

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Invocation – Jerry Lee Williams, Heart to Heart Ministries

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Chad Hayse, Police Chief; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; James Hamel, Chief Building Official/Building Inspector.

**16-06-177** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to approve the **Regular** City Council Meeting Minutes dated June 1, 2016.

Yeas: Marsee, Barnes, Louvet, Cybulski, Densmore

Abstain: Land

Motion Passes

Audience Participation was offered.

**16-06-178** Moved by Louvet and supported by Marsee, to concur with the request of James Hamel, Chief Building Official/Building Inspector, to approve the monument application request submitted by AAA Sign Company, 27500 Telegraph, Flat Rock, MI, 48134 for a 6 x 10 low profile, non-lit ground sign located at 24200 Outer Drive.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-179** Moved by Cybulski and supported by Densmore, to concur with the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director to authorize an 8% water and cost of operation increase and a 7% increase for the sewer rate.

Passed Unanimously

The increase is illustrated in the following chart:

Water:

Current: \$37.45 per thousand cubic ft. + 8% increase = \$40.45 per thousand cubic ft.

Sewer:

Current: \$60.84 per thousand cubic ft. + 7% increase = \$65.10 per thousand cubic ft.

Operation of Mains:

Current: \$24.19 per thousand cubic ft. + 8% increase = \$26.13 per thousand cubic ft.

The 8% water and 7% sewer rate increases are effective July 1, 2016. This increase reflects the Great Lakes Water Authority's Water and Sewer increase.

Total WA = \$66.58

SW = \$65.10

**16-06-180** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes, to concur with the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director to approve the change in the summer tax due date from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-181** Moved by Marsee and supported by Barnes, to concur with the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/ Finance Director, to grant a wavier for the change in the summer tax due date to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-182** Moved by Louvet and supported by Densmore, to concur with the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director to set the Road Bond Millage rate for 2016 at 6.7037 mills.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-183** Moved by Marsee and supported by Land, to concur with the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director to grant a wavier for the increase in the Road Bond Millage rate for 2016 at 6.7037 to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-184** Moved by Marsee and supported by Densmore, to concur with the request of Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion regarding pending litigation at 8:09 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-185** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to reopen the Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-186** Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes, to concur with the request of Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to hire special counsel, Laura Hallahan to handle the tax tribunal case of the City of Melvindale -vs- Sister Do Do, LLC.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-187** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to receive and place on file the May 2016 Treasurers Report.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-188** Moved by Louvet and supported by Barnes and supported by Barnes, to place the removal of the Civil Service Test/Commission on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Yeas: Barnes, Land, Densmore, Mayor Stacy Striz

Nays: Marsee, Louvet, Cybulski

Motion Passes

**16-06-189** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to remove from table and confirm the nomination of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Coleen Bates, term expires November 20, 2019.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-190** Moved by Louvet and supported by Densmore, to approve the Central Dispatch and Jail Consolidation with the City of Dearborn.

Yeas: Louvet, Cybulski, Densmore  
Nays: Marsee, Barnes, Land

Motion Fails

**16-06-191** Moved by Barnes and supported by Cybulski, to appoint Gerald Douyard as Interim Supervisor for the Department of Public Works.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

**16-06-192** Moved by Barnes and supported by Marsee, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of the approved invoices totaling \$1,054,231.94 and the electronic transfers totaling \$130,830.45.

Passed Unanimously

**16-06-193** Moved by Barnes and supported by Cybulski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All in favor, no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Stacy L. Striz, Mayor

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk