

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the office of Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr. in City Hall, 3100 Oakwood Blvd., on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 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, Cartrette

**\*NOTE: All council attended via ZOOM**

**ALSO PRESENT (via ZOOM):** Linda Land, City Clerk (arrives at 7:41 p.m.); Michel Belch, Treasurer; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; John Allen, Chief of Police; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; Bradley Burns, Chief Building Official, Larrie Ordus, DPW Director

Councilman Steven Densmore was absent and excused.

**21-01-001** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated January 6, 2021.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

**21-01-002** Moved by Frederick and supported by Rauser, to adopt the 2021 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented by City Assessor Robert Brazeau.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-003** Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to adopt the Subrecipient agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) between the Charter of Wayne and City of Melvindale for the term July 1, 2020 thru July 30, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-004** Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to adopt the Urban Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program to commence July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-005** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to enter into closed session at 7:55 p.m. regarding pending litigation and contractual negotiations.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-006** Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-007** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to adopt the settlement agreement as presented by Counsel Plunkett & Cooney in the Manning vs City of Melvindale case.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: None

Abstain: Frederick

Motion Passes

**21-01-008** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to adopt the proposed settlement in the Furman vs the City of Melvindale as recommended by attorneys Clark Hill representing the City of Melvindale.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: None

Abstain: Frederick

Motion Passes

Second Audience Participation

**21-01-009** 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 \$526,708.31 and the electronic transfers totaling \$4,741.07.

Passed Unanimously

**21-01-010** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to adjourn at 8:59 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

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Linda Land, City Clerk

