



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, JUNE 9, 2026, COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 PM CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Larry Ford

Council Member Jamie McCorkle

Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell

Mayor Janet Jernigan

Council Member Tona Belt – arrived at 5:23 pm

Council Member Henry Longbrake

Council Member JoAnne Pogue

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). One potential case.

No reportable action

- b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and/or (3). One potential case.

No reportable action

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

ROLL CALL – All present as noted above

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – given by City Attorney Robert Patterson 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 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 – None

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Wayne Colburn requested staff agendize signing a letter of support for River Communities Coalition to pursue grant funding for a coop grocery store.

PRESENTATION

1. City Manager Martinez gave presentation on results of the voter survey that was conducted regarding the funding of City Projects as possible ballot measures.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public Hearing on Vacancies to Comply with Assembly Bill 2561

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, second by Vice Mayor Campbell, to Receive and file this report in compliance with AB2561

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Conduct the public hearing, receive public testimony, provide direction as appropriate, and introduce the proposed FY 2026-27 Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for adoption.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:16 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:16 pm

NPUA / HACN / COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pogue, to approve NPUA/HACN/Council Consent Calendar items 4 through 6.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ford, McCorkle, Vice Mayor Campbell, Mayor Jernigan, Pogue Belt, Longbrake

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Authorized a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Citizen Utilities Rural Company DBA Frontier Communications
5. Ratified the Utility Manager's Signature dated May 12, 2026, for the California Energy Commission 2025 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report
6. Adopted Joint Resolution Nos. 2026-19, 6-9-2026-NPUA, and 2026-14-HACN approving the FY 2026-27 LAIF Authorized Persons List.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, seconded by Council Member McCorkle, to approve Consent Calendar items 7 through 10.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. Approved the Warrants Register through June 9, 2026
8. Approved the Minutes of May 26, 2026

9. Accepted and filed the May 2026 Treasurer's Report
10. Adopted Resolution No. 2026-22 authorizing the submission of an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 grant application for the Needles Multimodal Loop Project Phase 1.

END OF COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR COUNCIL ITEMS

11. Accept Parcel Map No. 20989 located at 193 Morgan Drive and accept dedication of Public Utility Easements shown on the Final Map.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council had no questions

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:20 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:20 pm

Council Member Ford made a motion, second by Council Member McCorkle, to Accept Parcel Map No. 20989 located at 193 Morgan Drive and accept dedication of Public Utility Easements shown on the Final Map.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

12. Provide Direction Regarding the Preparation and Submittal of an Application to the CalRecycle Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program Cycle 9 for the Needles Pilot Reverse Vending Machine Project.

Utility Manager Torrance and City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Council asked questions and discussion ensued.

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:39 pm

Tim Terral said this is a great idea and spoke about one he used when he lived in Highland several years earlier.

Wayne Colburn asked about the user accounts and if there could be multiple accounts for one household.

Utility Manager Torrance responded and stated that more details will be provided.

City Manager Martinez responded to Council questions and provided more clarification.

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:42 pm

13. Authorize those interested to attend the 2026 Operation Dry Water Press Conference in Lake Havasu City, AZ on June 29, 2026, and authorize reimbursement of approved travel related expenses in accordance with City policy.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Mayor Jernigan and Vice Mayor Campbell expressed interest in attending

Council asked questions and discussion ensued.

Mayor Jernigan opened public comment at 6:46 pm

No Public Comment

Mayor Jernigan closed public comment at 6:46 pm

Vice Mayor Campbell made a motion, second by Council Member Longbrake, to Authorize Mayor Jernigan and Vice Mayor Campbell to attend the 2026 Operation Dry Water Press Conference in Lake Havasu City, AZ on June 29, 2026, and authorize reimbursement of approved travel related expenses in accordance with City policy.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – City Attorney Patterson had nothing to report

CITY CLERK REPORT – given by City Clerk Candace Clark

CITY MANAGER REPORT – given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Ford

- The banner on the railroad crossing is too small. Suggested it be moved to the front of El Garces and replaced with a larger banner.
- Requested landscaping around the Needles sign at G and H
- Reported the pedestrian crossing on J street outside council chambers is faded and should be repainted

Council Member McCorkle

- Likes the QR code on the banner
- Reported salt cedar trees on River Road need to be cleaned up

Vice Mayor Campbell

- Reported that the parking lot at the old county building is in disrepair

Council Member Pogue

- Stated that the Palo Verde Graduation ceremony in Needles was nice

Council Member Belt

- Requested staff trim trees at Bob Belt Beach Park
- Needles High School graduation – this was the 120th year

Council Member Longbrake

- Requested more signage in the city to prevent tourists from getting lost
- Reported several streetlights are still out – Broadway by hardware store, Santa Fe Park, J Street between Coronado and Erin

Mayor Jernigan

- Reported on her attendance at the Victorville fair
- She hosted a couple visiting from London who write periodicals and enjoyed seeing the City of Needles
- Thanked Michael Wright from the museum
- Reported on the success of the Texas BBQ Caravan and 72-ounce steak challenge
- Received Visit California Route 66 Passbooks and is distributing them

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Jernigan adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm

Mayor Janet Jernigan

City Clerk Candace Clark