

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 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

Invocation – Deaconess Ms. Annette Taylor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cecilia S. Dally, Deputy City Clerk; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Laura Ridenour, Fire Marshall; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official; Renee Cook, Fieldhouse; Sandy Law, Senior Center

**23-02-022** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated January 18, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

**23-02-023** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to accept the proposal from ARC – Region 5 1425 Jeffrey Dr., Addison, IL 60101, for the purpose of converting the hard copy of Building Department records to electronic documentation and further for the amount of this project not to exceed \$8,140.00 (eight thousand one hundred forty dollars).

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-024** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to increase the pay for the Senior Bus Driver to \$16.00 (sixteen dollars) per hour, Fieldhouse staff (5) to \$13.00 (thirteen dollars) per hour, two Fieldhouse Supervisors to \$17.00 (seventeen dollars) per hour.

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-025** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Business License renewal application at 19300 Dix Rd., Doulette’s Deal.

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-026** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Business License renewal application at 17564 Dix Rd., Bell Auto Sales.

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-027** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Business License renewal application at 18745 Dix Rd., Dix Auto Sale, LLC.

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-028** Moved by Jackson and supported by Densmore, to approve a \$3,500.00 retention bonus for Police and Command officers for the year 2023 and further that the bonus is for those who have one year of service to be paid in the following increments: \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) in March, June and September and the final payment in December before Christmas.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Densmore

Nays: Cartrette

Motion Passes

Second Audience Participation

**23-02-029** 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 \$624,456.04 and zero electronic transfers.

Passed Unanimously

**23-02-030** Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to adjourn at 9:12 p.m., into closed session regarding union negotiations, no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

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Cecilia S. Dally, Deputy City Clerk