



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026, AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Chair Wright called for a vote to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cox.

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard, to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Cox. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Cox
Abstain: None

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Owen Long
Commissioner Barbara Beard
Commissioner Joe Payson
Chair Michael Wright
Commissioner Kevin Ostby
Commissioner Will Bosboom

ABSENT

Commissioner Allen Cox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Cox
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Wright acknowledged Mayor Jernigan and Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. City Planner Romero presented a PowerPoint on the Permit Review Process.

Commissioners asked questions and staff responded.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of February 4, 2026

Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Ostby, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Cox
Abstain: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Long had no requests

Commissioner Beard asked about the status of RiverLux and reported that the contractors installing fiber for the tribe are damaging roads.

Commissioner Payson had no requests.

Commissioner Ostby asked about the status of the apartment project downtown, asked about the dirt pile by Park road, and announced that March 4 will be his last meeting.

Commissioner Bosboom asked about the paving plan and Lillyhill being repaved.

Chair Wright asked about Palm Communities (the company hired to look into an apartment project downtown).

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Report for the weeks of February 13 and 20, 2026, given by City Manager Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM

Chair Michael Wright

City Clerk Candace Clark