



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVENUE.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

VICE MAYOR CAMPBELL PARTICIPATED REMOTELY FROM 1007 E. OAK, WILLIAMS, AZ 86046

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Larry Ford
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member Tona Belt arrived at 6:03 PM
Council Member Henry Longbrake
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Jamie McCorkle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION - given by Vice Mayor Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Ford made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CORRESPONDENCE – One of the Housing Commission applicants, Manuel Rubalcaba, sent an email to the City Clerk, withdrawing his application for Parks and Recreation Commission

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Jernigan acknowledged former Council Member Tim Terral in attendance.

CITY ATTORNEY – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES given by City Attorney John Pinkney

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

The Mayor pulled items 3 through 6 from the Consent Calendar

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

1. Approve the Warrants Register through July 28, 2026
2. Approve the Minutes of July 14, 2026

PULLED ITEMS:

3. Adopt Resolution 2026-32 establishing Temporary Noncommercial Election Sign Parameters consistent with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requirements, incorporating the City's existing Corner Sight-Distance Policy, and authorizing the City Clerk to administer the policy and receive copies of the Caltrans Statement of Responsibility

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:07 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:07 pm

Council Member Pogue made a motion, seconded by Council Member McCorkle, to Adopt Resolution 2026-32 establishing Temporary Noncommercial Election Sign Parameters consistent with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requirements, incorporating the City's existing Corner Sight-Distance Policy, and authorizing the City Clerk to administer the policy and receive copies of the Caltrans Statement of Responsibility

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Waive full reading and Adopt Ordinance 684-AC Ordering the Submission of a General Obligation Bond Measure to the Qualified Voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:10 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:10 pm

Council Member McCorkle made a motion, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, to Waive full reading and Adopt Ordinance 684-AC Ordering the Submission of a General Obligation Bond Measure to the Qualified Voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. Adopt Resolutions 2026-31, 7-28-2026-NPUA, and 2026-17-HACN approving the use of a designee by the Mayor/Chairperson for legal document signing authority.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:12 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:12 pm

Council Member Pogue made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ford, to Adopt Resolutions 2026-31, 7-28-2026-NPUA, and 2026-17-HACN approving the use of a designee by the Mayor/Chairperson for legal document signing authority.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. Adopt Resolution 2026-33 supporting and ratifying the City of Needles' application to the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) recommending the nomination of Census Tract 06071010700 for designation under the Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program and affirming the City's commitment to leveraging the designation to advance economic development, housing, infrastructure investment, job creation, and long-term community revitalization.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had minimal questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:16 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:16 pm

Council Member Belt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell, to Adopt Resolution 2026-33 supporting and ratifying the City of Needles' application to the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) recommending the nomination of Census Tract 06071010700 for designation under the Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program and affirming the City's commitment to leveraging the designation to advance economic development, housing, infrastructure investment, job creation, and long-term community revitalization.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Pogue Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

7. Reconsideration of Resolution No. 2026-29 Calling for the Placement of a Charter Amendment Measure Regarding City Council Compensation and Submission of the Measure to the Qualified Voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election as amended

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had minimal questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:25 pm

Tim Terral said the voters have a right to decide, and urged Council to put this on the Ballot

Wayne Colburn agreed and said the voters should decide

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:27 pm

Council Member Belt made a motion, seconded by Council Member Longbrake, to **Reconsider** Resolution 2026-29 Calling for the Placement of a Charter Amendment Measure Regarding City Council Compensation and Submission of the Measure to the Qualified Voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election as amended

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Pogue Longbrake

Noes: Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Member Belt

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council Member Longbrake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to **Adopt** Resolution 2026-29 Calling for the Placement of a Charter Amendment Measure Regarding City Council Compensation and Submission of the Measure to the Qualified Voters at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election as amended

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Pogue Longbrake
Noes: Vice Mayor Campbell, Council Member Belt
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT given by City John Pinkney

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by City Clerk Candace Clark

CITY MANAGER REPORT – given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Ford

- Thanked staff for cleanup efforts after the flood, stated he would like to buy pizza for staff

Council Member McCorkle

- Thanked staff for being diligent and commented that she saw them out cleaning during and on the day of the storm

Vice Mayor Campbell

- Thanked staff for cleanup efforts after the recent storm and subsequent flooding
- Offered condolences to two families who lost loved ones recently

Council Member Pogue

- Asked staff for an estimated cost of the storm and suggested seeking disaster recovery funds to help local businesses and residents

Council Member Belt

- No Requests

Council Member Longbrake

- Thanked the crews for doing an excellent job of cleaning up after the storm
- Reported there was a death in Santa Fe Park and requested staff look into getting misters for the parks

Mayor Jernigan

- Thanked staff for quick response to the storm and clean up
- Thanked Jeff Gonzalez for his efforts and his recent visit
- Announced upcoming events and wished a Happy Birthday to local resident Carol Shanks, who turned 100 years old

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM

Mayor Janet Jernigan

City Clerk Candace Clark