

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers, on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Jackson and roll call was taken:

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jackson, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Steve Warden, Battalion Chief; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official

Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr. was absent and excused.
Councilman Stan Filipowski was absent and excused.
Councilwoman Julie Rauser was absent and excused.

Invocation: Renee Cook, Fieldhouse Manager

21-11-244 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated November 3, 2021.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

21-11-245 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to close the Regular Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-246 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to open the 2021 Police and Fire Special Assessment Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m. and further three (3) calls were offered for public comment and no comments were offered.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-247 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to close the 2021 Police and Fire Special Assessment Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-248 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to reopen the Regular Council meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-249 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to adopt the proposed 2021 Police and Fire Special Assessment resolution.

Whereas, the Common Council for the City of Melvindale is levying the Special 2022 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 November 17, 2021 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 \$3,829,910; and
2. The amount of the Special Assessment shall be 10 Mills which is estimated to generate \$1,687,654; 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.

Vote: Jackson, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

Passed Unanimously

21-11-250 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to waive the seven (7) day waiting period and further for resolution #21-11-249 to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-251 Moved by Frederick and supported by Cartrette, to establish rates at Coogan Park for rental of pavilion and picnic tables to commensurate with the rates for Lankford Park.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-252 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to allow Larrie Ordus, DPW Director, to purchase commercial water meters from Kamstrup Metering, 245 Hembree Park Drive, Suite 1100, Roswell, GA 30076, not to exceed \$80,000.00 (eighty thousand dollars) and further funds for the purchase will come from the water fund.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-253 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to adopt the City of Melvindale Master plan as approved by the Planning Commission resolution PC#21-37.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-254 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to table the site plan approval by the Planning Commission at 17151 Allen Road, resolution PC#21-34.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-255 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to concur with the Planning Commission, resolution PC#21-40, to remove Paul Brown from the commission.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-256 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to approve a discount of 40% on hall rentals for all Commissioners, City Council, and Employees of the city.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-257 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to authorize Linda Land, City Clerk to publish a Public Hearing Notice, in the News Herald newspaper, for December 1, 2021 for the 2022 budget.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-258 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to waive the seven (7) day waiting period and further that resolution #21-11-257 take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-259 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to extend the approval of a 40% discount on hall rentals for retirees of the city.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-260 Moved by Densmore and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the October 2021 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

21-11-261 Moved by Frederick 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 \$364,146.72 and the electronic transfers totaling \$315,424.31.

Passed Unanimously

21-11-262 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Joseph Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem

Linda Land, City Clerk