

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES**

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023  
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM**

**THE 5:00 P.M. PORTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED BY THE CITY CLERK TO 5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Council Member Ellen Campbell  
Council Member Jamie McCorkle  
Mayor Janet Jernigan  
Council Member JoAnne Pogue  
Council Member Tona Belt  
Council Member Henry Longbrake  
Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt arrived at 5:44 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** - None

**RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING**

**RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:33 pm

Council Member Pogue recused herself from Executive Session Item a because her son, who lives with her, works for the facility in question.

- a. NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) One Potential Case  
No reportable action
- b. 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** - Given by John Pinkney, as noted above

**ADJOURNED THE JOINT NPUA / COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENED THE COUNCIL MEETING** at 6:01 pm

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Jernigan  
INVOCATION given by Council Member Campbell  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake, and Vice Mayor Merritt  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Council Member Pogue recused herself from Executive Session Item a because her son, who lives with her, works for the facility in question.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Bullhead City Council Member Dan Alfonzo, Former Council Members Tim Terral and Shawn Gudmundson

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary Procedures given by John Pinkney

## PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Shiela Miller said that local residents should not have to pay to use Jack Smith Park; reported trash at Jack Smith Park and asked that the city keep up with beautifying the park and removing trash, especially after weekends.

Jared Johnston reported that some of the boarded up motels need some plywood replaced and that there is graffiti on some of them; expressed concern on the negative effect of cannabis properties driving up the price of land and buildings and is concerned that this will cause properties to sit vacant.

Pastor Jim Jones spoke about El Garces and Santa Fe Park being separate entities and asked about the management of each; he requested bathrooms be put at Santa Fe Park.

Wayne Colburn gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and reported that he met with Needles Tourism and both parties agreed that the Needles Tourism group will continue to run the event center at El Garces and handle the tours – they will provide the Chamber with a monthly report.

Judy Thornton announced that Spike will celebrate his 48<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 13 at the museum; Our Town magazine is going to highlight Needles in their August issue; Needles Tourism is sponsoring a pancake breakfast in Santa Fe Park and the El Garces on November 11, 2023.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing held - noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approval of Resolution No. 2023-41 Membership Rate Change at Rivers Edge Golf Course  
 Staff Report given by City Manager Rick Daniels and Golf Pro JJ DeLeon  
 Council asked questions of staff and minimal discussion ensued  
 Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:23 pm  
 Public Comment - None  
 Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm  
 Council Discussion / Deliberation - None  
 Motion made by Council Member McCorkle, second by Council Member Campbell to approve Resolution No. 2023-41 amending Resolution No. 2022-26 at the Rivers Edges Golf Course establishing a new membership rate structure. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake, and Vice Mayor Merritt  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: None
2. Public hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against a request by Armen Ghadimian a representative of NAAR Capital, LLC for approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the Conversion of a Motel to Residential Dwelling Units located in the General Commercial Land Use/Zone, at 644 W Broadway Street (Imperial 400), APN 0186-111-23-0000 **was pulled by applicant**

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, second by Council Member Longbrake, to approve Items 3 through 8 on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake, and  
Vice Mayor Merritt  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

3. Approved the Warrants Register through June 27, 2023
4. Approved the Minutes of June 13, 2023
5. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-40 authorizing destruction of certain city records pursuant to Government Code Section 34090
6. Accepted Change Order No. 1 for work to be completed by Phillips Excavating Inc. On the K Street Underpass project in the amount of \$17,800; authorized staff to execute change order and File a Notice of Completion with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office
7. Awarded the base bid for the Duke Watkins Park Improvements to Three Peaks Corp. for a total bid amount of \$2,283,700.55 and a total project cost of \$2,333,700.55 including \$50,000 contingency using Statewide Park Development Revitalization) Program funding and authorized staff to execute A Public Work Agreement with the Contractor and issue a Notice of Award and notice to Proceed
8. Awarded the base bid for the Marina Park First Beach (Bob Belt Beach Park) to Three Peaks Corp. for a total bid amount of \$1,864,588.48 and a total project cost of \$1,914,588.48 including \$50,000 contingency using State of California Clean California Grant funds and authorized staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with the Contractor and issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed

**END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR****REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS**

9. Accepted a Notice of Completion for work completed by Brack Construction Inc. for the Neighborhood Beautification Program at 1324 and 1332 Larchwood Street, 207 and 115 Monterey Avenue, 233 223 (corrected DJ) Spruce Street, and 4 Crestview Drive and authorized a Notice of Completion to record with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office

City Manager Rick Daniels gave staff report. Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez showed before and after pictures of homes that benefited from the program, and several resident participants spoke about the work that was done under the program and its positive impact on their lives:

Rita Gillmartin – 1332 Larchwood Street - spoke about how grateful she is to have gotten a new roof and thanked city staff for this program.

Nora Tallman – 115 Monterey Avenue - thanked the city for fixing the stucco and painting her house, landscaping, installing gates and a new garage door.

Cynthia Melvin – 207 Monterey Avenue - received new windows, paint and repairs to the house, and a new fence in her front yard. She expressed thanks to city staff for making this possible.

Kim Rodriguez – 4 Crestview - was very thankful to the city for fixing the slope of her back yard, installing a fence, fixing the stucco and painting the house. Her family can use the backyard again.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Merritt, second by Council Member Campbell to accept a Notice of Completion for work completed by Brack Construction Inc. for the Neighborhood Beautification Program at 1324 and 1332 Larchwood Street, 207 and 115 Monterey Avenue, 223 Spruce Street, and 4 Crestview Drive and authorize a Notice of Completion to record with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

John Pinkney had nothing to report

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Given by Rick Daniels

#### **COUNCIL REQUESTS**

**Council Member Campbell** spoke about the success of the Hampton Inn Grand Opening; reported that addresses need to be posted on all homes; requested the tree on the SE corner of B and Cibola be trimmed; announced that a memorial for Zach Lopez will be held on July 7 at 10am at the cemetery, followed by a reception at the Riverfront Cafe at Rainbo Beach.

**Council Member McCorkle** asked about the graffiti vandal and suggested part of the punishment be community service cleaning up such graffiti; asked for monthly reporting of the sheriff's activity related to number of crimes and types of crimes; reported that River Road needs to be widened and repaired; thanked city staff for facilitating the repair/smoothing on the bridge

**Vice Mayor Merritt** attended the Tri State Health Clinic Grand Opening and spoke about the benefits of the clinic, their location and their services.

**Council Member Pogue** reported she received a call from a citizen trying to do community service and was hitting road blocks - referring her to Rick; spoke about the success of the Hampton Inn Grand Opening and reported that the county building sprinklers are still operating during the hottest times of the day.

**Council Member Belt** reported that there are many activities for kids during the summer in Needles; Pool and Rec Center and Summer Golf Camp.

**Council Member Longbrake** reported a resident on Downey street complained about very erratic water bills; reported Jack Smith Park trash isn't being emptied on weekends; thanked Sheriff for handing out water to pedestrians.

**Mayor Jernigan** reported on the success of the Hampton Inn Grand Opening; attended the Bullhead City Rotary Club and reported that they are interested in collaborating with the city of Needles in a joint marketing campaign promoting the Colorado River Valley from Bullhead City to Needles; asked for a monthly report on vandalism; received an idea from a citizen to put diagonal parking at Lilly Hill and Mesa Grande.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jernigan declared the regular meeting of the City Council / NPUA held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, adjourned at 7:04 pm

ATTEST:

  
Mayor Janet Jernigan

  
City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC