



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
EL GARCES – 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 - COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Zachery Longacre
Council Member Jamie McCorkle
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell (via Teams)
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member JoAnne Pogue (via Teams)
Council Member Tona Belt
Council Member Henry Longbrake

Also present were City Manager Patrick Martinez, Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade (via Teams), Utility Manager Rainie Torrance, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects Kathy Raasch, and Interim City Clerk Candace Clark.

RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:12 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code §54957 - Title of position: City Clerk

No reportable action

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

ROLL CALL

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Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member JoAnne Pogue (via Teams)
Council Member Tona Belt
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EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade stated that there was no reportable action on Executive Session Item a, as noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION - led by Vice Mayor Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE – Josh Raley provided written comments on Ed Parry / Phillips Field. Distributed to Mayor and Council Members.

INTRODUCTIONS - Mayor Jernigan acknowledged former Council Members Shawn Gudmundson and Tim Terral in attendance.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

James Jones of Firehouse Ministries spoke about the success of the Chili Cook-Off event, thanked those who participated, and thanked Jennifer Valenzuela for her guidance through the process; thanked Patrick Martinez for his help, and complimented the music performed by Class Act.

Wayne Colburn of River Community Coalition thanked city staff, and specifically Jennifer Valenzuela, for help during the process of getting the Chili Cook-Off event scheduled. Wayne reported that there will be a 50th Birthday party for Spike at Palo Verde Community College on August 9.

Mistie Hanson spoke about the Chili Cook-Off event, thanking city staff, Firehouse Ministries, River Community Coalition, and promoted the next event in eleven months.

PRESENTATION

1. Terri Pilawa, OneLegacy Ambassador, shared her story as a transplant recipient and urged citizens to become organ donors. Mayor Jernigan presented a Proclamation declaring April 2025 DMV Donate Life Month in the City of Needles
2. City staff and Atlas Planning Solutions presented the DRAFT 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), a five-year strategic initiative designed to enhance preparedness for hazard events. The plan is funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is being led by City staff with support from key stakeholders and technical consultants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ITEMS - None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre to approve Items 3 through 9 on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. Approved the Warrants Register through April 22, 2025
4. Approved the Minutes of April 8, 2025
5. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2025-17 approving a Second Amendment to and Extension of Agreement to Provide Operations of a Local Route Deviation Transit Service between the City of Needles and Transportation Concepts.
6. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2025-18 approving a Fourth Amendment to and Extension of Agreement for Dial-a-Ride and Dial-a-Ride

Medical/Shopper Shuttle Pilot Program Services (AKA Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle) between the City of Needles and Parking Concepts, Inc. dba Transportation Concepts.

7. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2025-19 approving a Second Amendment to Extend the Lease Agreement (El Garces Unit Lease) between the City of Needles and Parking Concepts, Inc. dba Transportation Concepts
8. Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2025-20 approving a Seventeenth 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 2025-2026 fiscal year
9. Accepted Change Order No. 1 (final) and the work completed by Superior Paving Company, Inc. DBA United Paving Company for the CDBG Flip Mendez Parkway Paving Improvements Project for a total project amount of \$300,266.24 and authorized staff to issue a NOTICE OF COMPLETION to be recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office.

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

10. Approve Project Funding Agreement No. 25-1003287 with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA & ED) Phase of the River Road Paving and Minor Widening Project and Authorize Staff to execute said Agreement.

City Manager Patrick Martinez gave staff report.

Minimal Council Discussion ensued.

No Public Comment.

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Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

11. Provide staff direction on naming the location that consists of Ed Parry Field and Phillips Field to the "Needles Little League Baseball Complex.

City Manager Patrick Martinez gave staff report.

Considerable Council Discussion ensued.

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment

Shawn Gudmundson stated that it is a public facility, and the name should remain the same.

Marianne Jones said it would create confusion if another name was added to the complex.

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre, to continue the item to another meeting when the person bringing it forward could be present.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – given by Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade

CITY MANAGER REPORT – for the weeks of April 4 and April 11, 2025 - given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Longacre – Requested trees be trimmed at Bob Belt Beach Park and Jack Smith Park fire mitigation; thanked Sheriff for Fentanyl bust; asked about funding to fight fentanyl.

Council Member McCorkle – reported on the success of the egg hunt and Chili Cook off/car show/canine demonstration events; stated Tour busses generated positive feedback.

Council Member Pogue - missed Chili cook off; Art in the Park was successful; thanked Patrick for Governance Training Session; meeting with Dawn Rowe was informative; suggested reaching out to Schultz family for Spike's birthday event.

Vice Mayor Campbell - commented on the recent community events and good participation; thanked those hosting events; reported Women's Club flower show April 26; swim team sign-ups and rec center swim lessons coming up; stressed importance of local youth learning to swim.

Council Member Belt – Encouraged citizens to shop local; May 6 is nurses' week.

Council Member Longbrake – reported it is good to see events in Needles; Art in park, Chili cook off SOAR booth; car show and canine demo were all successful events; reported SOAR sign coming to K & Needles Hwy.

Mayor Jernigan – Reported Easter egg hunt was successful, thanked Grace Hecht; announced upcoming Seligman Bike Run – April 24-27; August 13 – Spike's 50th birthday & 75th Anniversary Peanuts Gang – Hospital and Museum mural project; Flip Mendez May 3

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm

Mayor Janet Jernigan

Interim City Clerk Candace Clark