

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 3, 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: Cecilia Dally, Deputy City Clerk; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Roger Kaly, Corporation Counsel; Robert Kennaley, Chief of Police; Laura Ridenour, Deputy Fire Chief; John Resac, Inspector Building Department; Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Renee Cook, Arena Manager; Sandy Law, Senior Center

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk was absent and excused
Khaled Ahmed, Treasurer was absent and excused.

Presentation: Ray Parker, Hennessey Engineers, Inc. re: Recommendation for Kessey Fieldhouse Roof Replacement Project

Public Hearing - re: Ordinance No. 780 & 781

24-04-174 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to concur with the recommendation of Ray Parker, Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to award the roof replacement project, at Kessey Fieldhouse, to William Molnar Roofing, Inc., 22201 Pennsylvania Road, Brownstown, MI 48193

Passed Unanimously

24-04-175 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated March 20, 2024.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Frederick, Cartrette
Nays: None
Abstain: Filipowski, Rauser

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

24-04-176 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to close the Regular Council meeting at 7:47 p.m. to hold the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 780 & 781.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-177 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to open the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. regarding Ordinance 780 & 781 and further 3 calls were offered for public comment, seeing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-178 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to close the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 780 & 781 at 7:55 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-179 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to reopen the Regular Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-180 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the request of Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, to advertise and hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 regarding the 2025 Melvindale Clean water State revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Plan.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-181 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the request of Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Grant Application.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-182 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve the request of Larrie Ordus, DPW Director, to hire 4 (four) seasonal DPW workers, from April – November 2024, at a rate of pay of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) per hour.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-183 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to concur with the request of Larrie Ordus, DPW Director to approve the 2024 sidewalk program.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-184 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to approve the request of Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director to authorize the Civil Service to create an eligibility list for clerical.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-185 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 780 and further to adopt the Ordinance.

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

24-04-186 Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 781 and further to adopt the Ordinance.

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

24-04-187 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the business license renewal located at 19300 Dix Rd., Doulette's Deal Auto Sales.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-188 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to override the Mayoral veto 24-03-167 regarding the Rules and Procedures for the Conduct of Council meeting proceedings.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette

Nays: None

Abstain: Frederick, Abuali

Motion Passes

24-04-189 Moved by Rauser and supported by Cartrette, to table the appointment of Autumn Rhea Smith, to the Parks and Recreation Commission, new term expires November 18, 2026.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-190 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to receive and place on file the resignation letter of Vickie Fitzgerald from the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-191 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, table the appointment of Stacy Bazman to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-192 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the reappointment of Ken Winkles to the Downtown Development authority (DDA), new term expires November 17, 2027.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-193 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to table the appointment of Angelo Gargarello, to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), new term expires November 21, 2029.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-194 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Abuali, to table the appointment of David Saeed, to the Parks and Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Herbert Parsons, unexpired term expires November 19, 2025.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-195 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Jackson, to table the appointment of Martha Carl to the Parks and Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Vickie Fitzgerald, unexpired term expires November 20, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

Second Audience Participation

24-04-196 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the request from Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, to advertise for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Grant Application.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-197 Moved by Cartrette and supported by Rauser, to waive the 7 (seven day) waiting period for resolution 24-04-196.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-198 Moved by Abuali and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of invoices totaling \$436,396.89 and the electronic transfers totaling \$4,971.40.

Passed Unanimously

24-04-199 Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to adjourn at 9:17 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Cecilia S. Dally, Deputy City Clerk