

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Vice Mayor Paget

ROLL CALL – Present: Councilmembers Merritt, Evans, Paget, Belt, Longacre (via Teams); Absent; Councilmember Campbell and Mayor Williams.

Also present were City Attorney John Pinkney (via Teams), City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, and City Clerk Dale Jones.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Vice Mayor Paget recessed the meeting to executive session at 5:50 pm

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and/or (3): one potential case
- b) Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6- Personnel - Agency Representative City Manager Rick Daniels - Employee Organizations: Teamsters Local 1932

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Report given by City Attorney John Pinkney – No reportable action.

CALL TO ORDER – City Council/NPUA Regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL – previously taken

Excused absence:

Councilmember Merritt moved, seconded by Councilmember Belt to excuse the absence of Councilmember Campbell and Mayor Williams. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

INVOCATION – Given by Vice Mayor Paget

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Councilmember Merritt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Councilmember Merritt moved, seconded by Councilmember Longacre to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Councilmember Longacre declared a conflict of interest on public hearing items 1 & 2 because he works in the cannabis industry.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Former Councilmembers Tim Terral and Shawn Gudmundson

CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures – Given by City Attorney John Pinkney

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approving a Conditional Use Permit adding a 28,601 square foot building to the existing 3,933 square foot building for cannabis cultivation totaling 32,534 square feet located at 211 Balboa Place, APN 0660-081-27-0000 in the C-3 Zone: Applicant Lamont Wolsey **continued to November 8, 2022**

- 2) Public hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approving an amendment to Resolution No. 2021-52 reducing the cannabis cultivation area by 2,511 square feet and adding a 2,399 square foot retail cannabis business located at 2701 Columbus Drive, APN 0660-081-30-0000 in the C-3 Zone **continued to November 8, 2022**

Both Public Hearing Items 1 and 2 were continued due to a lack of quorum (Councilmember Longacre recused himself due to a conflict of interest because he works in the cannabis industry).

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

- 3) Approved the Warrants Register through October 25, 2022
- 4) Waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 655-AC amending Chapter 12 "Licenses" of the Needles Municipal Code adding Section 12-56-1 "Mobile Food Vendors" (2nd reading – adopt)
- 5) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2022-73 dispensing with competitive bidding due to an emergency and accept Pacific Hydrotech Corporation's proposal to design and construct the Well No. 11 Treatment Plant Upgrade project for a lump sum amount of \$5,759,400 and authorize staff to execute the Design/Build Agreement between the City & Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for said work
- 6) Accepted Change Order #1 to the Public Works Agreement with Cora Constructors, Inc. for the Lillyhill Water Booster Pump Station project and award of Bid Alternate No. 2 resulting in an increase to the contract in the amount of \$12,869.75 for a new total contract amount of \$2,099,644.75 and authorize staff to execute said change order
- 7) Accepted Change Order #1 to the Public Works Agreement with Cora Constructors, Inc. for the "L" Street Water Booster Pump Station project resulting in an increase to the contract of \$18,561.75 for a new total contract amount of \$857,256.75 and authorize staff to execute said change order
- 8) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2022-72 authorizing the City Manager or his designee, the Community Services Manager, to purchase one (1) 18-Passenger Transit Vehicle for use by the Needles Area Transit
- 9) Accepted TKE Engineer's Proposal to provide Professional Engineering Services for the design of the Phase IV Street Improvements and Water Service Replacement project in the amount not to exceed \$42,000 and authorize staff to execute a new task between City and TKE Engineer's for said work

End of Consent

Public Appearance

Maryann Jones distributed the Needles Museum Historical Calendar.

The new Dean of Palo Verde College distributed a calendar of upcoming events.

San Bernardino Sheriff representative Misty Hunt announced upcoming events.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – City Attorney Pinkney reported that new councilmembers, once elected, will be subject to Brown Act Laws immediately and reviewed elected officials obligations.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – City Manager Daniels reported.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell – absent for meeting, arrived at 6:27 p.m. - no requests.

Councilmember Evans – No requests

Councilmember Merritt – No requests

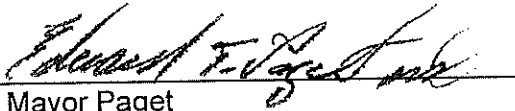
Vice Mayor Paget – Thanked Councilmember Belt for the Golf Tournament to raise awareness for dyslexia. Requested vector control be contacted regarding mosquitos. Mentioned that the greenhouse would be open on Halloween Weekend Friday and Saturday from 6pm – 9pm.

Councilmember Belt – Reported on the success of the golf tournament and thanked all who donated and participated.

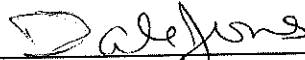
Councilmember Longacre – Asked about the status of the sundial at the cemetery. Commented on the vandalism at the train park on the train car and requested repairs and painting of the train car. Also requested the palm trees along the fence be trimmed and cleaned up.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Mayor Paget adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm

ATTEST:



Vice Mayor Paget



Dale Jones CMC, City Clerk

