

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Paget called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt (arrived at 5:13 p.m.), Belt via teleconference and Longacre. Also present were City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney Pinkney via teleconference and City Clerk Dale Jones.

Vice Mayor Paget recessed the City Council Meeting for the purpose of Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

- a) Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and San Bernardino County as the potential buyer of a portion of the building located at 1111 Bailey Avenue, APN 0185-221-13-0000. Under negotiations are the price and terms
- b) Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and William Cavanaugh as the potential buyer of a portion of the property described as a 4.59 acre vacant parcel, generally located South of W. Broadway Street and West of the S Street Flood Control Channel, APN 0185-071-11. Under negotiations are the price and terms
- c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney John Pinkney stated there was no reportable action.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, Belt via teleconference and Longacre.

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

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

INVOCATION was given by Vice Mayor Paget

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilmember Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilmember Belt declared a conflict of interest on consent agenda item 9.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Former Councilmember Terral

CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures reviewed

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

- 1) Presentation given by Officer Burrows, California Highway Patrol, regarding the Needles-Barstow Traffic Alliance Safety Corridors and he noted that the mayor signed a letter in support
- 2) Chamber of Commerce El Garces Visitor Center update given by George DeLeon
- 3) Presentation given by Lindsey Payson and Donna McCorkle regarding the Needles Military Mom's Banner Program

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Williams (Councilmember Belt announced a conflict on Item 9.

- 4) Approved the Warrants Register through June 28, 2022
- 5) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-50 calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the Charter and for the submission to the voters a question relating to amending the transient occupancy tax to apply to short term residential rental units
AND
Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-51 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code
- 6) Accepted the bid from Robinson Electric Co. in an amount not to exceed \$657,500 for nine (9) light structures including all materials and installation at Duke Watkins Park using available grant funding from California Department of Parks and Recreation contract C9803078 and authorized staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 7) Accepted the bid from Pacific Play Systems for the purchase and installation of a Merry-Go-Round, Tri-Spring Fling, Double Spring Rider and four (4) benches at Duke Watkins Park using grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation contract C9803078 in an amount not to exceed \$97,775; and the purchase and installation of one (1) main playground structure and ground covering for Jack Smith Park in an amount not to exceed \$67,445 using Per Capita Funds from SB-68 grant contract C9801552 and authorized staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 8) Acoustics Group Inc. has been authorized to proceed with their proposal to conduct an Acoustical Consulting Service analysis of the Needles Recreation Gymnasium and recommend

sound reduction methodologies at a cost of \$4,500 to \$5,500, funding available in the Recreation Department Budget

- 9) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-49 accepting the purchase offer from Gayle Brodbeck in the amount of \$2,167 minus half of the closing cost for surplus city-owned property directly west of the Elks Lodge building on Lillyhill Drive, APN 0185-331-22-0000

End of Consent

REGULAR ITEM

- 11) Provide staff direction to look into the City of Needles' ability to adopt a different time zone City Manager Daniels reported, and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Merritt moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to look into the City of Needles' ability to adopt a different time zone. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 12) Resolution No. 2022-52 establishing a policy naming / renaming of city-owned land, buildings, and facilities

City Manager Daniels reported, and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to adopt Resolution No. 2022-52 establishing a policy naming / renaming of city-owned land, buildings, and facilities. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT - None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT - City Manager Rick Daniels reported.

City Attorney Pinkney requested council to reconsider consent item number 10 because there are procedural steps that need to be taken.

Councilmember Merritt moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to reconsider taking action on agenda item 10 and to continue to a future agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 10) Continued to a future agenda - Request for Teamsters Local 1932 to represent the Management Unit

COUNCIL REQUESTS

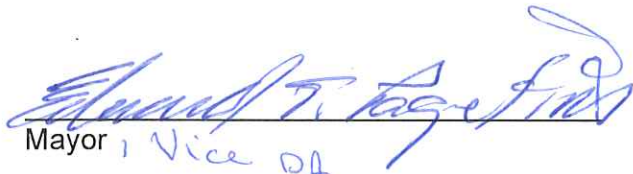
Councilmember Evans requested looking into cannabis annual tax to reflect business size and is unhappy that the owner of the proposed grocery store changed his mind.

Councilmember Merritt commended the military mom's presentation and effort and is also saddened by the news regarding the proposed grocery store.

Vice Mayor Paget commented on the grand opening/ribbon cutting of Duke Watkins new playground. Councilmember Longacre asked for a summary of the Run for the Wall event; requested the pothole on Front Street in front of El Garces be fixed; inquired about the 2025 new emissions standards and how they will affect city vehicles and suggested that the new park that is being built be named after Bob Belt.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Paget adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



Mayor, Vice of

ATTEST:



City Clerk