



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEEDLES
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERES, 1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Larry Ford
Council Member McCorkle
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Mayor Janet Jernigan
Council Member JoAnne Pogue
Council Member Tona Belt
Council Member Henry Longbrake

ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:02 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) Number of Cases: 1

No reportable action

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No reportable action

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL (previously taken, as noted above)

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade gave report as noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mayor Jernigan

INVOCATION - given by Vice Mayor Campbell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member McCorkle, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

INTRODUCTIONS - Mayor Jernigan acknowledged former Council Member Tim Terral, and current BPU Chair Terry Campbell in attendance.

CITY ATTORNEY – Parliamentary Procedures given by Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Terry Campbell reported on the recent GHG findings by the EPA Director and warned of potential conflicts.

Jeff West reported on changes with his River Lux properties.

Missy Hansen commented on the recent new release from the City and expressed concern over alleged infringement of free speech. Deputy City Attorney Wade responded to Missy Hansen.

Cheryl Luell warned about believing everything you see on the internet and supported the City's position.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adopt Resolution 2026-1 of the City Council of the City of Needles Approving a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to City Council Resolution 2017-114 for a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility Located at 204 Bazoobuth Street (APN 0186-154-13), Including Modification of Perimeter Wall Materials and Relocation of Parking and Trash Enclosure to Adjacent Parcels (APNS 0186-154-05 And 0186-154-01). **ITEM CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2026.**

PRESENTATION

2. Accept and file the FY 23/24 City and NPFA Financial Statements Audits and Single Audit Exemption.

City Manager Martinez introduced Finance Director Mark DeMay, who gave staff report.

Council had minimal questions.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 6:30 pm

Public Comment - None

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 6:30 pm

Council Member Pogue made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell, to accept and file the FY 23/24 City and NPFA Financial Statements Audits and Single Audit Exemption.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

REGULAR NPUA / COUNCIL ITEMS

3. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Bureau of Reclamation's Post 2026 Draft EIS Public Comment from the City of Needles dated February 10, 2026

City Manager Martinez gave staff report.

Board of Public Utilities Chair Terry Campbell spoke about water rights.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 6:39 pm

Public Comment - None

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 6:39 pm

Member/Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Member/Council Member McCorkle, to Authorize the Mayor to execute the Bureau of Reclamation's Post 2026 Draft EIS Public Comment from the City of Needles dated February 10, 2026.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members/Council Member Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Members/Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Accept the work completed by WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Lateral Replacement Project and authorize a Notice of Completion to be recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's office.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 6:40 pm

Public Comment - None

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 6:40 pm

Member/Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Member/Council Member Ford, to accept the work completed by WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Lateral Replacement Project and authorize a Notice of Completion to be recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's office.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Members/Council Member Ford, McCorkle, Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Members/Council Members Pogue, Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to approve items 5-6 on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. Approved the Warrants Register through February 10, 2026
6. Approved the Minutes of January 27, 2026

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

7. Award the Base Bid and Additive Alternate to Rainy Day Roofing, Inc. for the Administration Building Façade Awning Project in the amount of \$192,102 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$211,312.20 and authorize staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with Rainy Day Roofing, Inc. and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report.

Council had minimal questions.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 6:45 pm

Public Comment - None

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 6:45 pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Ford, to Award the Base Bid and Additive Alternate to Rainy Day Roofing, Inc. for the Administration Building Façade Awning Project in the amount of \$192,102 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$211,312.20 and authorize staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with Rainy Day Roofing, Inc. and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Ballot measure(s) for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report.

Council discussion ensued and three items were presented for possible ballot measures.

Items suggested were a TBID (tourism) tax; a road repair bond; and an increase in the Council / Mayor stipend.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 6:53 pm

Public Comment

Tim Terral spoke in favor of an increase in the Council / Mayor stipend

Wayne Colburn spoke in favor of all three ballot measures

Don McCone asked questions about the stipend and whether or not the charter allowed a change

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 6:45 pm

9. Waive full reading and Adopt Ordinance 679-AC Amending Chapter 12, Entitled Short-Term Residential Rentals, in the Needles Municipal Code. (First Read Introduction)

City Manager Martinez gave staff report.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Jernigan opened Public Comment at 7:00 pm

Public Comment - None

Mayor Jernigan closed Public Comment at 7:00 pm

Council Member Ford made a motion, second by Council Member McCorkle, to waive full reading and adopt Ordinance 679-AC Amending Chapter 12, Entitled Short-Term Residential Rentals, in the Needles Municipal Code. (First Read Introduction)

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – given by Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by City Clerk Candace Clark

CITY MANAGER REPORT – for the weeks of January 23 and 30, 2026, given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Ford

- *Complimented Road Crews on the new pavement*

Council Member McCorkle

- *Agrees with Bond issue on ballot for roads*
- *Asked staff to prepare a presentation for the public on what roads have been done and what roads are scheduled*
- *Asked for an update on permit fees for vendors at farmer's market*
- *Asked staff to brainstorm on possible ideas for an incentive to business owners in Needles to clean up their buildings*
- *Requested staff insert a flyer in utility bill reminding residents to clean up weeds*

Vice Mayor Campbell

- *Reported on AB1708, which is being supported by Cal Cities, and requested we write a letter to Jeff Gonzalez in support of the bill.*
- *Asked about the Route 66 road paintings being redone*

Council Member Pogue

- *Commended the reimbursement for transportation to medical appointments*

Council Member Belt

- *No staff requests – Happy Valentine's Day*

Council Member Longbrake

- *Requested City repave Broadway and add angled parking in time for the Centennial Celebration*
- *Asked about the status of the voting board/software*
- *Reported that KTOX radio will be live remote at the County Resource fair*
- *Reported that the KTOX building will be getting painted with a mural by the same company that is doing the Electric boxes*

Mayor Jernigan

- *Reported on the Mountain Desert meeting she recently attended – focus was on homelessness, gas tax, and E-bikes.*
- *Attended Legacy Foundation breakfast*
- *Reported on Visit California marketing and sponsoring PBS special being filmed*
- *Congratulated Captain Gault for years of service with San Bernardino County*

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM

Mayor Janet Jernigan

City Clerk Candace Clark