

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

THE 5:00 P.M. PORTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED
BY THE CITY CLERK TO 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Paget called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt and Longacre. Also present were City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, and City Clerk Dale Jones. Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade was present via Teams.

Public Comment - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:39 P.M.

Vice Mayor Paget recessed the City Council Meeting for the purpose of Executive Session.

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
In re: City of Needles v. Santos Alejandro Leyva, et al. – 521 Quivera Street, California Superior Court-County of San Bernardino (Case No. CIVDS2020447)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade stated there was no reportable action.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Paget called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt and Longacre.

A motion was made by Councilmember Longacre, second by Councilmember Campbell to grant an excused absence to Mayor Williams and Councilmember Evans. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt and Longacre
Noes:	None
Absent:	Mayor Williams and Councilmember Evans

INVOCATION was led by Vice Mayor Paget

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilmember Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Longacre moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes:	None

Absent: Mayor Williams and Councilmember Evans

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - None

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary procedures - None

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

A citizen voiced his concern about speeding and traffic on North K, inquired about wheelchair access because it is residential, and asked for a crosswalk, sidewalk repair and a stop sign at Spruce.

Judy Thornton informed council of upcoming events and voiced concerns regarding to possibly rename city owned properties.

Tim Terral informed council about Jeff and Stephanie Firestone's house fire and that they are looking for a place to live.

Marianne Jones handed out Museum Calendars to council and asked about placing a page in the calendar with a picture of the firetruck that is being restored including donation information and expressed concern about possible renaming of city owned properties.

INTERVIEWS

- 1) Appointment made to the Housing Authority Board Housing Authority Vacancy

City Manager Rick Daniels gave the staff report.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to reappointed Sheryl Porter to the Housing Authority. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

Vice Mayor Paget recessed the City Council Meeting and convened a joint Council / NPUA Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken)

Public appearance - None

- 2) NPUA / COUNCIL: Approved the Annual Depository Statement and authorized and directed Finance staff to make the monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for fiscal year 2022-2023 payments for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority, according to the approved budget

Cit Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to approve the Annual Depository Statement and authorize and direct Finance staff to make the monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for fiscal year 2022-2023 payments for bond debt service, contract

services, purchase payments and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority, according to the approved budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members / Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Paget, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

- 3) NPUA / COUNCIL: Approved an exclusive three (3) year purchase of Douglas Fir Power Poles through Stella-Jones for FY 2023, 2024 and 2025 not to exceed \$56,000 annually
City Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmember Longacre moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve an exclusive three (3) year purchase of Douglas Fir Power Poles through Stella-Jones for FY 2023, 2024 and 2025 not to exceed \$56,000 annually. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members / Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Paget, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

Vice Mayor Paget adjourned the Joint NPUA / Council meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Longacre moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

- 4) Approved the Warrants Register through July 12, 2022
- 5) Approved the Fifth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Building Support Service with Willdan increasing the contract compensation for building official and inspector services increasing the contract in an amount not to exceed \$72,000
- 6) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-53 establishing the appropriations limit for fiscal year 2022-2023 in accordance with the provisions of Division 9 of Title 1 of the California Government Code (Gann Appropriations Limit)
- 7) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2022-54 authorizing the City Manager or Designee to execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the City of Needles to complete the Clean California Local Grant Program
- 8) Ratified the Employee Relations Officer's/City Manager's action to proceed with the Teamsters Local 1932 request to represent the management employees bargaining unit
- 9) Awarded the bid to Brack Construction Inc. for licensed contractor services for the Neighborhood Beautification Program and authorize staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed funded by the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund
- 10) Awarded the bid to Meridian Consultants Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$54,890, for the General Plan Land Use and Transportation Update CEQA compliance documentation budgeted in fiscal year 2023
- 11) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-55 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Executive Order N-09-21, and authorizing

remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the City of Needles for the period of July 18, 2022 – August 17, 2022, pursuant to provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act

End of Consent

REGULAR ITEM

- 12) In compliance with SB 1436, the following change is incorporated into the salary schedule for FY 2023 of an addition of one (1) full time employee Project Manager with a salary range of \$108,680 to \$138,715
City Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to approve an addition of one (1) full time employee Project Manager with a salary range of \$108,680 to \$138,715. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

- 13) In compliance with SB 1436, the following change is incorporated into the salary schedule for FY 2023 of an addition of one (1) full time employee City Planner with a salary range of \$70,158.40 to \$89,523.20
City Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to approve an addition of one (1) full time employee City Planner with a salary range of \$70,158.40 to \$89,523.20. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

- 14) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-56 setting priorities for filing written argument(s) regarding a city measure and directing the city attorney to prepare an impartial analysis
City Manager Daniels and City Clerk Jones reported.

Councilmember Merritt moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2022-56 setting priorities for filing written argument(s) regarding a city measure and directing the city attorney to prepare an impartial analysis. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

- 15) Provided staff direction regarding naming First Beach after Robert T. Belt
City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Longacre moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to name the areas known as First and Second Beach after Robert T. Belt. The name will be Bob Belt Beach Park and will cover the beach areas only – maintaining the name Manny Morris Park for the park's current location. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Belt, and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Council Member Evans

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT - None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT - City Manager Daniels reported.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell offered condolences to Jeff & Stephanie Firestone for their house fire.

Councilmember Merritt would like to revisit the last meetings decision to allow for the renaming of City owned land, buildings, and facilities.

Vice Mayor Paget requested the City get a bug exterminator for Council Chambers.

Councilmember Belt announced that there will be a golf tournament in October to raise awareness for Dyslexia and mentioned a dinner hosted by the Eagles for Thursday, July 14 to raise money for a trip for the All American Cheerleaders to go to London.

Councilmember Longacre would like to see the Sundial at the Cemetery fixed.

Vice Mayor Paget adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Vice Mayor


City Clerk