

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.

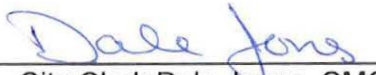
Mayor Jernigan – thanked all the staff who helped with the Rodeo; reported that she met a promoter for the film festival at the Inland Empire Tourism event and suggested we join the Inland Empire Tourism group; the Easter Egg Hunt at Santa Fe Park hosted by Tri State Community Healthcare was a success 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