

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 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, Rauser, Filipowski, Frederick, Densmore, Cartrette

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

**Invocation:** Deaconess Annette Taylor

**Presentation:** Nick Yuwan, Hennessey Engineers re: 2024 DWSRF and CWSRF Projects - Engineering Design Services Proposal

**23-11-226** Moved by Densmore and supported by Filipowski, to approve the resolution proposal from Hennessey Engineers in the amount of \$411,130.00 for the Engineering Design Services for the City of Melvindale 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project for the \$9,225,000.00 grant awarded to the City, (100% ARPA Grant and LSLR + WM ARPA Grant).

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-227** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the resolution proposal from Hennessey Engineers in the amount of \$192,100.00 for the Engineering Design Services for the City of Melvindale 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project grant awarded to the City in the amount of \$4,160,000.00 (100% ARPA Grant).

Passed Unanimously

**Proclamation:** National Native American Heritage Month

**23-11-228** Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated October 18, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-229** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Frederick, to remove from table Public Safety resolution 23-10-03

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-230** Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to table Public Safety resolution 23-10-03.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

**23-11-231** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Clemis contract for a 5-year period to begin upon the signing date of the contract by Mayor and witness.

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-232** Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to adopt the 24<sup>th</sup> District Court income tax garnishment project on civil infractions and misdemeanor cases and further that the City of Melvindale will be held harmless with the 24<sup>th</sup> district court to assume full responsibility should any issues arise and further prosecutors Lawrence J. Coogan and Roger M. Kaly and the City shall be held harmless from any claims or causes of actions that could arise from said garnishment authorization.

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-233** Moved by Jackson and supported by Frederick, to approve a \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) for the Beautification Committee Christmas decorating project.

Yeas: Jackson, Frederick

Nays: Filipowski, Rauser, Densmore, Cartrette

Motion Failed

**23-11-234** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Steve Densmore of the Pension I Board Fire Representative.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Densmore

Motion Passes

**23-11-235** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Laura Ridenour to the Pen I Board Fire Representative, to fill the unexpired term of Steve Densmore, term expires January 17, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

**23-11-236** 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 \$404,270.03 and the zero electronic transfers.

Passed Unanimously

**23-11-237** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Mayor Wheeler T. Marsee, Jr.

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Linda Land, City Clerk