



# 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

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 - COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Mayor Jernigan

**INVOCATION** - led by Vice Mayor Campbell

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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 Wade

**ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A JOINT NPUA/COUNCIL MEETING**

(Roll Call Previously Taken)

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE** - None

Interim City Clerk Candace Clark administered the Oath of Office to Bernie Hatz, Senior Code Enforcement Officer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE NPUA/COUNCIL ITEMS** - None

**NPUA / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Campbell pulled Consent Calendar Item 3 for discussion

3. Approve the Power Purchase Cost Adjustment (PCA) for months of July through November 2024 and decrease the over-hydro rate from \$0.1538 to \$0.1338 with a reduction of .02 power cost adjustment as effective February 1, 2025.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member McCorkle to approve Consent Calendar Item 3; Power Purchase Cost Adjustment (PCA) for months of July through November 2024 and decrease the over-hydro rate from \$0.1538 to \$0.1338 with a reduction of .02 power cost adjustment as effective February 1, 2025.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre to approve consent calendar items 1, 2, and 4.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

1. Introduction and First Read - Ordinance No. 672-AC, Deleting Chapter 6C, Adding a new Chapter 6C consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 404-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Electric Service; Ordinance No. 673-AC, Deleting Chapter 17, Adding a new Chapter 17 consisting of Articles I, II, III, and Rescinding Ordinance 405-AC which established Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Wastewater Service; Ordinance No. 674-AC, Rescinding Ordinance 628-AC, Adding a new Chapter 22 Entitled Water Services Regarding the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Water Services
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute Landis & Gyr Software as a Service Agreement (SaaS)
4. Authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 06-XX-30-W0452 between the City of Needles and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Delivery of Lower Colorado Water Supply Project Water

#### **END OF NPUA CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADJOURNED THE JOINT COUNCIL/NPUA MEETING AND CONVENED A JOINT COUNCIL/HACN MEETING** at 6:11 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL / HACN ITEMS** - None

#### **REGULAR COUNCIL / HACN ITEMS**

5. Housing Authority Update - Given by Housing Manager Deermer.

**ADJOURNED THE JOINT COUNCIL / HACN MEETING AND RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar Item 8 was pulled.

8. Waive the reading and adopt Ordinance 671-AC adding Section 15A-7.3 to the Municipal code establishing regulations for the use of the Graffiti Art Wall.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report and asked for council direction on amending the ordinance.

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, second by Council Member Pogue, to continue Ordinance 671-AC to the next meeting.

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

Consent Calendar Item 9 was pulled for discussion.

9. Accepted the work completed by Vance Corporation for the Phase IV-A Street Improvements Project and authorized a NOTICE OF COMPLETION to record with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office

City Manager Martinez gave staff report and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre, to approve Consent Calendar Item 9; accept the work completed by Vance Corporation for the Phase IV-A Street Improvements 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: Council Members Longacre, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre, to approve Consent Calendar Items 6, 7, and 10. 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

6. Approved the Warrants Register through January 28, 2025
7. Approved the Minutes of January 14, 2025
10. Approved recommended changes to the Youth Sports Handbook

## **END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS**

11. Accept Housing Market Demand Assessment prepared by the Concord Group

City Manager Martinez gave staff report. Council discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Pogue, to accept the Housing Market Demand Assessment prepared by the Concord Group.

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

12. Rodeo Grounds ADA Parking and Path of Travel Options

City Manager Martinez gave staff report on two options: 1. Mobi-Mat (temporary solution), and 2. Concrete Installation (permanent solution). Council discussion ensued.

Council Member Longbrake made a motion, second by Council Member Pogue, to accept option 2 Concrete Installation (permanent solution). 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

13. Accept NOTICE OF COMPLETION's for work completed by Tony Cossi Construction and Brack Construction for the Neighborhood Beautification Program at 415 La Mesa Way, 381 Needles Hwy, 316 E Street, 2010 Luna Vista, 321 Chestnut Street and 300 Walnut Street

Council Member Longbrake recused and left the room.

Director of Development Services Raasch gave staff report. Council discussion ensued

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member McCorkle, to accept Accept NOTICE OF COMPLETION's for work completed by Tony Cossi Construction and Brack Construction for the Neighborhood Beautification Program at 415 La Mesa Way, 381 Needles Hwy, 316 E Street, 2010 Luna Vista, 321 Chestnut Street and 300 Walnut Street

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Longacre, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Members Pogue, Belt  
Noes: None

Absent: Longbrake

Abstain: None

14. Provide direction to staff regarding the next steps in addressing coyote management.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report. Council discussion ensued.

David Cairns stated that he worked in Los Angeles and there were Coyotes in the city, and that it is impossible to get rid of them.

Council discussed educating the public.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longbrake to put a flyer in with the utility bill. 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

15. Adopt Resolution 2025-11 Approving an Affordable Housing Loan To 1707 Needles Highway (NHLLC) For Rehabilitation of 1707 Needles Highway, Needles, CA 92363 (APN 0185-048-09-0000)

City Manager Martinez gave staff report. Council discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Pogue, to adopt Resolution 2025-11 Approving an Affordable Housing Loan To 1707 Needles Highway (NHLLC) For Rehabilitation of 1707 Needles Highway, Needles, CA 92363 (APN 0185-048-09-0000)

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

16. Authorize those interested to attend the 2025 City / County Conference scheduled for May 8-9, 2025, in Lake Arrowhead

City Manager Martinez gave staff report. Council discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longacre, to authorize Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Campbell, and Council Member Pogue to attend the 2025 City / County Conference scheduled for May 8-9, 2025, in Lake Arrowhead. 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

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – Deputy City Attorney Wade had nothing to report

**CITY MANAGER REPORT** – for the weeks of January 10 and 17, 2025 - Given by City Manager Martinez

### **COUNCIL REQUESTS**

**Council Member Longacre** – requested city pick color for Cal-Trans graffiti coverup; asked about city getting a Park ranger.

**Council Member McCorkle** – no requests

**Vice Mayor Campbell** – requested the city continue to clean up trees around town to prevent potential fire hazards; asked about the boundaries in duties between CHP and Sheriff.

**Council Member Pogue** – thanked Patrick and Code enforcement for getting trees trimmed away from powerlines

**Council Member Belt** – Requested a marketing update; thanked Cal Trans for cleaning up ramps and highway; thanked Bernie for code enforcement efforts and getting trash cleaned up around town.

**Council Member Longbrake** – requested new microphones for council – stated members of the public complained they cannot hear council members; asked audience to refrain from making snide remarks about ADA and the Senior Center.

**Mayor Jernigan** – reported she is working with Patrick and Cal State Tourism and promoting Bus Tours

**ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm

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Mayor Janet Jernigan

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Interim City Clerk Candace Clark