

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

AUTHORIZED BY AB 361

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Paget called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Present: Mayor Williams (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, Belt and Longacre. Also present City Manager Daniels, City Attorney Pinkney and City Clerk Jones

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING

Vice Mayor Paget recessed the City Council Meeting and convened a Joint Council / NPUA Meeting at 5:36 p.m.

- a) COUNCIL: Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Title of position: City Clerk

Councilmember Longacre announced he had a conflict regarding Executive Session item b) because he works in the cannabis industry at 5:45 p.m.

- b) NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) one potential case

Mayor Williams reconvened the Joint Council / NPUA Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney John Pinkney reported there was no reportable action taken.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Present: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Paget, Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, Belt and Longacre. Also present City Manager Daniels, City Attorney Pinkney and City Clerk Jones

INVOCATION was led by Mayor Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Councilmember Longacre announced he had a conflict regarding Executive Session item b) because he works in the cannabis industry.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - None

CITY ATTORNEY - None

PUBLIC APPEARANCE Judy Thornton updated council on the recent events.

PRESENTATION

- 1) Chamber of Commerce El Garces Visitor Center update made

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Longacre to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 2) Approved the Warrants Register through May 10, 2022
- 3) Approved the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Building Official Services with Willdan Engineering increasing the Contract Compensation by an additional amount not to exceed \$48,675
- 4) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-37 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 May 17, 2022 – June 16, 2022, pursuant to provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act
- 5) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-38 awarding the City-Wide Traffic Speed Survey to Minagar & Associates Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$9,959 using COPS funding and authorize staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed with executing an agreement

End of Consent

- 6) Ordinance No. 650-AC amending Section 15A-7 "Designated Skateboarding Areas" hours of operation (2nd reading – adopt)

City Manager Daniels reported and recommended removing (b) from the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Paget moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to waive the reading and adopt

Ordinance No. 650-AC as amended, amending Section 15A-7 "Designated Skateboarding Areas" hours of operation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7) State of California Drought Update - discussion
City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT - None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT - City Manager Daniels reported.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell informed staff that there are potholes at B and Acoma and Behavior Health in Needles provides counseling.

Councilmember Evans voiced concern that another business closed.

Vice Mayor Paget informed council he attended the SCAG meeting.

Councilmember Belt thanked staff for the improvements in the grass at the pool and inquired about a SRO at the school.

Councilmember Longacre inquired about the process to name a city park.

Mayor Williams inquired about the K street underpass.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m....

ATTEST:



Mayor

City Clerk