

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 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, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Laura Ridenour, Fire Marshall; Brian Hill, DPW; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr. was absent and excused.

23-02-031 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated February 1, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

23-02-032 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the site plan approval at 3065 Oakwood Blvd.

Passed Unanimously

23-02-033 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to approve the site plan at 3065 Oakwood Blvd.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

23-02-034 Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to approve the blood drive on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-02-035 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to amend City Council resolution 23-02-028 to read as follows: that all police officers and weights and measure officer, on record as of February 15, 2023, shall receive a 2023 retention bonus of \$3500.00 (three thousand five hundred dollars) in total to be paid in three \$500.00 (five hundred) quarterly installments and \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) lump sum at the following dates:

April 27, 2023, August 17, 2023, November 22, 2023, February 1, 2024

Furthermore, this retention bonus cannot be allocated or distributed pro-rata for any payout.

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

Motion Passes

23-02-036 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to direct Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to draft and send to Michigan Association of Police (MAP), Patrol and Command Officer Unions and Weights and Measures Personal Service contract and further a memo of understanding reflected in the above terms in resolution 23-02-035.

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

Motion Passes

23-02-037 Moved by Jackson and supported by Densmore, to receive and place on file the January 2023 Treasurers report.

Passed Unanimously

23-02-038 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the nomination of Jeannine Warrow to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

23-02-039 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$2,207,148.38 and the electronic transfers totaling \$319,182.72.

Passed Unanimously

23-02-040 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Densmore, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., into closed session regarding union negotiations, no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Jackson

Linda Land, City Clerk