

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials at 6:30 p.m. by the Honorable Judge Richard Page of the 24th District Court in Allen Park, Michigan.

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicole M. Shkira and roll call was taken:

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Khaled Ahmed, Treasurer; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Lt. Robert Kennaley, Police Department; Joseph Murray, Fire Chief; Brad Burns; Chief Building Official, Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Invocation: Imam Bashera, and Matthew Beebe

*A moment of silence was offered for the family of arena staff employee, Joanne Thomas, for the passing of her daughter Jennifer.

Presentation:

Robert Brazeau, City Assessor re: Hardship income levels

23-12-257 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to adopt the 2024 Hardship Exemption Guidelines.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-258 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated November 15, 2023.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: none

Abstain: Frederick

Motion Passes

23-12-259 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table and confirm the reappointment of Rob Vaillancourt to the Historical Commission, new term ends November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

23-12-260 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to close the Regular Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. for the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2024 Budget.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-261 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to open the Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m. regarding the 2024 Proposed Budget and further 3 calls were made for public comment, 2 comments were given and seeing no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Comments:

Hass Cash
Ricardo Lopez

Passed Unanimously

23-12-262 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to close the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-263 Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to reopen the Regular Council meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-264 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget as presented.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. for the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Administrator did prepare and submit to the Council the Budget for the fiscal year of 2024, in accordance with appropriate federal regulations, state law, and local Charter provision; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriations for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, are hereby authorized on a departmental basis for General Fund and in total for other funds, as follows:

City of Melvindale Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

General Fund

Anticipated Revenue:

Property Tax	9,082,343
State of Michigan	2,611,963
Other Revenue and Financing Sources	3,139,738
Total Revenues and Other Sources	14,834,044
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	
Council Total	37,000
District Court Total	945,241
Mayor Total	92,210
Controller Total	226,906
Election Workers Total	57,885
Professional Fees Total	165,000
Corporation Counsel Total	275,000
City Clerk Total	229,727
Board of Review Total	2,700
Treasurer Office Total	276,346
Data Processing Total	27,400
Police Dept Total	2,504,580
Fire Dept Total	2,047,537
Mutual Aid Total	205,524
Dept of Public Works Total	1,171,271
Street Lighting Total	229,808
Contribution to Other Funds Total	2,491,083
Refuse Total	671,890
Swimming Pool Total	6,205
Senior Program Total	70,032
Parks & Recreation Total	5,700
Insurances Total	628,032
Retirement Contributions	225,000
Miscellaneous	148,520
Tax Anticipation Notes Issuance	0

Total Appropriations	12,740,597
Major Street Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue:</u>	
State of Michigan MVHF Allocations	950,000
Other Revenue	70,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	1,020,000
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	
Other Expenditures	570,000
Contribution to Local Streets	450,000
Total Appropriations	1,020,000
Local Street Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue:</u>	
State of Michigan MVHF Allocations	378,219
Other Revenue	15
Contribution from Major Streets	450,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	828,234
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	828,234
Library Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	350,605
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	246,839
Community Development Block Grant	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	20,000
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	20,000
MERS Defined Benefit Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	4,746,313
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	3,145,000

Downtown Development Authority Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	238,696
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	422,950
Drug Forfeiture Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	2,300
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	1,500
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	10,085
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	10,085
Economic Development Corporation Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	25,750
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	20,726
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	-
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	-
Water and Sewer Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	6,080,006
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	6,351,265
Kessey Fieldhouse Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	417,814
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	417,814
Construction & Debt Retirement Fund (Local Road Millage)	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	-
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	-
Self Insurance Fund	
<u>Anticipated Revenue</u>	1,305,023
<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>	1,305,023

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Melvindale adopts the foregoing 2024 Proposed Budget, to be supported by the approximated Tax Millage Rates, to be levied on the respective dates, subject to any adjustments required by application of law (Headlee and Proposal A):

Charter Operating	19.4081	Mills on 7/1/2024
Act 293 Refuse	2.9110	Mills on 7/1/2024
Library	0.9701	Mills on 7/1/2024
S.A. Police & Fire	10.0000	Mills on 12/1/2024
Pension Judgment	1.0000	Mills on 12/1/2024
MERS Pension Judgment	12.0000	Mills on 12/1/2024
Total	46.2892	For FY 2024

Passed Unanimously

23-12-265 Moved by Frederick and supported by Filipowski, to concur with Public Safety resolution #23-11-03.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Frederick, Cartrette
Nays: Rauser

Motion Passes

23-12-266 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to approve immediate effect for resolution #23-11-265.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Frederick, Cartrette
Nays: Rauser

Motion Passes

23-12-267 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to continue the medical and recreational marijuana moratorium for a period of one year.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-268 Moved by Jackson and supported by Frederick, to table the reappointment of Cecilia Dally as the full time Executive Secretary to Mayor and Council, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council at a proposed salary of \$58,000.00 per year pursuant to the terms and conditions of the non-union Schedule C contract adopted December 4, 2019 resolution number 19-12-291.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-269 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to table the reappointment of Larrie Ordus as the full time Department of Public Works Director to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council at a proposed salary of \$90,000.00 per year pursuant to the terms and conditions of the non-union Schedule B contract adopted on March 2, 2016 resolution number 16-03-084.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-270 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the reappointment of Hennessey Engineers Incorporated as the City Engineer to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-271 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the reappointment of Robert Brazeau, City Assessor to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and City Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-272 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Lois Fort to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-273 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Donna Vaillancourt to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-274 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Judy Clinton to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-275 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the reappointment of Jeannette DeCaire to the Housing Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-276 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to table the reappointment of Craig Janofski to the Planning Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

23-12-277 Moved by Abuali and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$726,818.41 and the electronic transfers totaling \$321,114.60.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-278 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk