

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE 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 6:00 P.M.

AUTHORIZED BY AB 361

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIA *** MICROSOFT TEAMS *** THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO ATTEND VIA TEAMS AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING BY EMAILING djones@cityofneedles.com

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CALL TO ORDER – Vice Mayor Paget at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Edward Paget, Council Members Ellen Campbell, Wade Evans, Kirsten Merritt, Tona Belt and Zachery Longacre. Also present City Manager Rick Daniels; City Attorney John Pinkney (via Teams) and City Clerk Dale Jones.

Excused absence:

Councilmember Belt moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt for an excused absence for Mayor Williams. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

INVOCATION led by Vice Mayor Paget

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - given by Councilmember Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Belt moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt 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 Longacre on NPUA Agenda Item 2 because some of the work is by his residence.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Former Councilmember Timothy Terral

CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures reviewed

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Timothy Terral requested a trash barrel at the train park bench, commenting about the trash and glass that accumulates.

Judy Kirkpatrick thanked staff for the road improvements and voiced her opinion regarding additional road work that needs to be done such as the large trees by the freeway exit and the intersection of K Street by the bridge.

Jan Jernigan spoke about trash in Santa Fe Park, vagrancy and vandalism and camping, the park needs more police presence, it is dangerous.

Jared Johnston inquired about painting the crosswalk between the Recreation Center and Gracie Dance Studio for pedestrian safety.

Shawn Gudmundson praised council for all they have been doing to improve our city.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING at 6:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS None

- 1) NPUA / COUNCIL: Presentation by Burger & Comer, P. C. of the NPUA audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 – City Manager Requested a continuation to March 22, 2022.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to Continue Item 1 to March 22, 2022. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 2) NPUA / COUNCIL: Authorize Simon Sewer Maintenance to complete three (3) Manhole Geopolymer Rehabilitations in the amount of \$13,500 utilizing Wastewater Asset Replacement Funds

Councilmember Longacre left the room due to a conflict.
City Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmember Belt moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to authorize Simon Sewer Maintenance to complete three (3) Manhole Geopolymer Rehabilitations in the amount of \$13,500 utilizing Wastewater Asset Replacement Funds. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, and Belt
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams and Councilmember Longacre was out of the room

RECESS THE JOINT NPUA / COUNCIL MEETING - RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:21 p.m.

- 3) Application from Mr. Curtis Devine, representative for Mohave Cannabis Club, for a Conditional Use Permit for a cannabis retail business, located at 1409 Needles Highway and 113 Needles Highway, in the C-2 General Commercial Zone, APN 0185-066-19-0000 and 0185-066-23-0000 was pulled by applicant

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, Belt and Longacre
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Williams
Abstain: Councilmember Longacre on Item 10

- 4) Approved the Warrants Register through March 8, 2022
- 5) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-27 for tax defer member paid CalPERS contributions – Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 414(H)(2) employer pick-up
- 6) Declared eight (8) miscellaneous golf carts as surplus and authorized staff to advertise for bids with a minimum bid of \$950 each and award to the highest bidder

- 7) Authorized the Mayor to execute a letter to the California Department of Transportation to request a Traffic Study for U.S. Highway 95 South in Needles
- 8) Waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 648-AC intent to comply with Senate Bill 1383 Regulations of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) organics law requirements
- 9) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-28 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 March 16, 2022 – April 15, 2022, pursuant to provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act
- 10) Accepted TKE Engineer's Proposal for Design Work on Phase II, Water Service & Street Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$32,000 funding in Fiscal Year 2022 Public Works Water Service & Street Improvement Project and authorized staff to issue a new task in the existing agreement between the City and TKE for said work
- 11) Authorized the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Needles and the County of San Bernardino for Needles Hwy. Improvements Segment 1C from David Drive North to 0.1 mile north of Not'cho Road, city's share of costs to be funded by San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Major Local Highways Program (MLHP) and Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- 12) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-25 opposing Initiative #21-0042A1 which limits voters' input and local taxing authority

End of Consent

- 13) Authorize attendance at the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) Event at the Las Vegas Convention Center on May 22-24, 2022

City Manager Daniels reported.

Councilmembers Campbell, Merritt and Evans volunteered to attend.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – none

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – City Manager Daniels reported

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell inquired when the fire damaged house on Walnut would be taken care of and concerns regarding Highway 95 from San Clemente to Spikes Road.

Councilmember Evans - None

Councilmember Merritt asked about placing slats in the overpass fence for backyard privacy to residential neighborhood and staff is doing an excellent job.

Vice Mayor Paget announced Ray Wolfe visited our city last week. Chief Ross Tarangle dedicated the meeting to his Ukrainian grandparents and to say a prayer for the children and families at war.


Councilmember Belt is very excited about the park and road improvements and thanked staff for everything they do.

Councilmember Longacre inquired about cleaning up the arrow weeds at the beaches and realigning the K Street and River Road intersection and thanked all those who participated in redirecting traffic and saving the driver of the freeway accident.

City Manager Daniels announced former employee Marc Richards passed away and Fire Engine #1 will be completely restored in his memory.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:


Vice Mayor Paget


City Clerk Jones