

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in Kessey Fieldhouse Banquet Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr. and roll call was taken:

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jackson (arrived at 7:37 p.m.), Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Densmore

ALSO PRESENT: Michel Belch, Treasurer (via ZOOM); Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; John Allen, Chief of Police (via ZOOM); Dan Maronis, Fire Department Captain; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Bradley Burns, Chief Building Official

Councilmember Dawn Cartrette was absent.

20-10-226 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to concur with the recommendation of TMR and Associates, Inc. along with Automated Benefit Services, Inc., to renew the stop-loss policy through Nationwide Life Insurance Company, with the increase in premium of 17%.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-227 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Regular Council meeting dated October 7, 2020 with an amendment in the language regarding resolution number 20-10-214 from meter installers to Water Service Line Replacement staff and further to correct resolution number 20-10-216.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-228 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reopening of the Kessey Fieldhouse.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-229 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to reopen the arena at Kessey Fieldhouse.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick

Nays: Densmore

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

20-10-230 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to open the Public Hearing for the 2020 Police and Fire Special Assessment at 8:22 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-231 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to close the Public Hearing for the 2020 Police and Fire Special Assessment and further three (3) calls were made for public comment, seeing none, the meeting was closed at 8:27 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-232 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the 2020 Police and Fire Special Assessment as presented.

Whereas, the Common Council for the City of Melvindale is levying the Special 2020 Assessment to maintain the current level of Police and Fire Protection for the protection and wellbeing of its citizens as permitted by MCLA 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 October 21, 2020 at 7:30 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 Police and Fire protection, exclusive of healthcare and pension is **\$3,754,814**; and
2. The amount of the Special Assessment shall be 10 Mils which is estimated to generate **\$1,636,936**; 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.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore

Motions Passes

20-10-233 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to concur with the request of John Allen, Chief of Police to temporarily change the curfew for October 30th and October 31st (Angels Night/Halloween), from 10 p.m. to 8 p.m. for everyone under the age of 18.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-234 Moved by Densmore and supported by Rauser, to concur with the request of Larrie Ordus, DPW director to approve the sandblasting and sealing of the brick on the exterior of the Melvindale Library in the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9000.00) and further the funds will come from the Library fund and the work will be done by L & R Sandblasting Inc. and Painting, 23267 Pennsylvania, Brownstown, MI 48193

Passed Unanimously

20-10-235 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to concur with the Planning Commission regarding the Rezoning Recommendation, PC20-23, at 4504 Oakwood.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-236 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to concur with the Planning Commission resolution PC20-24, regarding the Site Plan Approval at 4504 Oakwood.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-237 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to concur with the Planning Commission resolution PC20-25, regarding the Site Plan Approval at 18330 Ruth.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Frederick, Densmore

Nays: none

Abstain: Rauser

Motion Passes

20-10-238 Moved by Frederick and supported by Filipowski, to the sell the property known as vacated alley property located behind 4504 Oakwood to the developer, Nassar Y. Choucair of N.C. Designers and Contracting, Inc., 3241 S. Telegraph Rd., Dearborn, MI 48124, 3060 square feet, at .40 cents per square foot in the amount of \$1224.00 in addition the buyer will pay the prep, recording, and document fees associated with this sale and further, the buyer will not build on this property as it is a vacated alley easement.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-239 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to receive and place on file the September 2020 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

20-10-240 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of the approved invoices totaling \$293,577.25 and the electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,250.19.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-241 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

Cecilia S. Dally, Deputy City Clerk