

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 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, 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; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Lt. Robert Kennaley; Police Department; Laura Ridenour, Deputy Fire Chief

Councilman Saleim Abuali was absent and excused.

**24-02-028** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Proposal to Complete 2025 SRF (DWSRF/CWSRF) Project Plan for the City of Melvindale in the amount of \$12, 500.00 (twelve thousand five hundred dollars) as stated in the letter from Hennessey Engineers, Inc. dated February 2, 2024 and further to include the advertising for the Public Hearing for this project.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-029** Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated January 17, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

**24-02-030** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to amend resolution 24-01-003 to include the AFSCME local 511, Full Time employees as of December 6, 2023, shall receive a 2024 retention bonus to be paid \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) in total on \$500.00 (five hundred dollar) installments, on the last pay period of 2024 on the following dates: March 2024, June 2024, September 2024, December 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-031** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to direct Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to amend Chapter 24, Article X, Sections 292 and 293 General Shopping District Ordinance.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-032** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Business License Renewal located at 17564 Dix, Bell Auto Sales.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-033** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the Business License Renewal located at 19241 Dix, Star Auto Group Renewal.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-034** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to close City Hall, except for election matters only, on February 27, 2024, due to Election Day.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-035** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to close City Hall, except for election matters only, on Election Day for all future elections.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-036** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the reappointment of the Law Office of Lawrence J. Coogan as Corporation Counsel as defined by City Charter and Ordinance.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-037** Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to table the reappointment of Richard S. Ortiz, as City Administrator/Finance Director/Human Resource Director/Grant Writer/Street Administrator/ CDBG Coordinator/SMART Senior Director.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-038** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to direct Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation to amend Section 2 – 27 Rules and Procedures for the conduct of Council Proceedings.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-039** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the reappointment Judy Ohannasian to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-040** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Diana Gardner to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-041** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Sandra Sourbeck to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-042** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to table the reappointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires, November 17, 2017.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-043** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Diana Zarazua, to the Building Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Linda Land, unexpired term ends November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-044** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the reappointment of Jarrod Ormanian, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-045** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Gloria Bermudez, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-046** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Gary Greenwell to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-047** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the appointment of Betty Lindlbauer to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-048** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-049** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Stacy Bazman to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-050** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Autumn-Rhea Smith, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-051** 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 \$3,988,787.74 and the electronic transfers totaling \$325,174.61.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-052** Moved by Filipowski and supported by Frederick, to adjourn at 9:22 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

---

Mayor Nicole Shkira

---

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk