

**MELROSE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025– 5:15 P.M.**

A.I. #1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Melrose City Council met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. at the Melrose City Center pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Council Members, Travis Frieler, Joelene Wieling, Mark Niehoff, Mayor Joe Finken, City Administrator Colleen Winter and City Clerk Patti Haase. Council Member Tony Klasen was absent. Mayor Finken called the meeting to order.

A.I. #2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Wieling, seconded by Mr. Frieler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

A.I. #3 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mayor Finken welcomed the visiting teachers and students from Bühl, Germany.

Melrose German Teacher Stefan Rink noted what a great learning opportunity it is for everyone and expressed his appreciation to the host families and all those that made this event so memorable. Mr. Rink noted that the main purpose of the program is to enhance the English language skills of the students, experience the culture and immerse themselves in everyday life, and to make new friendships that last a lifetime. Mr. Rinke thanked the host families. This exchange could not happen without their support and participation.

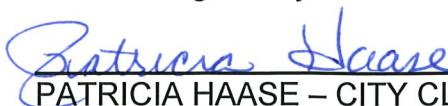
The teachers representing Bühl, Dominik Hilberer and Isabell Potter, thanked the Melrose Area School and host families with a special appreciation to Mr. Rink for his hard work and efforts in organizing the program.

The representatives of Bühl then presented Mayor Finken with a gift and expressed their appreciation for the special relationship between the communities.

Mayor Finken delivered closing remarks highlighting the value of the GAPP exchange program, wishing the students and teachers an enjoyable stay in Melrose. Mayor Finken then presented the students and teachers a gift on behalf of the City.

A.I. #4 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Wieling, seconded by Mr. Niehoff and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


PATRICIA HAASE – CITY CLERK