

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers, on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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: Cecilia Dally, Deputy City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer; Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Police Chief; Steve Worden, Battalion Fire Chief; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director;

Linda Land, City Clerk was absent and excused.

Invocation – Pastor John Russell, Downriver Christian Community Church

22-01-001 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated December 15, 2021.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore, Cartrette

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

22-01-002 Moved by Densmore and supported by Rauser, to concur with the recommendation of Robert Brazeau, City Assessor, to adopt the 2022 Federal Poverty Exemption guidelines.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-003 Moved by Frederick and supported by Filipowski, to approve Dan Jones, Chief of Police, to register for participation in the opioid class action Lawsuit to become eligible for funds in the amount of \$92,815.00 over eighteen years (18) distributed in increments of approximately \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) per year and further the deadline for registration is January 26, 2022.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-004 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to waive the seven (7) day waiting period for resolution #003 to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-005 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to concur with Larrie Ordus, DPW Director to sell the old generator in the amount of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars).

Passed Unanimously

22-01-006 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to concur with Larrie Ordus, DPW Director to replace 4 Arborvitae trees on the island of Prospect Ct. and further the amount to replace the trees will not exceed \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) and the funds will come from the water fund.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-007 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to adopt the amendment of section 22-31 of the Melvindale Code of Ordinances to comply with the State requirements for certain connections and cross connections.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-008 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Barbara Keahl of the Board of Review, term expires November 15, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-009 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Jazmin (Smith) Fitzgerald of the Parks & Recreation Commission, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-010 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the nomination of Diann Rink, to the Board of Review, to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Keahl, term ends November 15, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

22-01-011 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 \$1,057,032.45 and the electronic transfers totaling \$1,594.76.

Passed Unanimously

22-01-012 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

Cecilia S. Dally, Deputy City Clerk