

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Mayor's office, 3100 Oakwood Blvd., on Wednesday, March 3, 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, Densmore

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

Councilwoman Dawn Cartrette was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT (via ZOOM):** Linda Land, City Clerk;  
Michel Belch, Treasurer; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel;  
Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Police Chief;  
Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; Bradley Burns, Chief Building Official

Invocation – Deaconess Annette Taylor (VIA ZOOM)

Presentation – Sonny Anani re: 17760 Clarann Street Site Redevelopment

**21-03-035** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Densmore, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated February 17, 2021.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

**21-03-036** Moved by Jackson and supported by Densmore, to hire 3 current part time DPW workers to full time at the DPW and one new additional candidate for full time work at the DPW.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-037** Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the reconstruction of Hanna Street from Roycroft to Outer Drive, by Hennessey Engineers, Inc, 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195, to include design for the removal and replacement of the existing concrete major road, drainage design, structure repairs and adjustment and road subbase in the estimated construction cost of \$238,336.00 and further the above referenced project is estimated to be including survey and engineering services at a cost not to exceed \$11,500.00, with funds for the project to come from the major road fund.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Densmore

Nays: Frederick

Motion Passes

**21-03-038** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve Hennessey Engineers, Inc, 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195, to complete a PASER study for re-evaluation of the city streets in the City of Melvindale, in the amount of \$4,100.00.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-039** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to hire two (2) new part time clerical staff for City Hall.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-040** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to enter into closed session at 8:27 p.m. regarding contractual negotiations.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-041** Moved by Frederick and supported by Filipowski, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-042** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to concur with the changes, as presented, to the motor carrier contract and further to include the step increments.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Densmore

Nays: Frederick

Motion Passes

**21-03-043** Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the pay increase for clerical, ordinance officer, and senior coordinator to the second step of the AFSCME contract and to include the cost of living increases per the AFSCME contract.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-044** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Densmore, to approve the pay increase for the Senior Bus Driver from \$11.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-045** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson to approve the pay increase for the Crossing Guard from \$10.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-046** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser to extend the medical and recreational Marijuana moratorium until ordinances can be developed and further the moratorium will expire one year from today.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick

Nays: Densmore

Motion Passes

Second Audience Participation

**21-03-047** 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 \$876,620.72 and the electronic transfers totaling \$313,156.60.

Passed Unanimously

**21-03-048** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 9:19 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