

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 20, 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, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Land, City Clerk; Michel Belch, Treasurer; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Laura Ridenour, Fire Marshall; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Brad Burns, Chief Building Official; Renee Cook, Arena Manager

Councilman Steve Densmore was absent and excused.

Councilwoman Julie Rauser was absent and excused.

Invocation – Deaconess Annette Taylor

23-09-174 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated September 6, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

23-09-175 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to approve the road closure for the Melvindale High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 29, 2023 beginning at 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., from Allendale Elementary, proceed west on Oakwood to Ruth, turn left at Gough Street, turn left at Prospect and proceed to Cardinal Stadium.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-176 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to approve the security software installation on additional doors in the Police Department by Actron Systems Inc., 1056 Dix Hwy., Lincoln Park, MI 48146, in the amount of \$1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred dollars and zero cents).

Passed Unanimously

23-09-177 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to accept the proposal from ARC – Region 5, 1425 Jeffrey Dr., Addison, IL 60101, for the additional scanning of documents in the amount of \$5,200.00 (five thousand two hundred dollars and zero cents) for the additional scanning of documents.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-178 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to approve the resolution for the City of Melvindale Police and Fire Retirement System for the reduction of the levy of mills from 2 (two) mills to 1 (one) mill for PEN I.

CITY OF MELVINDALE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM I

R E S O L U T I O N

Dated: September 14, 2023

Re: Millage Levy

WHEREAS, of Melvindale Fire and Police Retirement System I (the “Pen I Retirement System”), was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and death benefits to retired Police Officers and Fire Fighters of the City of Melvindale (the “City”) hired prior to April 7, 1965, and their surviving beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Pen I Retirement System (the “Board”) is vested with the authority and responsibility for the management of the Pen I Retirement System including, without limitation, the investment of all funds held in the Pen I Retirement System, as set forth in the City Charter, as the same may be amended by applicable federal, state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 20h(4) of the Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act, Act 314 of 1965, as amended (“Act 314”) [MCL 38.1140h(4)], requires the Pen I Retirement System to have an actuarial valuation of its assets performed at least every other year; and

WHEREAS, Section 20m of Act 314 requires the Board to confirm in the Pen I Retirement System’s actuarial valuation the required City contribution to the Pen I Retirement System, as recommended by the Pen I Retirement System’s actuary; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on September 14, 2023, the Board met with representatives from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (the “Actuary”) and Plante Moran (the “Accountant”) for purposes of reviewing the actuarial funded status of the Pen I Retirement System and determining the City’s contribution requirements to the Pen I Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Pen I Retirement System Actuarial Valuation prepared by the Actuary reflects that the funding status of the Pen I Retirement System as of December 31, 2022 is 131.9%; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing and in consultation with the Actuary and Accountant, the Board has determined that it would be acceptable to implement a reduction to the current millage levy imposed in the matter of Orr, et al. v. City of Melvindale, Case No. 91-126154-CK, currently pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that as recommended by the Actuary in the Pen I Retirement System Actuarial Valuation dated December 31, 2022, the Board hereby certifies the City's required contribution to the Pen I Retirement System for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consultation with the Actuary and Accountant, the Board submits that the millage levy in the Orr matter may be reduced to one (1) mills from the current two (2) mills as soon as legally permitted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution and the Pen I Retirement System Actuarial Valuation dated December 31, 2022, be presented to City.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-179 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to approve the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director, for authorization to meet with Bond Counsel regarding the Tax Anticipation Note application process.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-180 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to enter into closed session at 8:32 p.m. regarding arbitration.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-181 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to reopen the Regular Council meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-182 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to accept the settlement with respect to the arbitrator's decision regarding retiree spousal medical benefits as presented in closed session.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-183 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the August 2023 Treasurers report.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-184 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to form a beautification committee.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-185 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the resignation of Lois Chiello from the Parks & Recreation Commission, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-186 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to receive and place on file the resignation of Jazmin Fitzpatrick from the Parks & Recreation Commission, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-187 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to remove Sean Briscoe from the Parks & Recreation Commission for lack of attendance, term expires November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-188 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the nomination of Herbert Parsons, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Sean Briscoe, unexpired term ends November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-189 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to remove from table and confirm the appointment of Herbert Parsons, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Sean Briscoe, unexpired term ends November 19, 2025 and further for the appointment to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-190 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to table the nomination of Billy Meathe, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Lois Chiello, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-191 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table and confirm the appointment of Billy Meathe, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Lois Chiello, term expires November 20, 2024, and further for the appointment to take immediate effect.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

23-09-192 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$494,152.55 and the electronic transfers in the amount of \$366,711.52.

Passed Unanimously

23-09-193 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr.

Linda Land, City Clerk