



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 2023

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
SUCCESSOR AGENCY to the REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**
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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jernigan at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Janet Jernigan, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt; Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present City Manager Rick Daniels; Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

INVOCATION

Given by Councilmember Pogue

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Merritt seconded by Council Member Campbell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Council Member Longbrake declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item #3 because he participated in the program.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Former Council Member Tim Terral was in attendance.

CITY ATTORNEY Pinkney reviewed Parliamentary procedures

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Dave Holbrook spoke about citations received from Code Enforcement Officer Chavez regarding his residence and believes the citations are unjustified. City Manager Rick Daniels said he would research the matter.

Judy Thornton, Needles Tourism, gave an update on coming events – Route 66 Film Festival, free admission. Rodeo is scheduled for March 31. Rail Cams have been approved, and Go Nomad travel online magazine featuring Needles as a destination spot.

INTERVIEWS

- 1) Interviews held and appointments made to the Planning Commission, Board of Public Utilities, Parks & Recreation and Cemetery Advisory Commission.

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to re-appoint Barbara Beard and Bob Rath to the Planning Commission. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Council Member Merritt moved, second by Council Member Belt to re-appoint Phil LeJeune to the Board of Public Utilities. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Merritt to re-appoint Casey Pletcher to Parks & Recreation. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to re-appoint Wilma Baldwin to the Cemetery Advisory Board. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Housing Authority appointments were postponed pending further information.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2) Public hearing noticed to consider a request by Mr. Michael West for approval of a Tentative Tract Map #20478 located in the CRR (Commercial, Residential, Resort) zone located at 429 N. K Street, Needles, APN 0185-058-15-0000, 0185-067-15-0000, 0660-307-13-0000, 0185-067-20-0000, 0185-109-48-0000 and 0186-021-01-0000 **was continued to January 24, 2023**

RECESSED THE COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A SARDA MEETING at 6:17 PM
(Roll Call previously taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SARDA ITEM - None

- 3) Resolution No. 01-10-2023-SARDA approving amendments to policies for the implementation and administration of the Neighborhood Beautification Program and approving certain related actions. City Manager Daniels reported.

Member Campbell moved, second by Member McCorkle to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 01-10-2023-SARDA approving amendments to policies for the implementation and administration of the Neighborhood Beautification Program and approving certain related actions. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue and Belt

Noes: None

Absent: Member Longbrake (left the room due to potential conflict)

ADJOURN THE SARDA MEETING AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:20 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS

Pam Frost complained about her utility bill and how the office staff is treating her. City Manager Daniels reported that \$434 has been deducted from her bill and will follow up tomorrow.

Frank Aiello asked that the utility billing office review his bill and informed council her was treated nicely by staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Merritt to approve the consent calendar items as recommended. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 4) Approved the warrants registers of December 27, 2022, and January 10, 2023
- 5) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-06 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 January 16, 2023 – February 15, 2023, pursuant to provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act

End of Consent

- 6) Review of the Economic Development Program funded by 10% of the tax revenues received from cannabis businesses.

Staff report given by City Manager Rick Daniels and discussion ensued regarding various policy options. Bob Rath voiced his opinion that the applicant should have a business plan. Barbara Beard voiced her opinion that this fund's purpose is to encourage non cannabis businesses to open and decisions could be subjective. Tim Terral it is a struggle to open a small business and matching grants might be an option. Shawn Gudmundson voiced his concern about setting to many regulations to participate and people may walk away.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Longbrake to have staff review and adjust the Economic Development Program applicant and disbursement criteria. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 7) Authorized those interested in attending the Lower Colorado River Tour March 8 – 10, 2023, using funds from the All American Canal and Water Department accounts
City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to authorize Council Members Pogue, Campbell and Longbrake to attend the Lower Colorado River Tour March 8 – 10, 2023, using funds from the All American Canal and Water Department accounts. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

City Manager Daniels reported on items 8 through 12.

- 8) Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Merritt to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 appointing Council Member McCorkle as primary representative and Council Member Longbrake as alternate to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 9) Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Pogue to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-02 appointing Mayor Jernigan as delegate and Council Member Pogue as

alternate to represent the City of Needles at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 10) Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member McCorkle to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 appointing Mayor Jernigan as the City of Needles representative and Vice Mayor Merritt as alternate to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 11) Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Longbrake to waive the reading and adopt Resolution Number 2023-04 appointing Council Member Belt as City of Needles Director and Mayor Jernigan and Council Member McCorkle as alternates to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 12) Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member McCorkle to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 appointing Council Member Campbell as the primary delegate and Council Member Pogue as alternate to the Mojave Desert & Mountain Integrated Waste Joint Powers Authority Board who will also serve as the delegate and alternate to the Solid Waste Advisory Task-Force (SWATF). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 13) Assigned members to the Budget Committee for FY 2024 budget
City Manager Daniels reported.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to assign Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Merritt and Council Member Belt to the Budget Committee for FY 2024 budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 14) Development Management Group, Inc's Economic Investment Marketing and Branding Strategic Plan (2022-2025) and grocery store recruitment update.

City Manager Daniels reported. A PowerPoint presentation was given by Michael Bracken.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT given by City Attorney Pinkney

CITY MANAGERS REPORT given by City Manager Rick Daniels

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell asked about the freeway signs that are not lit.

Councilmember McCorkle reported that she received a complaint about the golf course grass being too high.

Vice Mayor Merritt inquired about the marijuana smell in various parts of town.

Councilmember Pogue inquired about street lights on Clary and Lilly Hill.

Councilmember Belt thanked the local non-profits for all the holiday season events and gift donations for the kids.

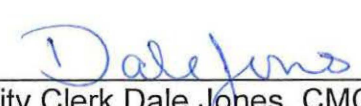
Councilmember Longbrake commented on the success of the Sheriff's Christmas event for the kids; raised concern over the cannabis smell; asked about looking into the possibility of allowing an exemption for contractors who are licensed in our border states (Arizona and Nevada), allowing them to conduct work here in Needles.

Mayor Jernigan brought up concerns about the Run for the Wall event and the cost of providing city services.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Merritt at 5:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt; Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue (arrived at 5:22 PM), Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING at 5:05 PM

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Councilmember Belt to grant an excused absence for Mayor Jernigan. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:06 PM

Councilmember Jamie McCorkle recused herself from Executive Session Item (a) due to a potential conflict.

- a) NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) (one case: Rio Buena Vista Assoc. Et. Al. v. City of Needles: Case Number CIVSB 2028439)
- b) COUNCIL: Conference with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). (one potential matter)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney Pinkney announced there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNED THE JOINT MEETING AND RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:18 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Merritt at 6:18 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt; Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

INVOCATION - Given by Vice Mayor Merritt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Councilmember McCorkle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Pogue, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve the agenda. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Council Member Campbell declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item #5 because she lives on Desnok.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Mayor Merritt acknowledged former Vice Mayor Edward Paget, and former Council Members Tim Terral and Shawn Gudmundson who were in attendance.

CITY ATTORNEY Pinkney reviewed Parliamentary procedures.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Pastor James Jones expressed condolences for Mayor Jernigan's loss of her husband. He also informed council there is a street light out on Bush Street and the intersection at Vine and R Streets are not being controlled.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Public hearing held - noticed to consider a request by Michael West for approval of Tentative Tract Map #20478 located in the CRR (Commercial, Residential, Resort) zone located at 429 N. K Street, APNs 0185-058-15-0000, 0185-067-15-0000, 0660-307-13-0000, 0185-067-20-0000, 0185-109-48-0000 and 0186-021-01-0000

Staff Report and PowerPoint presentation was given by Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez. Applicant Jeff West reviewed the project and discussion ensued.
 Vice Mayor Merritt opened the public hearing at 6:46 PM
 Applicant Jeff West responded to Councils inquiries.
 Barbara Beard and Tim Terral commented in favor of the project stating it will be a boost for the city and bring needed housing.
 Pastor James Jones commented in favor, with one concern about possible increased OHV traffic.
 Teresa Bernard stated she lives on K street and is concerned about rear access to her property being blocked by this project and possible property tax increase.
 Vice Mayor Merritt closed the public hearing at 6:57 PM

Council Member Belt moved, second by Councilmember Campbell to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 approving a 60 lot Tentative Tract Map No. 20478 for 58 single-family townhomes/recreational vehicle pads located at 429 N. K Street, APNs 0185-058-15-0000, 0185-067-15-0000, 0660-301-13-0000, 0185-067-20-0000, 0185-109-48-0000, and 0186-021-01-0000 and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstained Councilmember Campbell abstained from voting on #5 due to a potential conflict.

- 2) Approved the warrants registers of January 24, 2023
- 3) Approved Amendment to Contract Number 21-390 A1 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement between San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and the City of Needles through June 30, 2027 and authorized the city manager to execute amendment
- 4) Approved exclusive three (3) year purchase of Douglas Fir Power Poles through Stella-Jones for FY 23, FY 24 and FY 25 not to exceed \$100,000 annually using funds from the Electric Operation and Maintenance budget
- 5) Extended the existing Electrical General Services Contract working under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program with Petrelli Electric for an additional three (3) years to expire March 2026 to complete the electric system improvements and approve Tasks No. 4 and No. 5 relating to the power pole replacement program, at a total cost not to exceed \$670,000 to be funded with electric system asset replacement funds
- 6) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-07 prioritizing and approving the dollar amount of Needles eligible projects for Community Development Block Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- 7) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-09 authorizing application and receipt of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program Funds relating to housing and community development
- 8) Awarded bid from Final Touch Construction & Design, Inc. for Bid Alternate No. 1 for a total amount of \$70,688, total project cost \$77,756 including the 10% contingency, and authorize staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed using funds from the Admin Facility Property Capital Buildings Fund

End of Consent

- 9) Resolution No. 2023-08 amending Resolution No. 2021-68 approving an updated Economic Development Program funded by 10% of the tax revenues received from cannabis businesses

Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez gave the staff report and considerable discussion ensued. Public comments made by Tim Terral, Barbara Beard and Shawn Gudmundson voicing opinions on what should be reviewed and/or changed.

Councilmember Longbrake moved to **table** the item, seconded by Councilmember Campbell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT

City Attorney John Pinkney had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez gave a report.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell offered condolences to Mayor Jernigan for the loss of her husband and reported on the success of the courthouse grand opening.

Councilmember McCorkle reported that she has received many complaints about the traffic backing up and blocking the intersection at the bridge crossing.

Councilmember Merritt requested palm trees and weeds be cleaned by Center for Change; commented on the courthouse grand opening, the Lilly Hill booster station groundbreaking, and requested an update from the Chamber of Commerce at the next meeting.

Councilmember Pogue had no requests.

Councilmember Belt inquired about what options the homeless have and asked about organizing a city-wide cleanup for the upcoming Earth Day.

Councilmember Longbrake requested the graffiti around town be cleaned up/covered up, reiterated the issue at the bridge crossing intersection and suggested tickets be issued to those blocking the intersection.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

ATTEST:



Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt



City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 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 5:01 PM by Mayor Jernigan

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt; Council Members Ellen Campbell (arrived at 5:06 PM), Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt (arrived at 5:03 PM), and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING at 5:01 PM

CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – None

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:03 PM

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
In re: City of Needles v. Jean E. Jones, et al. - 1202 W. Broadway, California Superior Court-County of San Bernardino (Case No. CIVSB2116334)
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
In re: City of Needles v. Khilia Scroggins, et al. – 1921 Rio Vista, California Superior Court-County of San Bernardino (Case No. CIVSB2130671)
- c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
In re: City of Needles v. Jonathan & Linda Rivera, et al. California Superior Court-County of San Bernardino (Case No. CIVDS2022575)
- d) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) One (1) potential case
- e) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). (one potential case).
- f) NPUA/COUNCIL: - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) one potential case

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney John Pinkney stated there was no reportable action taken on items a, b, c, e, and f. Item d there was reportable as follows:

Councilmember Campbell moved, second by Councilmember McCorkle to move forward with the receivership process against the River Valley Inn. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

INVOCATION was given by Mayor Jernigan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Councilmember Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Jernigan asked to move item 17 from the consent calendar to regular items.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CORRESPONDENCE – City Clerk Dale Jones announced correspondence received from Ruth Musser-Lopez regarding her concerns with the General Plan item #6.

INTRODUCTIONS – None

CITY ATTORNEY Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Judy Thornton, Needles Tourism, gave an update on coming and current events.

Jared Johnston asked about the light at Casa Linda & Lilly Hill, reported a light out on Larchwood and reported that the off ramps will be undergoing work by CalTrans and that the Havasu/Topock bridge will be down to one lane.

Julie Bigham gave report on the Housing Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NPUA/ COUNCIL ITEMS - None

NPUA / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR: Member/Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Member/Councilmember Longbrake to approve the consent calendar items as recommended. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members/Council Members Jernigan, Merritt, Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 1) Awarded Bid to Phillips Excavating, Inc. for the installation portion of the Water Meter Replacement Project in the amount of \$561,306 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$617,437 and authorize staff to execute the Public Works Agreement with Phillips Excavating, Inc. and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 2) Approved Task No. 6 with Petrelli Electric to replace poles in alley between Coronado and Balboa under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program to complete the Electric System Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$202,000 using funds from The Electric System Asset Replacement Fund
- 3) Approved installation of streetlights on the east side of Clary Drive in the amount of \$16,192.36 using the electric asset replacement funds or include the streetlights in the ATP project scope for the west side

End of Consent

- 17) Resolution No. 2023-12 authorizing the City Council to assume the governing body responsibilities for the Needles Housing Authority

City Manager Daniels reported and considerable discussion ensued. Julie Bigham. Housing Authority, reported. Barbara Bead voiced her concern that there could be a conflict between the city and the Housing Authority. City Deputy Attorney Lena Wade addressed legal concerns and referenced laws that address city councils taking over housing authorities. She will be involved in the transition as legal counsel.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Pogue to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 authorizing the City Council to assume the governing body responsibilities for the Needles Housing Authority Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR ITEMS

- 4) NPUA/Council – Adopted the proposed revised NPUA budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, NPUA Resolution 02-14-2023-NPUA amending Resolution 06-14-2022-NPUA City Manager Daniels reported.

Member/Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Member/Councilmember Merritt to waive the reading and adopt the proposed revised NPUA budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, NPUA Resolution 02-14-2023-NPUA amending Resolution 06-14-2022-NPUA. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members/Councilmembers Jernigan, Merritt, Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

RECESS THE JOINT NPUA / COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING at 6:55 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS

Ruth Musser-Lopez commented that after the Planning Commission meeting the General Plan designation for the Pioneer Cemetery was changed and requested that the adjacent flood control lot next to the freeway be considered open space.

- 5) Chamber of Commerce update on Visitor Center given by Board President Mark Orr and a review of upcoming events. Discussion ensued regarding the events, utilities and rent, Visitor Center and if they have a business plan. Mark Orr informed council that the Chamber is in the process of transitioning from a Board directed group to an Executive Director run Chamber that is advised by a board.
- 6) General Plan Study Session amending the City Code and Land Use Map associated with the General Plan Update and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Initial Study

Staff report given by City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez and Colin Drukker from PlaceWorks gave a presentation. Discussion ensued

PUBLIC HEARING

- 7) Public hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against amending Chapter 8, Finance, Article II, Section 8-9 Purchasing
 Staff Report given by City Manager Rick Daniels
 Council questions of staff - none
 Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:36 PM
 Public Comment – none
 Mayor to close the public hearing at 7:37 PM
 Council Discussion / Deliberation - None

Councilmember Pogue moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve for introduction Ordinance No. 658-AC amending Chapter 8 Finance, Article II, Section 8-9 Purchasing. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mayor Jernigan pulled consent calendar item 11 for discussion,. Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Pogue to approve the remaining consent calendar items as recommended. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 8) Approved the warrants registers of February 14, 2023
- 9) Awarded bid to John Simmons Roofing for Bid Alternate No. 2 for roof improvements at 817 Third Street in the amount of \$144,350 with a total project cost of \$158,785 which includes a 10% contingency using \$122,048 from the Admin Facility Property Capital Buildings Fund and the remainder of \$36,737 from General Fund Reserves and authorized staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 10) Accepted the proposal from the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe (FMIT) exclusively to provide Cultural Resource Monitoring during construction activities at the Lillyhill Water Booster Pump Station site not to exceed \$30,611.40 using funds from the California State Water Resources Control Board grant and authorized staff to issue a purchase order without the benefit of a competitive bid process
- 12) Authorized a one-time transfer of \$187,844.01 into the Water Infrastructure account and allocate \$7,700 to Needles Tourism, \$13,000 to Fire House Ministries and \$10,000 to the Needles Rodeo Association to be funded by the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation
- 13) Waive the second reading and adopted Resolution 2023-11 changing the Planning Commission Meetings to every 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM effective February 28, 2023
- 14) Approved a letter from the Mayor supporting Legislation SB14 to include human trafficking as a serious and violent crime under California law
- 15) Approved additional fees of \$7,500 to BNSF Railway Company in accordance with the Barrier for Underpass Agreement and Easement Agreement for the K Street Barrier project

End of Consent

- 11) Accept the proposal submitted by Cyle George and Gabriel Pecina for the Public Art Mural(s) to be painted within the bowls of the Skate Park for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 using funds from the general fund reserves and authorize staff to issue a purchase order.
 Mayor Jernigan pulled from Consent for discussion on details of pictures and logos used, copy right laws, and concerns of tagging. After considerable discussion, City Manager Rick Daniels agreed to follow up on the details of the design specifics on this item.

Councilmember Campbell moved, second by Councilmember Longbrake to accept the proposal, with input and direction. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

- 16) Destination 66 Mixed Use Development Agreement and Option update between the city and Ashot Minasian for property generally located at the north west corner of W. Broadway and G Street, APN's 0186-095-04-0000 and 0186-095-03-0000

Assistant City Manager Martinez reported. Considerable discussion ensued.

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Longbrake to address the contract options during executive session at the next meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 18) Authorized those interested to attend the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) Event at the Las Vegas Convention Center on May 21-23, 2023 using funds from the travel per diem account

Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member Merritt to authorize Mayor Jernigan, Council Members Campbell, Merritt, McCorkle and Longbrake to attend the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) Event at the Las Vegas Convention Center on May 21-23, 2023 using funds from the travel per diem account Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 19) Authorize those interested to attend the League of California Cities Desert Mountain Division meeting scheduled for February 17, 2023, in Apple Valley using funds from the travel per diem account

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Merritt to authorize Council Members Campbell, Pogue and Longbrake to attend the League of California Cities Desert Mountain Division meeting scheduled for February 17, 2023, in Apple Valley using funds from the travel per diem account Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – City Attorney Pinkney reported.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – City Manager Rick Daniels reported.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell reported on the League of California Cities Academy she recently attended. She also mentioned events happening over the upcoming weekend.

Councilmember McCorkle reported on the League of California Cities Academy she recently attended.

Councilmember Merritt talked about the events happening over the upcoming weekend and requested a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Pogue reported on the League of California Cities Academy she recently attended and commented on our representation in Sacramento. She also thanked city staff for addressing the lighting on the power poles.

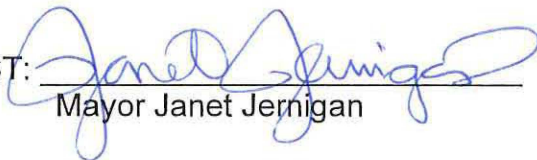
Councilmember Belt spoke about the Women's Club sponsoring a CPR class and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilmember Longbrake reported on the League of California Cities Academy he recently attended and said he is happy to see more events happening in Needles.

Mayor Jernigan reported on the League of California Cities Academy she recently attended. She also asked about addressing the dead palm trees on Bailey by a vacant building.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM

ATTEST:



Mayor Janet Jernigan



City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M. - 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 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Jernigan

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt; Council Members Ellen Campbell, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, and City Clerk Dale Jones. City Attorney John Pinkney attended via Teams teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – None

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:32 pm

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Rajee Kolachana et al. v. City of Needles et al., US Dist. Ct. Case No. EDCV 23-237-SVW (AFM)

EXECUTIVE SESSION –City Attorney Pinkney reported that action was taken on item a as follows:

Motion to pursue defense against existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Rajee Kolachana et al. v. City of Needles et al., US Dist. Ct. Case No. EDCV 23-237-SVW (AFM) was made by Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Pogue and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council McCorkle

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

A motion to excuse the absence of Council Member McCorkle was made by Council Member Campbell, seconded by Vice Mayor Merritt and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

INVOCATION given by Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Pogue, seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CORRESPONDENCE – City Clerk Dale Jones acknowledged a letter submitted by Ruth Musser-Lopez regarding concerns over the general plan. Copies were previously distributed to all Council Members.

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Jernigan acknowledged Commissioner Linda Kidd, former Council Members Shawn Gudmundson and Tim Terral, Commissioner Barbara Beard and former Council Member Ruth Musser-Lopez.

CITY ATTORNEY Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Honey Davis asked the City Council to consider banning black top in the city, due to extreme heat in the summer.

PRESENTATION

- 1) Adopted Resolution No. 2023-17 approving the Proposed Revised Mid- Year City Budget amending Resolution No. 2022-46

Staff report given by City Manager Rick Daniels. Council Member Pogue asked if this budget included hiring another police officer. City Manager Daniels responded that it provides for salary increases for the sheriff's department, but not an additional officer at this time. Continued discussion ensued.

A motion to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-17 approving the Proposed Revised Mid- Year City Budget amending Resolution No. 2022-46 was made by Council Member Belt, seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 2) Public Hearing held - noticed to consider adopting the General Plan, amending the City Code and Land Use Map associated with the General Plan Update, and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Initial Study

Staff Report given by City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Martinez and a PowerPoint presentation was given by Colin Drukker from Placeworks and considerable discussion ensued regarding the Elks request for an 80 foot tower and historic properties.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:48 pm

Public Comments:

Barbara Beard, Planning Commission, informed council that the Planning Commission did not know about the 80 foot tower request and expressed concern that this issue should be considered by the planning commission.

Tim Terral spoke against the tower, stating that this zone change would allow the tower without neighborhood approval nor planning commission or council approval. He stated his view and the neighbors' views would be affected by this tower.

Gayle Broadbeck from the Elk's Lodge spoke in favor of the zone change allowing the tower, stating it would be placed on lower ground and therefore barely visible behind the lodge building. She further stated that the Elk's Lodge has done a lot for the community and it's time for the community to give back.

Leslie Simmons, participating via Teams, voiced concern over the zone change on her property near the airport.

Jeff West, participating on Teams, voiced his opinion that the zone change at the Elk's can be discussed at a later date and spoke in favor of the city's need to be open to growth.

Jerry Telles spoke regarding Leslie's concern over zone changes that could affect her property value as well as others, and questioned her property's viability for development due to the topography.

Shawn Gudmundson spoke in favor of the proposed general plan and this is an ongoing process which can be changed.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:23 pm.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the Elk's Lodge parcel new zoning designation and the proposed 80' Tower, as well as discussion regarding other property zone changes.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-16 approving the Land Use and Transportation Element and approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration / Initial Study and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Land Use and Transportation Elements of the General Plan Update (SCH NO. 2022120053). Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Vice Mayor Merritt to waive the reading and approve for introduction Ordinance No. 659-AC **as amended to include the 80 foot tower zoning** amending the Needles Municipal Code Section 92.00 "Definitions" and Section 93.04 "Commercial Zones" and Section 96.01 "Table of Permissible Uses" and Section 98.00 "Site Dimensions" and Section 99.03 "Table of Minimum Dwelling Unit Floor Area" and Section 99.05 "Height of Structures, Table of height limits nonresidential zones" and Section 99.06.02 "Common Usable Open Space Area" and Section 99.06.05 "Front, Side, Rear Yards, Table of yards required nonresidential zones" and Section 99.06.09 "Courts" and Section 111.04.27 "Downtown Core Parking Requirements" and Sections 12A-6, 12A-7, 12A-9, 12A-10, 12A-11 of the Cannabis Businesses ordinance and rescinding Ordinance 620-AC replacing Chapter VII "Intensity of Uses". Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member Campbell to approve consent items 3, 4, 5 and 7. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

- 3) Approved the warrants registers of February 28, 2023

- 4) Authorized Fiscal Year 2023 Brooks Consulting Electrical Engineering for support services for the Park Moabi and Mohave Line improvements not to exceed \$15,000 to be funded by the electric operations and maintenance budget
- 5) Waived the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 approving participation in the Institute for Local Government's Recognition Program, The Beacon Program, working to build a more vibrant and sustainable community
- 7) Authorize a Client Services Agreement for the integration / technical support for the installation of water meters for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to Wellington Energy, Inc. in the amount of \$35,610 using the water asset replacement fund

End of Consent

- 6) Authorize the city to cosponsor the Run for the Wall in an approximate amount of \$2,000 for providing services.

City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued regarding the funding and the City's role in sponsoring the event; the city will be a co-sponsor with equal billing; inviting all veterans in the tri-state area, providing a public service and the mayors opposition for the use of the restrooms in the El Garces based on previous events. Council spoke in favor of allowing the use the restrooms, stating that other events allow it and there needs to be consistency.

Shawn Gudmundson asked for an accounting of all money raised and spent on the event. Ruth Musser-Lopez question if this is a gift of public funds.

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to authorize the city to cosponsor the Run for the Wall in an approximate amount of \$2,000 for providing services and allow the use of the restrooms in the El Garces. Motion was and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

- 8) Housing Authority Implementation Status
Council Member Campbell asked for an update on the housing authority status. City Manager Rick Daniels gave a report.

REGULAR ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS

- 9) City Manager Daniels reported.
Vice Mayor Merritt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to waive the reading and adopt Ordinance No. 658-AC amending Chapter 8 Finance, Article II, Section 8-9 Purchasing
AND
Waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 excepting utility projects and the purchase of supplies or equipment for any such utilities in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Needles Municipal Code Section 8-9 (e) and (f). Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

- 10) Authorized those interested to attend the League of California Cities Leaders' Summit in Sacramento on April 12-14, 2023 using funds from the travel per diem account.

City Manager Daniels reported

Council Member Longbrake motioned, seconded by Council Member Pogue to authorize Council Members Campbell and McCorkle to attend the League of California Cities Leaders' Summit in Sacramento on April 12-14, 2023 using funds from the travel per diem account. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT was given by City Attorney John Pinkney

CITY MANAGERS REPORT was given by City Manager Rick Daniels

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell – Spoke about the Helen Putney award and acknowledged the passing of Zach Lopez (Zach News) and offered condolences to the family of Marilyn Matthews on their house fire. She commended the fire department and SB County Sheriff's Department Captain Ross Tarangle and former officer Dave Smith for their quick action in getting everyone out safe.

Councilmember Merritt – spoke on budget concerns about too many council members travelling to too many events and suggested there be a limit on the number of people at events.

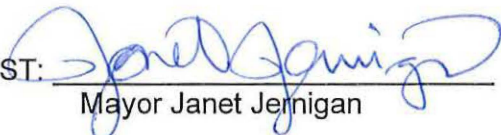
Councilmember Pogue – reported that the flag by the wagon wheel is in bad shape and needs to be replaced: asked about the status of the pedestrian light working at J street and Council Chambers, stating that it wasn't working at the last council meeting.

Councilmember Belt - asked about the acoustics in the gym and when the work that was previously approved would be completed.

Councilmember Longbrake – said he'd received a complaint from someone at the Erin Apartments about a strong marijuana odor and commented on the graffiti around town and voiced concerns about gang symbols.

Mayor Jernigan – reported on the upcoming SB County Resource Fair on March 8 from 10am to 2 pm and encouraged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM

ATTEST: 
 Mayor Janet Jernigan


 City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
 NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
 CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
 TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE LIVE TEAMS MEETING log into the City of Needles website at www.cityofneedles.com to access the agenda and Click here to join the meeting
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt (arrived at 5:09 pm); Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present: City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (A three-minute time limit per person has been established.)

LATE ADD

Councilmember McCorkle announced that she has a potential conflict with the late addition of the Rio Buena Vista Executive Session item because she lives close to the development and did not participate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, second by Councilmember Pogue that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (2) - Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:07 pm

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). (one potential case)
- b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Title of position: City Clerk
- c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Title: City Manager
- d) **Late Add** – Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) (one case: Rio Buena Vista Assoc. Et. Al. v. City of Needles: Case Number CIVSB 2028439)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Report by City Attorney – No reportable action taken.

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

INVOCATION given by Mayor Jernigan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Councilmember Campbell
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Belt, second by Councilmember Longbrake to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Councilmember McCorkle announced that she has a potential conflict with the addition of the Rio Buena Vista Executive Session because she lives close to the development.
 CORRESPONDENCE City Clerk Jones announced communications in opposition to Item No. 12.
 INTRODUCTIONS Mayor announced former Council Members Terral, Kidd and Mayor Williams
 CITY ATTORNEY Parliamentary procedures given.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE – Pastor Jones thanked the council for acting on the Run for the Wall event. Jarod Johnston informed council that he has observed a lot of RV's parked around town. Tim Terral requested item 7 be pulled from consent for further clarification, Mr. Palmer voiced his disappointment of the discussion regarding the veterans and the Run for the Wall event at the last council meeting. Rob Hanson, KTOX, voiced his opinion that the Mayor decision to restrict the use of the El Garces restrooms at the Run for the Wall event was disrespectful to veterans, thanked council for making the right decision and asked for an immediate apology and for her resignation.

- 1) Mayor Jernigan presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Needles Varsity Girls Basketball Team in recognition for outstanding performance competing in the State Championship.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Vice Mayor Merritt pulled item 7 and Councilmember Longbrake pulled item 5 from the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, second by Councilmember McCorkle to approve the following Consent Calendar items. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 2) Approved the warrants register through March 14, 2023
- 3) Approved the minutes of January 10, January 24, February 14 and February 28, 2023
- 4) Approved the Needles Rodeo Association Daily License Application to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Needles Rodeo Association Rodeo, March 31-April 1, 2023 at the Needles Rodeo Grounds
- 6) Accepted Final Change Order #1 for work completed by Christensen Brothers General Engineering Inc on the Phase III Water Service Replacement and Street Improvements Project
- 8) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-20 rescinding Resolution No. 2020-14 Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19)
- 9) A public hearing will be held on March 28 amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Needles Municipal Code adding Article IX Housing Commission (INF)
- 10) Accepted the resignation of Karen "Kippy" Poulson as City Treasurer and direct staff to come back with a recommended replacement

- 11) City Council, acting as the Needles Housing Authority (NHA) Board, accepting the Housing Authority status report and direct the City Manager to finalize the audits for 2020-21 and 2021-22, develop the NHA budgets, develop and submit the Recovery Plan, and apply sufficient comprehensive fiscal controls consistent with the existing city purchasing and personnel policies
- End of Consent

- 5) Accepted the cost increase for Design Services/CEQA Coordination by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the Bridge Rehabilitation Project
- City Manager Daniels reported.

A motion was made by Councilmember Longbrake, second by Councilmember Campbell to accept the cost increase for Design Services/CEQA Coordination by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the Bridge Rehabilitation Project under the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in the amount of \$14,000 using general fund reserves to be reimbursed by a grant administered by Caltrans Program at 88.53%. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 7) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-19
- City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, second by Vice Mayor Merritt to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-19 authorizing a designation for the City of Needles as a Food Desert and direct the city manager to find available grants to assist a private party in building a grocery store.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

- 12) Waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 659-AC
- City Manager Daniels reported, and discussion ensued regarding the process for towers less than 50 feet and greater than 50 feet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, second by Vice Mayor Merritt to waive the reading and adopt Ordinance No. 659-AC amending Municipal Code Section 92.00 "Definitions" and Section 93.04 "Commercial Zones" and Section 96.01 "Table of Permissible Uses" and Section 98.00 "Site Dimensions" and Section 99.03 "Table of Minimum Dwelling Unit Floor Area" and Section 99.05 "Height of Structures, Table of height limits nonresidential zones" and Section 99.06.02 "Common Usable Open Space Area" and Section 99.06.05 "Front, Side, Rear Yards, Table of yards required nonresidential zones" and Section 99.06.09 "Courts" and Section 111.04.27 "Downtown Core Parking Requirements" and Sections 12A-6, 12A-7, 12A-9, 12A-10, 12A-11 of the Cannabis Businesses ordinance and rescinding Ordinance 620-AC replacing Chapter VII "Intensity of Uses".

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 13) Approved letters of Support for Legislation AB462 and SB63
- City Manager Daniels reported. Police Chief Tarangle reported. Mr. Hanson and Pastor Jones spoke in favor of support.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCorkle second by Councilmember Campbell to approve letters of Support for Legislation AB462 creating a pilot program in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange counties to establish and implement overdose response teams of law enforcement officers to combat the ongoing opioid crisis in San Bernardino County communities; and SB63 establishing two new grant programs for counties to develop and expand homeless and mental health courts and financial grant opportunities to county sheriffs and jail administrators providing programs to reduce homelessness among inmates who are released from custody.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT - None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – Report given.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell updated council on the River Tour experience and informed staff that another portion of the cement wall in the S Street Drainage Channel collapsed.

Councilmember McCorkle voiced her opinion that the skate park is amazing and that the city supports the veterans and the Run for the Wall Event.

Vice Mayor Merritt agrees that the skate park is very exciting; concurs with the veterans and thanked Kippy Poulson for her years of service as Treasurer.

Councilmember Pogue spoke about her River Tour experience and announced the Women's Club is having a lunch event this Saturday and is available to the public.

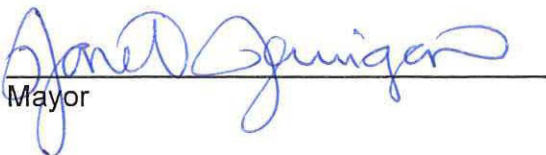
Councilmember Belt apologized if the council offended the veterans, inquired about the Broadway, J St and L St that need to be cleaned up and watered, mentioned weeds need to be addressed, would like to do something for the city volunteers, inquired about forming a community garden, inquired about the recreation gym sound proofing and inquired about the street sweeper schedule.

Councilmember Longbrake thanked the veterans for their service, a recovery center is needed in Needles and asked if there is grant funding available, look into an exemption for contractors working in our city from Arizona and that there are a lot of cars on Balboa so maybe place a no freeway access sign there.

Mayor Jernigan reviewed the success of the Resource Fair and thanked staff members Cheryl Sallis and Jesse Fragoso for their assistance and the Run for the Wall event will be great.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST


 Mayor


 City Clerk

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
 NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
 SUCCESSOR AGENCY to the REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023
 COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt, Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, and City Clerk Dale Jones. City Attorney John Pinkney attended via Teams teleconference.

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING
 CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:02 pm

Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt arrived at 5:08 pm

Council Member McCorkle announced she has a conflict of interest on Executive Session Item a) because she lives too close to Rio Buena Vista.

- a) NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) (one case: Rio Buena Vista Assoc. Et. Al. v. City of Needles: Case Number CIVSB 2028439)

Council Member McCorkle joined executive session at 5:14 p.m.

Council Member Pogue declared a conflict of interest on Executive Session Item b) because her son lives with her and works for the facility in question and left at 5:16 p.m.

- b) NPUA / COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4). (one potential case)

Council Member Pogue rejoined executive session at 5:46 p.m.

- c) Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and San Bernardino County as the potential buyer of a portion of the building located at 1111 Bailey Avenue, APN 0185-221-13-0000. Under negotiations are the price and terms
- d) Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager
- e) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code §54957 - Title of position: City Clerk

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney Pinkney reported that action was taken on item a) as follows:
 Motion to approve a settlement agreement with Rio Buena Vista Assoc. was made by Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

City Attorney announced there was no further action taken.

INVOCATION given by Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Pogue, seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Council Member McCorkle had a conflict of interest on Executive Session Item a) because she lives too close to Rio Buena Vista.

Council Member Pogue declared a conflict of interest on Executive Session Item b) because her son lives with her and works for the facility in question.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Former Council Members Tim Terral and Shawn Gudmundson, Adrian Chavez, and Tribal Council members Colleen Garcia and Nora McDowell

CITY ATTORNEY Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Judy Thornton gave report on Museum and El Garces tours announcing that the Museum will remain open all summer.

Pastor James Jones suggested building restrooms for public use at Santa Fe Park

Jarod Johnston reported on the work being done on the off freeway ramps. He expressed concern over the restrooms at the skate park and ball field being open at night and a harborage for homeless people.

Terry King reported on an upcoming event on April 29 at 1pm at Santa Fe Park where he will be honoring the National Day of Prayer and asked for a Proclamation declaring April 29 the Needles Day of Prayer.

PRESENTATION

- 1) Proclamation presented by Mayor Jernigan to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe representative Colleen Garcia for the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Designation (Spirit Mountain).
- 2) Fort Mojave Telephone, Inc. Broadband presentation given by General Manager Michael Scully
- 3) Chamber of Commerce update on Visitor Center given by Wayne Colburn

ADJOURNED THE JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING AND CONVENE NPUA / SARDA MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:51 pm

- 4) a) Resolution No. 03-28-2023-SARDA and b) Resolution No. 03-28-2023-1-SARDA

A motion to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 03-28-2023-SARDA declaring pursuant to California Government Code §54221 that the real property identified as APN 0186-222-10-0000 (approximately 1.34 acres located near the intersection of I-40 and US-95) is designated as exempt surplus land and not necessary for the Successor Agency's use at this time, finding that such declaration is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act and taking related actions and

Waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 03-28-2023-1-SARDA authorizing the transfer of the real property identified as APN 0186-222-10-0000 to the Needles Public Utility Authority for essential Authority power substation government purposes and approving certain related actions was made by Council Member Belt, second by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Jernigan, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 5) Resolution No. 03-28-2023-NPUA

A motion to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 03-28-2023-NPUA authorizing the acceptance of the transfer of the real property identified as APN 0186-222-10-0000 (approximately 1.34 acres located near the intersection of I-40 and US-95) to the Needles Public Utility Authority from the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Needles for essential Authority power substation government purposes and approving certain related actions was made by Vice Mayor Merritt, second by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Jernigan, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNED THE JOINT NPUA / SARDA MEETING AND RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:56 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6) Public Hearing held -noticed to consider amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Needles Municipal Code adding Article IX, Housing Commission

City Manager Daniels recommended a 5-member commission and responded to council inquiry that staff has been in contact with HUD and they are happy with our progress.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm

Public Comment – none

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm

Council Discussion / Deliberation – none

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to waive the reading and approve for introduction Ordinance No. 660-AC amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Needles Municipal Code adding Article IX, Housing Commission. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member Campbell to approve consent items 7-11, and 13. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 7) Approved the warrants register through March 28, 2023
- 8) Approved the minutes of March 14, 2023
- 9) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-18 approving an Addendum to the agreement with Data Ticket to include the addition of Advanced Collections for Administrative Citations
- 10) Accepted Notice of Completion for work completed by Christensen Brothers General Engineering, Inc on the Phase III Water Service Replacement and Street Improvements Project and authorized a Notice of Completion to be recorded with San Bernardino County Recorder's Office
- 11) Received and Filed the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) Recovery Plan
- 13) Accepted Notice of Completion for work completed by Robinson Electric Company for purchase and installation of LED Field Lighting at Duke Watkins Park as part of the SB-68 grant from California Department of Parks and Recreation and authorized a Notice of Completion to be recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office

End of Consent

- 12) Approve a Third Amendment to the On-Call Consulting Services Agreement between the City and Development Management Group, Inc.

Item pulled for clarification by Council Member McCorkle

Minimal discussion ensued regarding if this was included in the current budget.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Vice Mayor Merritt to approve a Third Amendment to the On-Call Consulting Services Agreement between the City and Development Management Group, Inc. for economic development consulting services in the amount not to exceed \$15,400 from existing budget appropriations and extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2023. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

REGULAR ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - none

- 14) Authorized those interested in attending the Inland Empire Tourism Regional Summit on March 29, 2023

A motion to authorize Mayor Jernigan and Council Member Campbell to attend the Inland Empire Tourism Regional Summit on March 29, 2023, 8:30 am – 1 pm in the Event Center at Bear Springs Hotel was made by Vice Mayor Merritt, seconded by Council Member Longbrake was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – City Attorney Pinkney had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT - City Manager Rick Daniels gave a report.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Campbell asked about marking the restrooms clearly men and women.

Council Member McCorkle requested checking bathrooms at night and making sure they are locked.

Vice Mayor Merritt had no requests.

Council Member Pogue asked about the status of 1st and 2nd beach.

Council Member Belt requested regular cleaning of parks to keep up with trash and suggested a contest where people post selfies while picking up trash and winners get a reward.

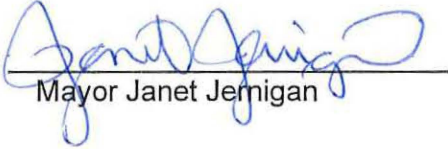
Council Member Longbrake suggested putting a city logo at bottom of pool when it is redone. Also stated there is a street light out on Luna Vista and the flag at the train park is worn and there is no light.


Mayor Jernigan reported on the success of the clean up at Jack Smith Park over the weekend and stated that the bathrooms at El Garces need to remain locked due to previous issues with vandalism and maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, and Henry Longbrake. Also present: City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.

Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt arrived at 5:04 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – None

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:04 pm

Council Member Tona Belt arrived at 5:12 pm and entered executive session.

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Designated Representative: Rick Daniels or his designee. Unrepresented Employee: Successor City Manager Candidate
- b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code §54957 - Title of position: City Clerk

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney Pinkney announced there was no reportable action taken.

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

INVOCATION by Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Belt, seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Council Member Campbell declared a conflict-of-interest on NPUA/Council Item 2 because she lives too close to the project in question.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - None

CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE –

Judy Thornton gave an update on Friends of El Garces and announced the 85 new bricks were set and that there would be a dedication on April 12, 2023, at 1pm.

Jared Johnston thanked the sheriffs' department for their help in finding two lost girls and reported on the semi that crashed into a neighborhood off highway 40; reported on the hazmat cleanup and recommended use of the company Mohave Blue for future hazmat needs.

Pastor Jim Jones mentioned installing bathrooms in Santa Fe Park and encouraged public use of the park; suggested the City take over the El Garces rentals and create an oversight board; expressed interest in participating in the Housing Commission that is being established and informed council he will be at Santa Fe Park on Saturday, April 15 at noon where there will be music and a picnic.

Thomas Bond introduced himself, a resident of Golden Valley, where he owns a small production company and spoke about a project he has been working on in Golden Valley to create a British Village and presented the idea of a river boat in Needles that runs to the London Bridge and creating a bridge port village near Jack Smith Park.

PRESENTATION

- 1) Terri Pilawa, One Legacy Ambassador, shared her organ transplant story and Mayor Jernigan presented her with a proclamation naming April 2023 as National Donate Life Month

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:24 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS - None

NPUA / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Member/Council Member Campbell declared a conflict of interest on item 2 as she lives close to the project address.

- 2) NPUA / COUNCIL: Authorized a change order to Petrelli Electric Inc. to increase the Cibola Alley project by \$30,515 and include a crossarm changeout on 'J' Street for \$45,292, for a total cost of \$75,807 to be funded by the electric asset replacement fund

Member/Council Member Belt moved, seconded by Member/Council Member Merritt to approve NPUA Consent item 2. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member/Council Member Campbell

- 3) NPUA / COUNCIL: Authorized Southwest Groundwater to conduct an evaluation and rehabilitation of well #15 at a total cost not to exceed \$140,000 to be funded by the water department asset replacement fund

Member/Council Member Belt moved, seconded by Member/Council Member Merritt to approve NPUA Consent item 3. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

RECESSED THE JOINT NPUA / CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES (HACN) MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:27 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE HACN / COUNCIL ITEMS – None

- 4) HACN/COUNCIL: Approve the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending 06/30/23 for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles

City Manager Rick Daniels reported. Council inquired about salaries listed in the proposed budget.

Member/Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Member/Council Member Pogue to approve the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending 06/30/23 for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

ADJOURN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES MEETING AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:33 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS – None**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 7 pulled by Council Members Campbell and Merritt for discussion.

Council Member Pogue moved, seconded by Council Member McCorkle to approve consent items 5-6, and 8-10. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 5) Approved the warrants register through April 11, 2023
- 6) Approved the minutes of March 28, 2023
- 8) Waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 660-AC amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Needles Municipal Code adding Article IX, Housing Commission (2nd Reading Adopt)
- 9) Approved Letters of support for Cal Cities sponsored Ballot Measures AB 1708 which increases accountability for repeat theft offenders; 2023-24 State Budget Priorities for Cities to invest \$3 billion in ongoing funding for cities to increase the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness; and opposing State Ballot Measure Restricting Voters' Input and Local Taxing Authority which would decimate vital local and state services
- 10) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-21 approving a categorical exemption for the proposed Fort Mojave Telecommunications Incorporated (FMTI) Fiber Optic Project and directed staff to file the Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State of California, Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, and the San Bernardino County Clerk and authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed FMTI fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) Project and issue the required permits

End of Consent

- 7) Waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-14 approving the appointment of Virginia Tasker as City Treasurer

City Manager Rick Daniels reported. Virginia Tasker was introduced, and she stated she is very excited to begin her position as City Treasurer.

Council Member Merritt moved, seconded by Council Member Longbrake to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-14 approving the appointment of Virginia Tasker as City Treasurer. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS – None

- 11) Authorize those interested in attending the 2023 City / County Conference scheduled for May 18-19, 2023, in Lake Arrowhead

Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Council Member McCorkle to authorize Mayor Jernigan and Council Member Campbell to attend the 2023 City / County Conference scheduled for May 18-19, 2023, in Lake Arrowhead. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – given by City Attorney John Pinkney

CITY CLERKS REPORT – given by City Clerk Dale Jones

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – given by City Manager Rick Daniels

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell – reported that the Rodeo was a magnificent success and thanked the Sheriffs' department for the lunch with law enforcement event.

Councilmember McCorkle – requested a report on the boarded-up motels and inquired about the company that helped with Kingman's downtown revitalization.

Vice Mayor Merritt – applauded the success of the Rodeo

Councilmember Pogue – had no requests.

Councilmember Belt – thanked the Sheriffs' department for helping to locate the two missing girls and reminded everyone to help keep our parks clean.

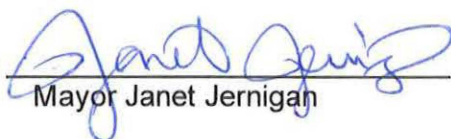
Councilmember Longbrake – commented on the success of the Rodeo and stated he is getting complaints about the cannabis smell on Lilly Hill also there are two streetlights out on Luna Vista.


Mayor Jernigan – thanked all the staff who helped with the Rodeo; reported that she met a promoter for the film festival at the Inland Empire Tourism event and suggested we join the Inland Empire Tourism group; the Easter Egg Hunt at Santa Fe Park hosted by Tri State Community Healthcare was a success and there facility is set to open on June 3, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Council Member Ellen Campbell, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt, Council Members JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones. Council Member McCorkle arrived at 5:35 pm (after Executive Session).

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – None

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:03 pm

- a) Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and San Bernardino County as the potential buyer of a portion of the building located at 1111 Bailey Avenue, APN 0185-221-13-0000. Under negotiations are the price and terms
- b) Conference with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) (one potential matter)
- c) Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and David Longnecker as the potential buyer of a portion of the property described as a 50.66-acre vacant parcel, generally located on Ice Plant Road, APN 0660-031-19-0000. Under negotiations are the price and terms

At 5:26 p.m. Executive Session concluded.

Mayor Jernigan called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney Pinkney announced no reportable action was taken.

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION by Council Member Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Pogue, second by Council Member Longbrake and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Utility Board Commissioner Terry Campbell, City Treasurer Virginia Tasker and Assistant Utility Manager Rainie Torrance

CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE –

Pastor James Jones requested a committee be established to oversee El Garces and suggested a walking tour with displays in the windows showing the history.

Marianne Jones reported on the Museum and the success of tours of El Garces that are conducted by volunteers.

Catherine Travis expressed concern over the approved RV Park and its potential impact on River Road and inquired if an engineering report on the road condition be done prior to construction. She stated that not all residents received the 300' notice.

Sangeeta Vegas, previous owner of River Valley Inn, expressed concern that the City assigned the property over to a Receiver and informed council that the current owner still owes her money.

Mark Hanson expressed concern over the future RV park on River Road.

Jeff West stated that he conducted a CEQA report and a traffic report which concluded there is less than a significant impact for his development and spoke in favor of the future RV Park on River Road.

PRESENTATION

City Manager Rick Daniels reported and Assistant Utility Manager Rainie Torrance gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Biden Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) regarding the Colorado River Basin. Utility Board Chair Terry Campbell spoke about the importance of preserving our Present Perfected Rights. Considerable discussion ensued.

Council Member McCorkle moved, second by Council Member Pogue to recommend the Mayor execute a Priority of Rights Recommendation Letter regarding Present Perfected Rights. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:42 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS - None

NPUA / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Member/Council Member Pogue pulled item 3 for clarification.

Member/Council Member Campbell moved, second by Member/Vice Mayor Merritt to approve NPUA Consent item 2. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

2) NPUA / COUNCIL: Authorized Simon Sewer Maintenance to complete six (6) Manhole Geopolymer Rehabilitations along Front Street to W. Broadway in the amount of \$36,075 utilizing wastewater asset replacement funds
End of Consent

3) NPUA / COUNCIL: Authorized Southwest Groundwater to purchase and replace the pumping equipment for well #15 not to exceed \$64,528 to be funded by the water department asset replacement fund.

Council Member Pogue received clarification that this is an additional expenditure.

Member/Council Member Campbell moved, second by Member/Vice Mayor Merritt to authorize Southwest Groundwater to purchase and replace the pumping equipment for well #15 not to exceed \$64,528 to be funded by the water department asset replacement fund. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

RECESSED THE JOINT NPUA / CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES (HACN) MEETING

(Roll Call previously taken) at 6:45 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE HACN / COUNCIL ITEMS – None

HACN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Member/Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Member/Vice Mayor Merritt to approve HACN Consent items 4 through 6. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member/Council Members Jernigan, Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

- 4) HACN/COUNCIL: Awarded bid to Final Touch Construction for the Needles Housing Authority Windows Replacement Project in the amount of \$408,289 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$449,117 using Housing Authority Capital Funds and authorized staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with Final Touch Construction and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 5) HACN/COUNCIL: Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-26 setting time and place for the regular meetings of the Housing Authority of the City of Needles
- 6) HACN/COUNCIL: Authorized an additional MCW1 position to the authorized position list in the Public Works Department to be reimbursed by Housing Authority funds

ADJOURN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES MEETING AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:46 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 15 pulled by Council Member Longbrake for discussion.

Vice Mayor Merritt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to approve the following consent items 7 - 14, and 16 - 17. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 7) Approved the warrants register through April 25, 2023
- 8) Approved the minutes of April 11, 2023
- 9) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-22 approving a Fifteenth Amendment to and Extension of the License between the City of Needles and Bonnie Baker Senior Center for use of

the kitchen and a portion of the dining area in the Needles Senior Citizens Center during the 2023-2024 fiscal year

- 10) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-23 approving a First Amendment to and Extension of the Agreement to provide operations of a local route deviation transit service between the City of Needles and Transportation Concepts
- 11) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-24 approving a Second Amendment to and Extension of Agreement for Dial-a-Ride and Dial-a-Ride Medical/Shopper Shuttle Pilot Program Services between the City of Needles and Parking Concepts, Inc. dba Transportation Concepts
- 12) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-25 approving a First Amendment to Extend the Lease Agreement (El Garces Unit Lease) between the City of Needles and Parking Concepts, Inc. dba Transportation Concepts for Needles Transit operations
- 13) Accepted a Proposal from TKE Engineering, Inc to Provide Professional Consulting Services for the Development Impact Fee Update for a not to exceed an amount of \$68,400 using funds from the Impact Fee account and authorized staff to execute a new task between City and TKE Engineering for said work
- 14) City of Needles receives Prohousing Designation from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (INF)
- 16) Awarded bid to Tony Cossi Construction for the Recreation Center Purchase & Installation of Acoustical Absorptive Wall Panel Project in the amount of \$143,970.00 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$158,367.00 using general fund reserves and authorized staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with Tony Cossi Construction and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 17) Accepted the proposal from the Chamber of Commerce to manage the Business Directory and Near Premise Sign Program transferring oversight to Needles Chamber of Commerce and authorized staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

End of Consent

- 15) Waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-27 amending Resolution No. 2022-46 increasing the 2023 code enforcement legal fee budget line item by \$70,000 using general fund reserves

City Attorney Pinkney recused himself and City Manager Daniels reported. After minimal discussion, Council Member Campbell moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Merritt, to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-27 amending Resolution No. 2022-46 increasing the 2023 code enforcement legal fee budget line item by \$70,000 using general fund reserves. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS – None

- 18) Applicant Mike West has requested an amendment to Resolution No. 2021-47 removing condition #16 which restricts a water feature during a drought to be located at 429 N "K" Street

City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Longbrake to amend Resolution No. 2021-47 removing condition #16 and allow the use of the water feature located at 429 N "K" Street.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

19) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the City Council Visitor Center Subcommittee

Council Member McCorkle moved, second by Council Member Longbrake to appoint Council Member Campbell to fill a vacancy on the City Council Visitor Center Subcommittee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

20) Resolution No. 2023- 28 appointing Patrick J. Martinez as the City Manager effective October 2, 2023 through October 1, 2026 setting a base salary of \$197,000 in compliance with SB1436 and incorporate into the salary schedule for FY 2023-2024 budget

Assistant City Manager Martinez recused himself. City Manager reviewed the proposed contract.

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to adopt Resolution No. 2023-28 appointing Patrick J. Martinez as the City Manager effective October 2, 2023 through October 1, 2026 setting a base salary of \$197,000 in compliance with SB1436 and incorporate into the salary schedule for FY 2023-2024 budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – given by City Attorney John Pinkney

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – given by City Manager Rick Daniels

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell reported on the City Leaders Summit she and Council Member McCorkle attended. They met with Senator Padilla and Assemblyman Garcia and brainstormed with them about getting a grocery store.

Councilmember McCorkle spoke about the City Leaders Summit and the networking with neighboring communities. She spoke with Assemblyman Garcia about possible subsidies that alleviate the price difference in regulations and requirements for businesses to come to California from Arizona. She thanked Patrick and Rainie for their hard work on behalf of the city.

Vice Mayor Merritt thanked Councilmembers Campbell and McCorkle for the Summit report, congratulated Patrick on his appointment as City Manager and thanked Rainie for the presentation and her hard work on behalf of the city.

Councilmember Pogue congratulated Patrick and reported that we are down to one physician in Needles and need to look at ways to attract additional doctors.

Councilmember Belt thanked Patrick for his hard work and congratulated him on his appointment. Asked about a goal setting session for council and congratulated the city on the upcoming installation of acoustical panels at the Rec Center. She mentioned the visitor center and urged that the city move toward with the process to become a Welcome Center.

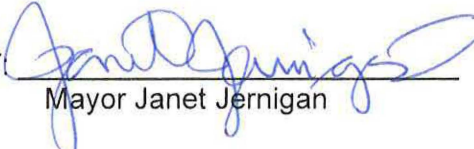
Councilmember Longbrake thanked Ellen and Jamie for attending the summit in Sacramento and thanked Patrick and Rainie for their hard work. He also thanked Wayne at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. He reported that there are homeless living in the tunnel near Aliso and Monterey and a lot of graffiti. He also reported that there was an incident involving a woman with mental health issues recently and that there is a need for more help for people with mental health illnesses.

Mayor Jernigan thanked Patrick and Rainie and reported on the success of the Prom at El Garces over the past weekend.

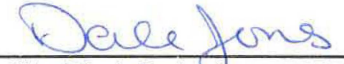
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

ATTEST:



Mayor Janet Jernigan



City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney and City Clerk Dale Jones.
Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt was absent

**RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING
at 5:03 pm**

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:04 pm

- a) NPUA/COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). One case
- b) COUNCIL: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). One case
- c) COUNCIL: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: 801 Third Street, Needles CA.. Agency Negotiator: City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties: City of Needles as potential lessor and the Tri-State Alano Club as potential lessee. Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Council Member Pogue recused herself from Executive Session at 5:55 pm due to a conflict of interest on Item a because her son who lives with her works in the Cannabis industry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Attorney Pinkney announced no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNED THE JOINT NPUA / COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENED THE COUNCIL
MEETING at 6:04 pm**

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken) Mayor Jernigan excused the absence of Kirsten Merritt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION by Council Member Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Pogue, second by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Council Member Pogue recused herself from Executive Session Item a due to a conflict of interest because her son who lives with her works in the Cannabis industry.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

INTRODUCTIONS – Former Council Member Tim Terral, Former Needles Unified School District (NUSD) Superintendent Dr. Mary McNeil, and the new NUSD Superintendent Dr. Garry Cameron.
CITY ATTORNEY - Parliamentary procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE –

Dr. Mary McNeil thanked the city for being quick to respond to a water issue that occurred near her residence.

PRESENTATION

- 1) Daniela Hartter, Aaryn Griffin, Adryan Eastman, and Danelea Dillman from the Needles High School Advisory Class gave a PowerPoint Presentation on homelessness as it pertains to the City of Needles.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2) Public Hearing held - noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approval of amending Needles Municipal Code Section 13-33(d) by adding the placement of Stop Signs at the intersection of Vine Street & R Street

City Manager Daniels reported complaints of near misses at the intersection of Vine and R Streets and recommended placing stop signs in the interest of prevention, based on engineer's report.

Mayor Jernigan opened the public hearing at 6:25 pm

Public Comment – none

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Longbrake to waive the reading and approve for introduction Ordinance No. 661-AC amending Needles Municipal Code Section 13-33(d) by adding the placement of Stop Signs at the intersection of Vine Street & R Street. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (HACN)

CALLED TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:26 pm

- 3) HACN / COUNCIL: Approved additional positions assumed from the Housing Authority and added Housing Manager and Housing Specialist to the Authorized Positions List

City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

Member/Council Member McCorkle moved, second by Member/Council Member Campbell to approve additional positions assumed from the Housing Authority and add Housing Manager and Housing Specialist to the Authorized Positions List. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

ADJOURNED THE JOINT COUNCIL / HACN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken) at 6:32 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 9 pulled by Council Member Belt for discussion.

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to approve consent items 4-8, and 10. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

- 4) Approved the warrants register through May 9, 2023
- 5) Approved the minutes of April 25, 2023
- 6) Authorized staff to retain Fechter & Company to perform the audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023
- 7) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-29 receive and authorize submitting the City of Needles Housing Element Annual Progress Report for the 2023 calendar year to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- 8) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-30 approving an amendment to conditional use permit Resolution No. 2021-47 for a new outdoor advertising sign removing condition #16 allowing for the use of a water feature located at 429 N "K" street, also known as APN 0185-067-08-0000
- 10) Authorized the Mayor to sign a letter similar to the CalCities' provided letter and advocate new laws addressing the Fentanyl Poisoning Crisis

End of Consent

- 9) Authorized Community Works Design Group to conduct a needs assessment and cost estimate for the Needles Municipal Aquatic Center not to exceed \$7,400, utilizing \$5,800 of general fund reserves and \$1,600 from the Needles Sandshark Swim Team

City Manager Daniels reported and discussion ensued.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Belt, to authorize Community Works Design Group to conduct a needs assessment and cost estimate for the Needles Municipal Aquatic Center not to exceed \$7,400, utilizing \$5,800 of general fund reserves and \$1,600 from the Needles Sandshark Swim Team. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT – given by City Attorney John Pinkney

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by City Clerk Dale Jones

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – given by City Manager Rick Daniels

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell reported that there is graffiti in the underpass at California Avenue; requested looking into promoting art on the electrical boxes and on the underpass; inquired about city

wide art walk; requested the city address the potholes on Eagle Pass; thanked the Mayor for addressing the homeless issue; thanked code enforcement, and suggested the City Manager do a regular newspaper article informing the public of current events within the city.

Councilmember McCorkle thanked city staff for addressing the well issue and applauded the student presentation.

Councilmember Pogue announced that she attended the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast and the Stakeholders meeting at El Garces with representatives from Assemblyman Garcia's and State Senator Padilla's offices; talked about our need for more housing and thanked the high school students for their presentation.

Councilmember Belt commented on the high school presentation and talked about establishing a Junior Council with the High School; commented on how nice Duke Watkins is; the Dance Traxx performance over the past weekend was great; Run for the Wall is on May 17 from 1-3 pm and reminded staff that a goal setting session and the visitor center committee needs to schedule a meeting.

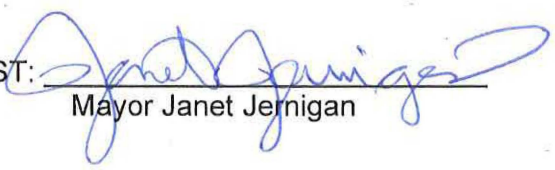
Councilmember Longbrake thanked Dance Traxx for a nice performance; complimented the train park and how nice it looks; reported there is a dip in the road at Coronado and Erin; and requested to place on the next agenda looking into amending Charter Section 503 increasing Council Members' salary/stipend.

Mayor Jernigan reported on the successful Prayer Day that she participated in at Santa Fe Park; attended the Educator Breakfast where Hildy Angius, Mohave County District 2 Supervisor, was present; Supervisor Angius will be attending the Run for the Wall event; and reported on the SCAG conference she attended where it was reported that numerous contractors left California last year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA - **TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – **5:30 P.M.** - 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 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan Jernigan, Council Members Ellen Campbell, Jamie McCorkle, Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Council Members JoAnne Pogue, Tona Belt, and Henry Longbrake. Also present; City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade and City Clerk Dale Jones.

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA MEETING
at 5:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:33 p.m.

Council Member McCorkle recused herself from Executive Session because she works for News West Publishing.

- a) COUNCIL: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: 950 Front Street Suite A-25, Needles CA. Agency Negotiator: City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties: City of Needles as potential lessor and the News West Publishing as potential lessee. Under Negotiation: Price and terms

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Report by City Attorney – Deputy City Attorney Wade reported that council agreed to amend the agreement with News West Publishing for another 3-year term, all other terms remained the same.

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

INVOCATION – led by Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Council Member McCorkle announced she recused herself from Executive Session because she works for News West Publishing.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Captain Ross Tarangle

CITY ATTORNEY Parliamentary procedures - None

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A JOINT CITY COUNCIL / NPUA / HOUSING AUTHORITY (HACN) MEETING at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE – None

INTERVIEWS

- 1) Interviews held to appoint members to the Needles Housing Commission
Vice Mayor Merritt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to appoint Frances Clark for the over sixty-two (62) years Tenant with a term to expire December 31, 2026 and appoint Tamera Kissell as the Tenant with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION

- 2) NPUA: Presentation to accept and file the NPUA audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 completed by Burger & Comer, P.C.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Vice Mayor Merritt to continue to June 13 meeting.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 3) NPUA / COUNCIL / HACN WORKSHOP: Direction to proceed with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 budget process and schedule the matter for a public hearing and action on June 13, 2023

City Manager Daniels and Senior Accountant DiLeo reported, and discussion ensued regarding a request for an additional sheriff officer, marketing specialist and adding a restroom at the animal shelter.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to proceed with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 budget process and schedule the matter for a public hearing and action on June 13, 2023. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

HACN / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to approve the following consent items. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Nonet

- 4) HACN / COUNCIL: Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-1-HACN and approved the Schedule of Allowances for Tenant Purchased Utilities for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) for Single Family and Apartment/Duplex & Row-House Dwellings effective August 1, 2023

- 5) HACN / COUNCIL: Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-2-HACN and approved the Schedule of Utility Allowances for the Public Housing Program effective August 1, 2023
- 6) HACN / COUNCIL: Accepted and Filed the Housing Authority of the City of Needles Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for the Fiscal Year that ended June 30, 2021 prepared by Smith Marion & Co.

ADJOURN THE JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA / HACN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call previously taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Pogue moved, second by Council Member Campbell to approve the consent calendar items as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 7) Approved the warrants register through May 23, 2023
- 8) Approved the minutes of May 9, 2023
- 9) Accepted the Notice of Completion for work completed by Pacific Tide Construction for the Purchase and Installation of Shade Structures Over Spectator Seating at Nikki Bunch and Duke Watkins Park projects and authorized to record the Notice of Completion with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office
- 10) Waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 661-AC amending Section 13-33(d) of the Needles Municipal Code to erect stop signs at the southwest and northeast corners of Vine and "R" Streets
- 11) Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No 2023-32 approving an amendment to Resolution No. 2022-62 amending the use permit between the City of Needles and County of San Bernardino for the City-owned property located at 1111 Bailey Avenue

End of Consent

Regular Items

- 12) Provide direction on Resolution No. 2023-31 Approving the Application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for JoJo Garcia Complex for shade structures at Franz Flowers Field OR Duke Watkins Park for two Pickleball Courts
City Manager Daniels reported, informing council that the deadline to apply for the funding is June 1 and discussion ensued.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to postpone discussion to next year's budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue and Longbrake

Noes: Council Member Belt

Absent: None

13) Provide staff direction regarding the City Charter established Council Compensation

Considerable council discussion ensued regarding council compensation and should this topic be placed on the November 2024 ballot for the voters to decide.

Council Member Longbrake moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to leave the decision to the voters regarding council compensation. Motion **failed** by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle and Longbrake

Noes: Council Members Belt, Pogue, Merritt and Mayor Jernigan

Absent: None

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT - None

CITY CLERK REPORT - None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – City Manager Daniels reported.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Councilmember Campbell informed council that the San Bernardino County Coroners Office has agreed to send the remains of Zach Lopez to Needles to be buried, Run for the Wall event was fabulous, reported on the City/County Conference in Lake Arrowhead she attended and she made a lot of connections at the ICSC conference.

Councilmember McCorkle informed council that the ICSC conference was great.

Vice Mayor Merritt also attended the ICSC conference and was impressed, look into a stop sign at the bottom of High School Hill (Broadway and L Street), condolences for the recent passing of Kippy Poulson and announced that Bullhead City Vice Mayor passed away.

Councilmember Pogue inquired if the animal shelter could look into anti venom for rattlesnake bites and she was watching a TV show called Young Sheldon who mentioned Needles, CA.

Councilmember Belt informed council that the Run for the Wall event was very nice.

Councilmember Longbrake voiced his opinion that the anti-venom is a great idea, the Run was fantastic and the ICSC conference was quite an experience.

Mayor Jernigan congratulated the NHS Girls Softball Team for winning the State Championship and also the golf team and the Boys Baseball teams for their participation, informed staff that there should be lights between River City Pizza and Needles Point Liquor, requested the brush be taken care of at Jack Smith Park and informed staff of the vandalism at the High School Hill underpass suggesting that we paint it gray.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jernigan Called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL – Mayor Jernigan excused the absence of Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt

PRESENT

Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member Ellen Campbell
Council Member Jamie McCorkle
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Tona Belt (*arrived at 5:04 pm*)
Council Member Henry Longbrake

Also present were City Manager Rick Daniels, Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, City Attorney John Pinkney, City Clerk Dale Jones, and Assistant City Clerk Candace Clark.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - None

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA / HOUSING AUTHORITY (HACN) MEETING

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:05 pm

Council Member Pogue recused herself from Executive Session Item a due to a conflict - her son, who lives with her, works for the Cannabis facility in question.

- b. COUNCIL: Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

No Reportable Action

- c. COUNCIL: Conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Agency negotiator City Manager Rick Daniels or his designee. Negotiating Parties are the City of Needles as the potential seller and Armen Matevosian as the potential buyer of a portion of the property described as approximately 4-acres vacant parcel, located on the north side of San Clemente and west of East Broadway, APN 0185-234-26. Under negotiations are the price and terms

No Reportable Action

- d. COUNCIL: Best Motel settlement with code enforcement fines with Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

No Reportable Action

Pogue left Executive Session at 5:47 pm

- 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

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Report by City Attorney Pinkney as noted above

ROLL CALL (Previously Taken)

INVOCATION given by Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Jernigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda amended to move Item 3 to 1. Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member McCorkle, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Jernigan recognized Former Council Members Tim Terral, Shawn Gudmundson, Zach Longacre, and City Treasurer Virginia Tasker

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary Procedures given by City Attorney Pinkney

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Former Council Member Zachery Longacre spoke about the work on the underpass (K Street Bridge) and asked for staff to trim and clean brush from the Mesquite trees on Front Street and informed staff that the cactus are all dead; requested reflectors at the end of Front Street in anticipation of increased traffic when the bridge opens.

Wayne Colburn from the Chamber of Commerce gave an update on their efforts with tourism and local businesses, and stated the website is being worked on and there will be an event calendar on it for all local businesses and organizations to share events.

Former Council Member Tim Terral spoke about the K Street Bridge and reported that it was flooded with the rain we had a few days ago; requested the drains be cleaned.

Misty Harrington expressed disappointment at the water fountains being removed from Jack Smith Park and requested they be put back and public restrooms should be open to the public.

PRESENTATION

3. Mayor Jernigan Presented Certificates to the NHS Girls' Softball Team in recognition for their outstanding performance winning the 2023 State Championship in Reno, Nevada against Battle Mountain High School

INTERVIEWS

1. Interviews were conducted and appointments made to the Needles Housing Commission. There were 3 applicants for 3 vacant seats; two applicants were present and introduced themselves:

Chris Mauer is a local resident who works at Hardware Express and stated that he is excited to be a part of new projects in the City of Needles.

Deana Tucker is a local resident who has worked in property management.

Robert Smith, was out of town and unable to attend.

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member Campbell to appoint all three applicants to the Needles Housing Commission, Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

PRESENTATIONS

2. NPUA: Presentation given by David Burger to accept and file the NPUA audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 completed by Burger & Comer, P.C.

Member/Council Member Pogue moved, second by Member/Council Member Campbell to accept and file the NPUA audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 completed by Burger & Comer, P.C. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

4. Presentation made to the council for the City of Needles by Assistant City Manager Patrick Martinez, receiving the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Award of Excellence, from the American Planning Association, California Chapter, Inland Empire Section for our General Plan and Transportation Update

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. NPUA / COUNCIL / HACN: Public hearing held - noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approval of the City of Needles, NPUA and HACN budgets for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024

Staff Report given by City Manager Rick Daniels

Council asked questions of staff regarding expanding the marketing budget and sheriff increases - discussion ensued

Mayor Jernigan opened the public hearing at 7:20 am

Public Comment

Former Council Member Zachery Longacre spoke in favor of marketing increases and a focus on the river; and increasing the budget for the sheriff's department.

Wayne Colburn spoke in favor of increased marketing and expressed a desire for the Chamber of Commerce to work closely with the City to market and promote Needles to help the city grow.

Mayor Jernigan closed the public hearing at 7:24 pm

Further Council Discussion / Deliberation ensued

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member McCorkle to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-38 adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

Member/Council Member Belt moved, second by Member/Council Member McCorkle to waive the reading and adopt NPUA Resolution No. 06-13-2023-NPUA adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

Member/Council Member Belt moved, second by Member/Council Member Campbell to waive the reading and adopt HACN Resolution No. 2023-4-HACN adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

6. Approve the Twenty Seventh Amendment to Contract No. 99-376 with the County of San Bernardino in the total amount of \$3,619,032 providing for law enforcement services by amending Schedule A for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and authorize the Mayor to sign same

Council Member Belt moved, second by Council Member Campbell, to approve the Twenty Seventh Amendment to Contract No. 99-376 with the County of San Bernardino in the total amount of \$3,619,032 providing for law enforcement services by amending Schedule A for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and authorized the Mayor to sign same. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

Provide direction regarding the sheriff's department request for an additional deputy: plus an increase in the positions of lieutenant, sergeant, dispatch services, HT and taser replacement at an additional cost of \$353,731

No action taken on the sheriff's request.

7. Provide direction regarding the Marketing Strategy Proposed Budget

Approved with the budget in the amount of \$50,000 using general fund reserves

NPUA / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Member/Council Member Campbell moved, second by Member/Council Member Pogue to approve Items 8 through 11 on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

8. Accepted the California Energy Commission Power Disclosure Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2022
9. Authorized Laron Mechanical to complete the wastewater motive pump repair at a cost not to exceed \$26,810 utilizing wastewater asset replacement funds
10. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-37 adopting the 2023 Needles Public Utility Authority Wildfire Mitigation Plan Version 4.0
11. Authorized the city manager to execute the XiO Cloud SCADA System for the Lillyhill and "L" Street Boosters dated May 16, 2023 for a monthly subscription of \$430 and an annual technical support of \$3,000 to be funded by the water department annual operating budget and \$18,851 for hardware to be funded by grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board and Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board's Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE HACN/COUNCIL ITEMS – None

HACN / COUNCIL

12. HACN / COUNCIL: Waived the reading and adopted Resolution 2023-3-HACN to write off previous tenants debts
AND

Provided direction regarding preparing a Policy and Procedures for Write-Offs policy

Member/Council Member Pogue moved, second by Member/Council Member Campbell to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-3-HACN to write off previous tenants debts AND Provide direction regarding preparing a Policy and Procedures for Write-Offs policy. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

ADJOURNED THE JOINT COUNCIL / NPUA / HACN MEETING AND RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:39 pm

CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call Previously Taken)

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA/COUNCIL ITEMS - None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to approve Items 13 through 20 on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

13. Approved the Warrants Register through June 13, 2023
14. Approved the Minutes of May 23, 2023
15. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-39 approving a lease extension with Tri-State Alano Club for the building located at 801 Third Street through July 1, 2024
16. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-36 adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
17. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-35 adopting the Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028
18. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-33 approving an Agreement between the City of Needles and the Needles Unified School District for a Sheriff's Service Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year
19. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-34 approving the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan for the City of Needles Area Transit
20. Accepted Change Order No. 1 with Final Touch Construction & Design, Inc. for a Not To Exceed amount of \$6,250.00 to install additional flooring as part of the Tenant Improvements/Office Space 2023 Project to be funded by the Electric Department operations

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

21. Cancelled the second regular City Council/NPUA/HACN meetings on July 25, August 22 and September 26.

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Longbrake to cancel the second regular City Council/NPUA/HACN meetings on July 25, August 22 and September 26. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

22. Authorized those interested to attend the League of California Cities 2023 Annual Conference and Expo scheduled for September 20 – 22, 2023 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento and designate a voting delegate and alternate (s)

Council Member Campbell moved, second by Council Member Pogue to authorized Council Members Campbell, Pogue, Longbrake, and Mayor Jernigan to attend the League of California Cities 2023 Annual Conference and Expo scheduled for September 20 – 22, 2023 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento and designated Mayor Jernigan as voting delegate and Council Member Campbell as alternate. Motion carried by following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue, Belt, and Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Merritt

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT *given by John Pinkney*

CITY CLERK REPORT *given by Dale Jones*

CITY MANAGER REPORT *given by Rick Daniels*

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Campbell *applauded the BNSF train rides and requested clean up on Front Street.*
Council Member McCorkle *thanked fellow Council Members and staff for accomplishments and their efforts reaching out to promote Needles.*

Council Member Pogue *commented on the Pirates Cove fire and reported that she noticed the County building sprinklers were running over the weekend.*

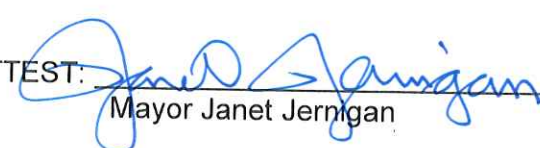
Council Member Belt – *thanked staff for working to build Needles.*

Council Member Longbrake *reported that he has received a request to get the septic tanks on Bush street tied into the city sewer system; that the barrier on the curve on Washington street, near the high school, is missing a section and needs to be replaced; reported on the success of the CJPIA Newly Elected officials academy, and his attendance at the MDAQMD meeting this week via Zoom.*

Mayor Jernigan *thanked city staff for the Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery; the ground breaking at Well 11; reported on the CJPIA Newly Elected officials academy; requested that the former River Sisters building that is boarded up needs the boards painted white to match the building, and requested adding to the next agenda changing the name of the Lilly Hill project to William Claypool in memory of his involvement and dedication to the city of Needles.*

ADJOURNMENT - *Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.*

ATTEST:


 Mayor Janet Jernigan


 City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC

MINUTES

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

**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 48th 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 27th day of June, 2023, adjourned at 7:04 pm

ATTEST:


Mayor Janet Jernigan


City Clerk Dale Jones, CMC