

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 6, 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, 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; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Lt. Robert Kennaley; Police Department; Laura Ridenour, Deputy Fire Chief; Brian Hill, DPW Department; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Invocation: Bishop Cedric Robinson, Judah Tabernacle

24-03-094 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated March 6, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

24-03-095 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 779.

ORD. NO 779 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MELVINDALE BY THE MODIFICATIONS OF SECTIONS 2-27(a); (b)(3)(f) through (b)(3)(n) AND THE REMOVAL OF (b)(3)(o); MODIFICATION OF (b)(7)(d); and MODIFICATION OF (b)(11)(b), BE ADOPTED TO ESTABLISH RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Passed Unanimously

24-03-096 Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 780.

ORD. NO 780 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MELVINDALE BY THE REPEAL OF SECTION 24-929(4)(a) AND A NEW SECTION UNDER 24-293(9), BE ADOPTED TO ESTABLISH PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES AND PERMITTED USES AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL

Passed Unanimously

24-03-097 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 781.

ORD. NO 781 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MELVINDALE BY A NEW SECTION UNDER 24-293(9), BE ADOPTED TO ESTABLISH PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES AND PERMITTED USES AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL

Passed Unanimously

24-03-098 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Filipowski, to enter into closed session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of contractual negotiations and pending litigation.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-099 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-100 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to replace the retainer for, Collins and Einhorn, P.C, for pending litigation in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars).

Passed Unanimously

24-03-101 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to concur with the Public Safety resolution, #24.02.04, promoting Lieutenant Robert Kennaley to Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief of Police Daniel Jones.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-102 Moved by Frederick and supported by Rauser, to approve the personal services contract of the incoming Police Chief.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-103 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to override the Mayoral Veto for Corporation Counsel, 24-02-088.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-104 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to override the Mayoral Veto for City Administrator, 24-02-090.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-105 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Judy Ohannasian to the Aging Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-106 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

24-03-107 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

24-03-108 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires November 20, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-109 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, term expires November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-110 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Gloria Bermudez to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-111 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Robert Mazur to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-112 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Wheeler Marsee to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-113 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Gary Greenwell to the Compensation Board, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-114 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-115 Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to table the appointment of Shafeq Al-Naqeb (Al-Naqeb Mart) to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-116 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Martha Carl to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-117 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Mary Glowe to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to fill the unexpired term of Angelo Gargarello, term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-118 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Wheeler Marsee to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-119 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Patricia Zyren to the Library Commission to fill the unexpired term of Sally Amadio, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-120 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of Matthew Carl to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jazmin Fitzgerald, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-121 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to table the appointment of John Papp to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), new term expires November 18, 2026.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Frederick, Cartrette

Nays: None

Abstain: Rauser

Motion Passes

24-03-122 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to raise the cap for Miller Law to \$9,000.00 (nine thousand dollars).

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowksi, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: Abuali, Frederick

Motion Passes

24-03-123 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to declare Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as official holidays in the City of Melvindale.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-124 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Cartrette, to approve the appointment of the Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C. to begin the audit process.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

24-03-125 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 \$371,406.72 and the electronic transfers totaling \$7,806.18.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-126 Moved by Abuali and supported by Jackson, to adjourn at 11:04 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk