

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 20, 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, Frederick, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Khaled Ahmed, Treasurer; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Nick Martinez, Police Department; Laura Ridenour, Deputy Fire Chief; Brian Hill, DPW Department; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Stanley Filipowski was absent and excused.

Julie Rauser was absent and excused.

Invocation: Bishop Cedric Robinson, Judah Tabernacle

24-03-127 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated March 6, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-128 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to remove from table the reappointment of Judy Ohannasian to the Aging -Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-129 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Judy Ohannasian to the Aging -Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-130 Moved by Jackson 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

24-03-131 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Diana Gardner to the Aging Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-132 Moved by Jackson 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

24-03-133 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Sandra Sourbeck to the Aging Commission, new term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-134 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires November 20, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-135 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Diann Rink to the Board of Review, new term expires November 20, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-136 Moved by Jackson 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, term expires November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-137 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Diana Zarazua to the Building Authority to fill the unexpired term of Linda Land, term expires November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-138 Moved by Jackson 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

24-03-139 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Gloria Bermudez to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-140 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment of Robert Mazur to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-141 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Robert Mazur to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-142 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the appointment of Wheeler Marsee to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-143 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the appointment of Wheeler Marsee to the Civil Service Commission, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-144 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Gary Greenwell to the Compensation Board, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-145 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to confirm the reappointment of Gary Greenwell to the Compensation Board, new term expires November 15, 2028.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-146 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to remove from table the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development Authority, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-147 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the appointment of Shafeq Al-Naqeb (Al-Naqeb Mart) to the Downtown Development Authority, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-148 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the appointment of Martha Carl to the Downtown Development Authority, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-149 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the appointment of Mary Glowe to the Economic Development Corporation to fill the unexpired term of Angelo Gargarello, term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-150 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the appointment of Wheeler Marsee to the Economic Development Corporation, new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-151 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from 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

24-03-152 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to confirm the appointment of Patricia Zyren to the Library Commission to fill the unexpired term of Sally Amadio, term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-153 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from 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

24-03-154 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to confirm 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

24-03-155 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to remove from table the appointment of John Papp to the Zoning Board of Appeals, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-156 Moved by Jackson and supported by Abuali, to confirm the appointment of John Papp to the Zoning Board of Appeals, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

Audience Participation

24-03-157 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) project L – 185 consisting of a sewer monitor control cabinet located on Allen Road near South Dearborn.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-158 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to approve the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) project L – 185 consisting of a sewer monitor control cabinet located on Greenfield near Prospect.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-159 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to decertify/vacate a portion of Eddon Avenue.

Whereas the City of Melvindale does wish to decertify/vacate a portion of Eddon Avenue. This decertification/vacation of Eddon Avenue is located south of Schaefer Highway between Schaefer Highway and a dead-end for a total decertification/vacation length of 173.85 feet.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-160 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to decertify/vacate a portion of Elizabeth Avenue.

Whereas the City of Melvindale does wish to decertify/vacate a portion of Elizabeth Avenue. This decertification/vacation of Elizabeth Avenue is located west of Robert Street between Robert Street and a dead-end for a total decertification/vacation length of 203.33 feet.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-161 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to decertify/vacate a portion of Pumphouse Road.

Whereas the City of Melvindale does wish to decertify/vacate a portion of Pumphouse Road. This decertification/vacation of Pumphouse Road is located north of Greenfield Road between the existing gate (approximately 276 feet north of Greenfield Road) and a dead-end for a total decertification/vacation length of 758.22 feet.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-162 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to decertify/vacate a portion of Robert Street.

Whereas the City of Melvindale does wish to decertify/vacate a portion of Robert Street (labeled as “Unknown” on the MDOT Act 51 map). This decertification/vacation of Robert (Unknown) Street is located north of South Dearborn Road between South Dearborn Road and a dead-end for a total decertification/vacation length of 325.00 feet.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-163 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to decertify/vacate a portion of South Railroad Avenue.

Whereas the City of Melvindale does wish to decertify/vacate a portion of South Railroad Avenue. This decertification/vacation of South Railroad Avenue is located east of Eddon Avenue between Eddon Avenue and a dead-end for a total decertification/vacation length of 198.74 feet.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-164 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to authorize Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator to submit an application to City of Dearborn to conduct fireworks on City of Dearborn owned property.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-165 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Frederick, to approve the payout for Justin Gray in the amount of \$998.78.

Justin Gray Leave Payout
Resignation Date: 02/09/2024

Unused Vacation Time: 40 Hours

TOTAL HOURS: 40 Hours
40 Hours @ \$23.3034 = **\$932.14**

Pro-Rated Gun Allowance: \$30.14
Pro-Rated Longevity: \$36.50

GRAND TOTAL: \$998.78

Passed Unanimously

24-03-166 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the payout for Charles Washko in the amount of \$1,039.63.

Charles Washko Leave Payout
Resignation Date: 03/03/2024

Unused Vacation Time: 40 Hours

TOTAL HOURS: 40 Hours
40 Hours @ \$23.4596 = **\$938.39**
Pro-Rated Gun Allowance: \$61.65
Pro-Rated Longevity: \$39.59

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,039.63

Passed Unanimously

24-03-167 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 779 and further to adopt the ordinance.

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

24-03-168 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to recess into closed session at 8:25 p.m. regarding contractual negotiations and pending litigation.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-169 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-170 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to approve the Riverview Landfill contract as presented.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-171 Moved by Jackson and supported by Cartrette, to receive and place on file the February 2024 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

24-03-172 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 \$380,283.16 and the electronic transfers totaling \$358,700.76 and further, the invoice for Miller Law will be deducted from the invoice total until further revisions are made to the contract and a new invoice will be submitted.

Passed Unanimously

24-03-173 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Jackson, to adjourn at 9:34 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk