



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026, AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Chair Wright called for a vote to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bosboom.

Commissioner Bosboom's excused absence was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom
Abstain: None

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Owen Long
Commissioner Barbara Beard
Commissioner Joe Payson
Chair Michael Wright
Commissioner Kevin Ostby
Commissioner Allen Cox

ABSENT

Commissioner Will Bosboom

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Wright acknowledged Mayor Jernigan in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Candace Clark administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning Commissioner Allen Cox.

PRESENTATIONS

1. City Planner Romero presented a PowerPoint on Planning Commission roles and responsibilities

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of December 3, 2026

Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard, to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom
Abstain: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Long asked about Form 700 filing requirements. City Clerk responded.

Commissioner Beard expressed concern about the tribal contractors who are installing fiber optics and asked staff about easement rights. City Manager Martinez responded.

Commissioner Payson had no requests.

Commissioner Ostby announced that he will be retiring and his last meeting will be on March 4, 2026.

Commissioner Cox spoke about egress, right of way and Public Utility Easement (PUE) rights, in response to Commissioner Beard's questions.

Chair Wright reported on the museum and encouraged residents to visit.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Report for the weeks of January 16 and 23, 2026, given by City Manager Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Ostby. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM


Chair Michael Wright


City Clerk Candace Clark