

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 15, 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, 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; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

PROCLAMATION: Elizabeth “Betty” D. Coogan, 90th birthday

23-03-054 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Densmore, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated March 1, 2023.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Rauser

Motion Passes

23-03-055 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to remove from table and confirm the nomination of Rebecca Lozar to the Park and Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Powell, term expires on November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

23-03-056 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to authorize the purchase of two (2) police vehicles, (1) 2022 Tahoe Police package, \$55,984.00 and a (1) 2023 Tahoe Police package \$58,711.00 from Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids for a total amount of \$114, 695.00 and further the funds for this purchase will come from the 2022 Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant award for the police department.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-057 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to request authorization to submit an application to City of Dearborn to conduct Fireworks on City of Dearborn owned property on Sunday, June 11, 2023 and further that the rainout date will be on Monday, June 12, 2023.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore

Motion Passes

23-03-058 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to request to advertise the “Annual Notice” (re: Noxious weeds and sidewalk maintenance).

Passed Unanimously

23-03-059 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve immediate effect for resolution #23-03-058.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-060 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to request to authorize the City Clerk to publish a notice of Public Hearing on April 19, 2023 re: The 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project Plan.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-061 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to approve immediate effect for resolution #23-03-059.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-062 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to enter into closed session regarding contractual negotiations at 7:40 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-063 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-064 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to approve the AFSCME contract as presented.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-065 Moved by Frederick and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the February 2023 Treasurers report.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

23-03-066 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 \$1,795,748.00 and the electronic transfers in the amount of \$319,421.55.

Passed Unanimously

23-03-067 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr.

Linda Land, City Clerk