used auto sales business license renewal for Doulette's Deal, 19300 Dix Rd., Melvindale, MI 48122.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-032** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to approve the used auto sales business license renewal for Dix Auto Sale, LLC., 18745 Dix Rd., Melvindale, MI 48122.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-033** Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet, to approve the used auto sales business license renewal for Bell Auto Sales, Inc., 17564 Dix Rd., Melvindale, MI 48122

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

**19-02-034** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to receive and place on file the invoices and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of the approved invoices totaling \$446,124.42 and the electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,528.87.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-035** Moved by Barnes and supported by Louvet, to enter into closed session at 8:11 p.m. regarding contractual negotiations, AFSCME and Coogan Terrace Contract.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-036** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-037** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to invite the Housing Commission Director to attend the March 6, 2019 Regular Council meeting, in a closed session and further that the Director would bring the most recent audit and the last six (6) months of meeting minutes at least one (1) week before the meeting so that the information can be reviewed.

Passed Unanimously

**19-02-038** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy L. Bazman, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk