

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEEDLES CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake, and Mayor Jernigan, City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - None

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:04 am

Councilmembers Campbell and Pogue announced they have a conflict of interest because their sons work for MIH and left the meeting.

- a) NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) 2, 3 and/or 4 (Regarding potential litigation with Medical Investor Holdings LLC, NCA Management, 3247 AM LLC and 2103 D, LLC related to Cannabis taxes).

Council meeting reconvened at 11:08 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Report given by City Attorney John Pinkney

City Attorney Pinkney announced that both parties have agreed to resolve the matters and reviewed the terms and council concurred by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members McCorkle, Belt, Longbrake, Vice Mayor Merritt, and Mayor Jernigan

Noes: None

Absent: None

MIH Attorney addressed council and thanked them for reaching a mutual resolution.

City Attorney Pinkney announced that a formal settlement agreement will be prepared and to continue to January 9, 2024 for approval of the formal settlement agreement.

Council Member Longbrake moved, second by Council Member Belt to continue to January 9, 2024 Council meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members McCorkle, Belt, Longbrake, Vice Mayor Merritt, and Mayor Jernigan

Noes: None

Absent: None

REGULAR ITEM

Hearing on Appeal of City's Notice of Revocation of Cannabis Business License/Permit for the following Cannabis Businesses:

3247 Needles Highway, Suite E, Needles, CA (2103 D, LLC);

3247 Needles Highway, Suite A, Needles CA (3247 AM, LLC)

3241 Needles Highway, Needles, CA (NCA Management Co., LLC)

3253 Needles Highway, Needles CA (Medical Investor Holdings, LLC)

Item continued to January 9, 2024 Council meeting for final agreement.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am


Mayor Janet Jernigan

ATTEST


Dale Jones, CMC, City Clerk