



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERES, 1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 - COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and announced an excused absence for Council Member McCorkle.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Larry Ford
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Tona Belt
Council Member Henry Longbrake

ABSENT

Council Member McCorkle

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:04 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade announced that Council Member Ford would recuse himself from item b because he used to work with Recreation Manager Jennifer Valenzuela

- a. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Sylvia Miledi v. City of Needles, et al., Superior Court of the County of San Bernardino, Case No. CIVSB2510533

No reportable action

- b. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Hayley Dominguez v. City of Needles, et al., Superior Court of the County of San Bernardino, Case No. CIVSB2603518

No reportable action

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced an excused absence for Council Member McCorkle.

ROLL CALL (previously taken, as noted above)

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade gave report as noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION - given by Vice Mayor Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

INTRODUCTIONS - Mayor Jernigan acknowledged former Council Member Tim Terral in attendance.

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary Procedures given by Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Gina Guzman stated that some children were not allowed to participate in the basketball tournament and further asserted that areas outside of Needles were influenced by Needles' City Staff

Daniel Guzman reasserted the previous resident's response and questioned the reported participant capacity of the tournament.

PRESENTATION

1. Representative Jay Markle and Chris Klein from Republic Services gave a presentation.
2. City Planner Irene Romero gave a presentation on the City Entitlement Process & Timeline.

REGULAR NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS

3. Authorize Reliable Pump to Repair one Hydromatic 40 HP Pump, not to exceed \$20,383.39 Utilizing the Wastewater Asset Replacement Fund

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council asked minimal questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:28pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:28pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ford, to authorize Reliable Pump to Repair one Hydromatic 40 HP Pump, not to exceed \$20,383.39 Utilizing the Wastewater Asset Replacement Fund.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members/Council Members Ford, Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Members/Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Member/Council Member McCorkle

Abstain: None

4. Accept the work completed by Phillips Excavating, Inc. for the Well 11 to Well 15 Intertie project and authorize a Notice of Completion to record with the San Bernardino County Recorder's office.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:31pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:31pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ford, to accept the work completed by Phillips Excavating, Inc. for the Well 11 to Well 15 Intertie project 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: Members/Council Members Ford, Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Members/Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Member/Council Member McCorkle

Abstain: None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Ford made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to approve items 5-6 on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Ford, Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member McCorkle

Abstain: None

5. Approved the Warrants Register through March 10, 2026
6. Approved the Minutes of February 24, 2026

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

7. Adopt Resolution 2026-7 Authorizing an Application for and Receipt of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program Funds not to exceed \$520,000

City Manager Martinez gave staff report
Council asked minimal questions
Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:34pm
No Public Comment
Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:34pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, to adopt Resolution 2026-7 Authorizing an Application for and Receipt of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program Funds not to exceed \$520,000

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Accept proposal from Pacific Clinics to provide Homeless Services to Support Housing Access and Stability for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$50,000 and authorize staff to execute a Professional Services Agreement and Notice of Award for the work.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Maria Murillo and Mauricio Cruz, of Pacific Clinics, reported on their program.
Council asked minimal questions and applicant responded
Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:41pm
No Public Comment
Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:41pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, to accept proposal from Pacific Clinics to provide Homeless Services to Support Housing Access and Stability for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$50,000, and authorize staff to execute a Professional Services Agreement and Notice of Award for the work.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. Adopt Resolution 2026-6 approving the Measure I Continuation Expenditure Plan.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report
Otis Greer, from SBCTA, gave report and responded to Council questions.
Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:44pm
No Public Comment
Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:44pm

Council Member Pogue made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell, to adopt Resolution 2026-6 approving the Measure I Continuation Expenditure Plan.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Adopt Resolution 2026-8 Approving participation in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the establishment of the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT).

City Manager Martinez gave staff report
Council had no questions
Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:47pm
No Public Comment
Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:47pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ford, to adopt Resolution 2026-8 Approving participation in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the establishment of the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT).

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Authorize those interested to attend the League of California Cities 2026 Annual Conference and Expo scheduled for September 23-25 at the Anaheim Convention Center and designate a voting delegate and alternate (s).

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Campbell is the LCC Delegate and Mayor Jernigan is the Alternate. Both expressed interest in attending.

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:49pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:49pm

Council Member Ford made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to authorize Vice Mayor Campbell as the Delegate, and Mayor Jernigan as the Alternate, to attend the League of California Cities 2026 Annual Conference and Expo scheduled for September 23-25 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Authorize those interested to attend the ICSC Western Event at the San Diego Convention Center on September 14-16, 2026.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Campbell expressed an interest in attending.

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:53pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:53pm

Council Member Belt made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to authorize Vice Mayor Campbell to attend the ICSC Western Event at the San Diego Convention Center on September 14-16, 2026.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – given by Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by City Clerk Candace Clark

CITY MANAGER REPORT – given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Ford

- *Thanked staff for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installations*
- *Requested staff research using the old overhead RR signal by El Garces and installing a Rt 66 Banner and possible permanent archway*

Vice Mayor Campbell

- *Reported on positive feedback she has been receiving on all the events happening in Needles*
- *Thanked staff and Sheriffs' department for their presence in town and positive interactions with residents*

Council Member Pogue

- Requested staff look into missing street signs at cross streets at San Clemente - like Casa Linda

Council Member Belt

- Asked Patrick to check on status of replacement of all street signs that was previously approved
- Reminded staff to stay ahead of seasons and use city equipment to drag sand and clean the beaches, remove weeds

Council Member Longbrake

- Agreed with Tona – keep beaches clean
- West side gas stations sidewalks in front are uneven and dangerous
- Cannabis smell on west side is bad at night
- Received a report there is debris around the old Denny's
- Reported on a citizen who claims to have been a victim of racism in Needles

Mayor Jernigan

- Reported on the upcoming Resource Fair – 34 agencies will be participating – encouraged residents to participate
- Reported on recent Baseball, Softball, Basketball Tournaments – she attended the Needles High School Baseball Tournament where Danny Medrano, a volunteer of over 40 years, was honored.
- Reported on Amboy Anniversary event – car show had 400 cars participate – received a lot of positive comment about Needles and everything that is happening here.
- Asked staff about empty signs – money was given by Dawn Rowe for the Business Directory Sign program, and nothing has been done with them – they are still empty – urged staff to look into this and bring the Chamber before Council to address why they have not been done.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM

Mayor Janet Jernigan

City Clerk Candace Clark