

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

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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.

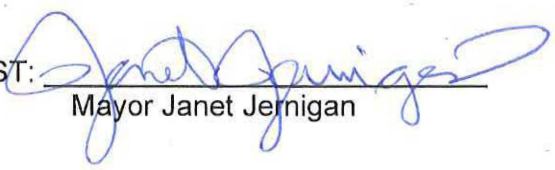
Councilmember Longbrake thanked Dance Traxx for a nice performance; complimented the train park and how nice it looks; reported there is a dip in the road at Coronado and Erin; and requested to place on the next agenda looking into amending Charter Section 503 increasing Council Members' salary/stipend.

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