

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers, on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 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, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk;
Michel Belch, Treasurer; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel;
Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Dan Jones, Police Chief;
Ken Murray, Battalion Chief; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official

Councilman Steven Densmore was absent and excused.

Invocation – Deaconess Annette Taylor

21-08-132 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated July 21, 2021.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Frederick, Cartrette
Nays: none
Abstain: Rauser

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

21-08-133 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the purchase of the CERT vehicle from Allen Park not to exceed \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars).

Passed Unanimously

21-08-134 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to authorize Civil Service to create an eligibility list for the Department of Public Works (DPW) and further to extend the eligibility list until the first of the year.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-135 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to authorize Linda Land, City Clerk, to publish a Public Hearing Notice, to be held on August 18, 2021, for the proposed Fire Pit Ordinance #776.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-136 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve immediate effect for resolution number 21-08-135

Passed Unanimously

21-08-137 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to accept the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant for Fiscal Year 2021 titled Critical Equipment and Vehicles – Department of Public Works (DPW), in the amount of \$131,200.00 (one hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred dollars) as awarded by the State of Michigan pursuant to the terms and conditions as outlined in the grant.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-138 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve immediate effect for resolution 21-08-137.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-139 Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to accept the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant for Fiscal Year 2021 titled Critical Equipment and Vehicles – City Hall, in the amount of \$18,075.00 (eighteen thousand seventy-five dollars) as awarded by the State of Michigan pursuant to the terms and conditions as outlined in the grant.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-140 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve immediate effect for resolution number 21-08-139.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-141 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to enter into closed session at 8:13 p.m. regarding pending litigation and contractual negotiations.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-142 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-143 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the AT&T contract as negotiated for a term of 3 years.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-144 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve two city wide garage sales during the following dates August 23rd through August 29, 2021 and September 20th through September 26, 2021 and further no permits will be required, signage can be placed anywhere however, signage must be removed at the end of the sale.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-145 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve immediate effect for resolution number 21-08-143.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-146 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve \$7500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) in funds for trial speed humps to be installed on city side streets.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski

Nays: Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Motion Fails

21-08-147 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to reopen the Banquet Hall.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

21-08-148 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 \$905,156.30 and no electronic transfers.

Passed Unanimously

21-08-149 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 9:31 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr., Mayor

Linda Land, City Clerk