

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in Kessey Fieldhouse Banquet Hall on Wednesday, October 7, 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, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer;
Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director;
John Allen, Chief of Police; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief;
Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Bradley Burns, Chief Building Official

*A moment of silence was offered in memory of Larry Rink.

20-10-214 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated September 16, 2020 with the amendment to modify resolution number 20-09-206 as follows: to increase the pay of all part time permanent DPW staff and meter installers to \$17.26 per hour with an annual adjustment to the cost of living.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-215 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reopening of the Kessey Fieldhouse.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-216 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to table the reopening of the Kessey Fieldhouse

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette
Nays: Frederick, Densmore

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

20-10-217 Moved by Densmore and supported by Rauser, to authorize Linda Land, City Clerk to publish a Public Hearing Notice for October 21, 2020 for the Police and Fire Special Assessment

Passed Unanimously

20-10-218 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to increase the pay for the part time clerical, ordinance officer, and senior coordinator to \$17.20 per hour with an annual adjustment to the cost of living.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser
Nays: Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

Motion Fails

20-10-219 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to increase the pay for the crossing guard and senior bus driver to \$13.00 per hour.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser
Nays: Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

Motion Fails

20-10-220 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to amend the fee structure for vacant commercial, industrial and office property pursuant to the Melvindale City Code of Ordinances mainly Part II Article I Chapter 5 Article XII Sections 5.371 through 5.389 of Melvindale Code of Ordinances to take effect January 1, 2021 and further, fee schedule is as follows:

Registration Fee - \$115.00 includes \$15.00 admin fee

Monthly fees after registration –

Residential property:

\$45.00 due by the 7th of every month

Commercial, Industrial and Office:

\$120.00 through year 2 due by the 7th of every month

\$180.00 years 3 and 4 due by the 7th of every month

\$240.00 after 4th year due by the 7th of every month

Late fee - \$25.00 to all above - If not received by 21st of every month

Passed Unanimously

20-10-221 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to enter into closed session regarding pending litigation, contractual negotiations, and the request of Clark Hill to have a closed session regarding pending litigation, at 8:41 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-222 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-223 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to accept the grant award from Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), 233 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60601, in the amount of \$7,166.25, and further the grant funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the City of Melvindale in 2020.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

20-10-224 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 \$865,311.90 and the electronic transfers in the amount of \$3,115.44.

Passed Unanimously

20-10-225 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

Linda Land, City Clerk