

**Regular** Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Banquet Hall at the Kessey Field House located at 4300 S. Dearborn, Melvindale, MI 48122, on Wednesday, February 21, 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, 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, Brad Burns, Chief Building Official; Brian Hill, DPW Department; Renee Cook, Arena Manager.

Councilman Saleim Abuali was absent and excused.

Councilman Stanley Filipowski was absent

Invocation: Bishop Cedric Robinson, Judah Tabernacle

**24-02-053** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated February 7, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-054** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to remove from table the reappointment of Judy Ohannasian to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Yeas: Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: Jackson

Motion Passes

**24-02-055** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Judy Ohannasian to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Yeas: Frederick

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-056** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment of Diana Gardner to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-057** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Diana Gardner to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 18, 2026.

Yeas: Frederick

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-058** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment of Sandra Sourbeck to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-059** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to confirm the appointment of Sandra Sourbeck to the Aging Commission, new term expires, November 20, 2024.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-060** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to remove from table the reappointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires, November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-061** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to confirm the reappointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires, November 17, 2027.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-062** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from 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

**24-02-063** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to confirm the appointment of Diana Zarazua, to the Building Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Linda Land, unexpired term ends November 19, 2025.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-064** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to remove from table the reappointment of Jarrod Ormanian, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-065** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to confirm the reappointment of Jarrod Ormanian, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-066** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Gloria Bermudez, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-067** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to confirm the reappointment of Gloria Bermudez, to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-068** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the reappointment of Gary Greenwell, to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-069** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to confirm the reappointment of Gary Greenwell, to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-070** Moved by (no mover) and supported by (no second), to remove from table the appointment of Betty Lindlbauer, to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-071** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to confirm the appointment of Betty Lindlbauer, to the Local Board of Compensation, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-072** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-073** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-074** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment of Stacy Bazman, to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-075** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Stacy Bazman, to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

**24-02-076** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment Autumn-Rhea Smith, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-077** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Autumn-Rhea Smith, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Yeas: None

Nays: Jackson, Rauser, Frederick Cartrette

Motion Fails

Audience Participation

**24-02-078** Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the payout for Daniel Jones in the amount of \$80,159.62.

RE: Daniel Jones Retirement Payout

Projected Retirement Date: 01/14/2025

2023 Unused Vac:	32 Hours
2024 Vacation:	256 Hours
2024 Personal:	56 Hours
2025 Personal:	56 Hours
2023 Sick Hours:	136 Hours
2024 Sick Hours	96 Hours
2025 Sick Hours	8 Hours
Unused Sick Bank:	1040 Hours

TOTAL HOURS: 1680 Hours (210 Days)

1680 Hours @ \$45.80 = **\$76,944.00**

**In lieu of a Lump Sum Payout, Chief Jones will use Vacation, Personal, and Sick Hours**

**beginning March 11, 2024, and ending on January 13, 2025.**

The following will be paid to Chief Jones on his final pay on January 30, 2025:

Pro-Rated Longevity: \$235.64

Pro-Rated Uniform: \$189.20

Pro-Rated Det. Bureau Pay: \$563.07

2025 Accrued Vacation: \$2,227.71

**TOTAL: \$3,215.62**

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-079** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to enter into closed session at 8:12 p.m. regarding Police Chief contract and pending litigation.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-080** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-081** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to table the Police Chief's contract for Robert Kennaley.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-082** Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the January 2024 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-083** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to override the Mayoral veto, regarding resolution 24-02-036 for the appointment of Corporation Counsel.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-084** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to override the Mayoral veto, regarding resolution 24-02-037 for the appointment of the City Administrator.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-085** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to approve the request of Diana Zarazua, City Clerk to increase the notary fee to \$ 15.00 (fifteen dollars) for gun permits.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-086** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to approve the business license renewal located at 18703 Dix Rd., Nationwide Auto Sales Inc.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-087** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to remove from table the reappointment of the Law Office of Lawrence J. Coogan to serve as Corporation Counsel.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-088** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to confirm the reappointment of the Law Office of Lawrence J. Coogan to serve as Corporation Counsel, under the same terms and conditions as the current contract.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-089** Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Richard S. Ortiz, as City Administrator.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-090** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to confirm the appointment of Richard S. Ortiz, as City Administrator under the same terms and conditions as his current contract.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-091** Moved by Rauser and supported by Frederick, to instruct Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to reach out to other communities regarding a jail services contract.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

**24-02-092** Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$1,254,294.97 and the no electronic transfers.

Passed Unanimously

**24-02-093** Moved by Frederick and supported by Rauser, to adjourn at 9:50 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

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Mayor Nicole Shkira

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Diana Zarazua, City Clerk