

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 20, 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, 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; Laura Ridenour, Deputy Fire Chief; Brad Burns; Chief Building Official, Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Councilman Scott Frederick was absent and excused.

Invocation: Pastor John Russell, Downriver Christian Community Church

Proclamation: Officer Mohamed Hacham

Presentation:

Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, Maintenance Permits - Mill Steel and DTE Rouge Site

Ivy Simmons – Urge Imprint

23-12-282 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Community Resolution Accepting Long – Term Maintenance of Stormwater Management System by Mill Steel located at 18030 Rialto Street, Melvindale, MI 48122 and further the project is named MILL STEEL (“PROJECT”) LOCATED AT 17900 RIALTO STREET, MELVINDALE, MICHIGAN 48122;

Passed Unanimously

23-12-283 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to approve the Community Resolution Accepting Long – Term Maintenance of Stormwater Management System by DTE Energy located at 1 Energy Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226 and further the project is named DTE ROUGE SITE 200-12718-18015 (“PROJECT”) LOCATED AT 3690 GREENFIELD ROAD, MELVINDALE, MICHIGAN 48122.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-284 Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated December 6, 2023.

Passed Unanimously

Presentation:

Comments in support of the reappointment of Cecilia Dally as Executive Secretary to the Mayor and Council.

-Grizel Cardenas

-Jorge Martinez and Maria De La Caridad Rodriguez Martinez

-Marcia Sukel

23-12-285 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to retable the retention bonus for DPW & Clerical – AFSCME for further discussion.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-286 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from 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 City Council.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser

Nays: Cartrette

Motion Passes

23-12-287 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to confirm 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 City Council.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali

Nays: Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Motion Failed

23-12-288 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve a five (5) minute recess at 8:40 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

The Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting was reconvened and called to order by Mayor Nicole Shkira and roll call was called by Diana Zarazua, City Clerk.

Present were: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

23-12-289 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Larrie Ordus as the full time Department of Public Works Director and Water Commissioner to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and City Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-290 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Larrie Ordus as the full time Department of Public Works Director and Water Commissioner to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-291 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to remove from table the reappointment of Hennessey Engineers Incorporated as City Engineer to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-292 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Hennessey Engineers Incorporated as City Engineer to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council

Passed Unanimously

23-12-293 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to remove from table the reappointment of Robert Brazeau, City Assessor to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and City Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-294 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Robert Brazeau, City Assessor to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and City Council.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-295 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the reappointment of Lois Fort to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-296 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Abuali, to confirm the reappointment of Lois Fort to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-297 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reappointment of Donna Vaillancourt to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-298 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Donna Vaillancourt to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-299 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reappointment of Judy Clinton to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-300 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Judy Clinton to the Library Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-301 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reappointment of Jeannette Decaire to the Housing Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-302 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Jeannette Decaire to the Housing Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-303 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reappointment of Craig Janofski to the Planning Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-304 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Craig Janofski to the Planning Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

23-12-305 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Wayne County Annual Permits, A – 24117 Pavement Restoration and A – 24062 Maintenance and further the expiration date of 12/31/2024 will apply for both permits.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-306 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to approve a four (4) minute recess at 10:00 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

The Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting was reconvened and called to order at 10:07 p.m. and roll call was called by Diana Zarazua, City Clerk

Present: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

23-12-307 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to amend the 2023 Budget as presented by Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director.

General Fund

<u>Anticipated Revenue:</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>2023 Amend</u>
Property Tax	7,891,860	812,397	8,704,257
State of Michigan	2,367,784	(452,731)	1,915,053
Other Revenue and Financing Sources	<u>2,379,808</u>	<u>(203,888)</u>	<u>2,175,920</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	12,639,452	155,778	12,795,230

Anticipated Expenditures

Council Total	16,000	-	16,000
District Court Total	914,945	7,500	922,445
Mayor Total	70,980	(6,000)	64,980
Controller Total	217,027	6,100	223,127
Election Workers Total	66,140	(14,440)	51,700
Professional Fees Total	139,000	-	139,000

Corporation Counsel Total	225,000	25,555	250,555
City Clerk Total	156,666	8,246	164,912
Board of Review Total	2,700	-	2,700
Treasurer Office Total	174,648	72,417	247,065
Data Processing Total	23,390	17,000	40,390
Police Dept Total	2,223,136	59,209	2,282,345
Fire Dept Total	1,773,662	112,221	1,885,883
Planning Commission Total	-	-	-
Mutual Aid Total	30,000	84,250	114,250
Dept of Public Works Total	876,250	180,391	1,056,641
Street Lighting Total	218,864	9,600	228,464
Contribution to other funds Total	3,186,311	(1,155,175)	2,031,136
Refuse Total	652,321	6,500	658,821
Swimming Pool Total	5,805	5,500	11,305
Senior Program Total	50,220	(13,500)	36,720
Parks & Recreation Total	4,900	5,900	10,800
Insurances Total	591,464	(35,000)	556,464
Retirement Contributions	200,000	5,000	205,000
Miscellaneous	219,814	(53,620)	166,194
Tax Anticipation Notes Issuance	48,300	(1,000)	47,300
Total Appropriations	12,087,543	(673,346)	11,414,197
	551,909		1,381,033

Passed Unanimously

23-12-308 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Winoa Frost Law Permit for 1 (one) year in the amount of \$17,000.00 (seventeen thousand dollars).

Passed Unanimously

23-12-309 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the November 2023 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-310 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to retain the services of Miller Law and Butch Hollowell located at 211 West Fort St., Suite 705, Detroit, MI 48226, to prevent the current Mayor from either mistakenly or purposely violating the Charter.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: Abuali

Motion Passes

23-12-311 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to waive the 7 (seven) day waiting period.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-312 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to follow the Code of Ordinances, under Council specifically Article II, section II – 27.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-313 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to table the Mayor's nomination of Colovos Law Firm – Bill Colovos to serve as Corporation Counsel.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-314 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the Mayor's nomination of Hassane Jamal to serve as City Administrator.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

23-12-315 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 \$1,124,057.59 and zero electronic transfers.

Passed Unanimously

23-12-316 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 11:04 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk