



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
EL GARCES – 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:15 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:22pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Jamie McCorkle
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member Tona Belt
Council Member Henry Longbrake

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Zachery Longacre

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Council Member Longacre recused himself due to a conflict of interest, because he works in the cannabis industry. Vice Mayor Campbell, and Council Member Pogue recused themselves due to conflicts of interest because they both have close family members who work in the cannabis industry.

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:24 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). One potential Case.

No reportable action

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – Meeting called back to order at 5:39 pm and Deputy City Attorney Wade gave report as noted above.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the regular meeting of the City Council/NPUA/HACN to order at 6 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Zachery Longacre
Council Member Jamie McCorkle
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Tona Belt
Council Member Henry Longbrake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION - led by Vice Mayor Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Pogue made a motion, second by Vice Mayor Campbell to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Longacre, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake
Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Mayor Jernigan acknowledged former Council Member Tim Terral in attendance

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary Procedures given by Deputy City Attorney Wade

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Southern California Chapter's Best Project of the Year Award for Bob Belt's Beach Park given by Past President and Awards Committee Member Pat Somerville to Council
2. Presentation given by Assistant Chief Bill Villarino, San Bernardino County Fire Division 4

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA/COUNCIL ITEMS - None

REGULAR NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS

3. Waive the reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 672-AC, Deleting Chapter 6C, Adding a new Chapter 6C consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 404-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Electric Service; Ordinance No. 673-AC, Deleting Chapter 17, Adding a new Chapter 17 consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 405-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Wastewater Service; Ordinance No. 674-AC, Rescinding Ordinance 628-AC, Adding a new Chapter 22 Entitled Water Services Regarding the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Water Services

City Manager Martinez gave staff report and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member McCorkle, to Adopt Ordinance No. 672-AC, Deleting Chapter 6C, Adding a new Chapter 6C consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 404-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Electric Service; Ordinance No. 673-AC, Deleting Chapter 17, Adding a new Chapter 17 consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 405-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Wastewater Service; Ordinance No. 674-AC, Rescinding Ordinance 628-AC, Adding a new Chapter 22 Entitled Water Services Regarding the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Water Services.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Longacre, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADJOURNED THE JOINT NPUA/COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENED THE COUNCIL MEETING – 6:35 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member McCorkle pulled Consent item 8

8. Approve the logo for the Dial-a-Ride (DAR) Specialized Transportation and Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle Services.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report and considerable discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Pogue, to approve the logo for the Dial-a-Ride (DAR) Specialized Transportation and Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle Services.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: Council Members Longacre, McCorkle

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, second by Vice Mayor Campbell to approve consent calendar items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Longacre, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Approved the Warrants Register through February 11, 2025
5. Approved the Minutes of January 28, 2025
6. Approved the Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle Draft Operating Plan.
7. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2025-10 approving a Third Amendment to Agreement between the City of Needles and Parking Concepts, Inc. DBA Transportation Concepts providing for restructuring of the Dial-a-Ride Medical Transport / Shopper Shuttle Pilot Program services into the Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle
9. Waived the reading and Adopted Amended Ordinance 671-AC adding Section 15A-7 to the Municipal Code establishing regulations for the use of the Graffiti Art Wall.

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

10. City of Needles Website Redesign Update

City Manager Martinez gave staff report. Jen Nentwig of TriPepi Smith participated via teams, and considerable discussion ensued.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – given by Deputy City Attorney Wade

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by Interim City Clerk Clark

CITY MANAGER REPORT – for the weeks of January 24 and 31, 2025 - Given by City Manager Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Longacre – Lock park bathrooms at night; requested city staff look into getting a meter maid; paint skate park rails; paint white line on River road; GPS City vehicles; look into advertising on City Busses

Council Member McCorkle – Burros on golf course – are they causing damage?

Vice Mayor Campbell – Burros on golf course – in danger of getting hit by golf balls; Reported on LCC Mayor and Council academy; Talked about social media rules; thanked staff for cleanup and response; thanked community for support of Women's club events – golf tournament and lunch

Council Member Pogue – no requests

Council Member Belt – Requested marketing be done in house; asked about Military Mom's banners

Council Member Longbrake – Santa Fe Park Trash Bins locked – businesses are still putting trash on top of and next to bins

Mayor Jernigan – Reported on LCC Mayor and Council Academy and networking benefits; reported on upcoming events; thanked River Valley Art Guild for their help with Art In the Park

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm


Mayor Janet Jernigan


Interim City Clerk Candace Clark