

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in Kessey Fieldhouse Banquet Hall on Wednesday, November 4, 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 (arrived at 7:32 p.m. after roll call was taken), Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer (via ZOOM); Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz (viz ZOOM), City Administrator/Finance Director; John Allen, Chief of Police (via ZOOM); Joseph Murray (viz ZOOM), Fire Chief; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director;

Proclamation – National Native American Heritage Month

A moment of silence was offered for Barbara Douyard
A moment of silence was offered for Austin Tanner.

20-11-242 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes dated October 21, 2020

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Densmore
Nays: none
Abstain: Cartrette

Motion Passes

20-11-243 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Densmore, to remove from table to change the Executive Secretary position from Full time to Part time.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-244 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Densmore, to remove from the agenda to change the Executive Secretary position from Full time to Part time and further that there will be no changes to the position.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

20-11-245 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to enter into closed session at 7:40 p.m. regarding pending litigation

Passed Unanimously

20-11-246 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-247 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to adopt the proposed consent judgement of settlement regarding the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) pension, as proposed by Clark Hill, as discussed in the closed session.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore

Motion Passes

20-11-248 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to waive the seven (7) day right of rescission and further that resolution 20-10-247 take immediate effect.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore

Motions Passes

20-11-249 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to concur with the Pension I Board to reduce the levy of mils from 4 mils to 2 mils as stated.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-250 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to waive the seven (7) day right of rescission and further that resolution 20-10-249 take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-251 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to authorize the City to seek counsel for malpractice suit against Foley & Mansfield.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-252 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to waive the seven (7) day right of rescission and further that resolution 20-10-251 take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-253 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the resignation of Joan Doss of the Civil Service Commission term expires November 17, 2021.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

20-11-254 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 \$559,018.30.

Passed Unanimously

20-11-255 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

Linda Land, City Clerk