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How they voted: Needles City Council and Needles Public Utility Authority meeting in regular session on Feb. 13, 2018. Council members Tona Belt, Louise Evans, Shawn Gudmundson, Clayton Hazlewood, Robert Richardson M.D., Vice Mayor Jeff Williams and Mayor Ed Paget M.D. were present

Report from executive session: There was no reportable action taken

City Manager Rick Daniels representing the city in labor negotiations with the Needles Unclassified Employees Association and San Bernardino Public Employees Association Teamsters Local 1932.

Conference with legal counsel- anticipated litigation.

NCC informational item: Presentation to outgoing commission members Bob Rath (planning commission) and Linda Kidd (parks and recreation commission).

NCC informational item: Fire Chief Tom Marshall reported on activities of **San Bernardino County Fire Station 32** for calendar year 2017.

NCC informational item: Presentation by Vasquez & Company of the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

NCC action item: Presentation, staff report, council questions, public comments, council deliberation, finding of facts and approve Resolution 2018-9: a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana manufacturing facility at 2603 Columbus Drive. Applicant Sharon Brown.

Belt-Y, Evans-N, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item: Staff report, council questions, public comments, council deliberation and approve Resolution 2018-8 prioritizing and approving a dollar amount of Needles' projects eligible for 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant funding.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

Recess NCC, convene joint NCC-NPUA

NCC/NPUA action item, consent calendar including:

Receive and file NPUA audit report completed by Vasquez & Company for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Accept \$70,000 bid from Benold Construction for purchase and assembly of a shade structure, 48 by 40 feet, to store utility line trucks. Authorize notices of award and to proceed. Funded by electric asset replacement funds.

Authorize continuance of a toilet replacement pilot project with a budget of \$8,000 and water education materials for a youth outreach program with a budget of \$7,000.

Informational: hear status of contract with EUSI, LLC to operate and maintain the wastewater treatment plant, provide services for certified operation and maintenance services and provide other services.

NPUA action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Paget-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

(Pulled from consent calendar) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2018-10 adding Item 15 to the Capital Improvement Plan- NPUA and approve moving forward with Task 2: an electric circuit reliability program with a cost not to exceed \$800,000 in labor and materials. Extend the project to Outsource Utility Contractors Corp to perform the work under the electrical general service contract using electric asset replacement funds. The city council decided to continue the action item to the next city council meeting.

NPUA action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Paget-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y
NCC action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

Adjourn joint meeting, reconvene NCC

NCC/NPUA action item: Approve proposed mid-year budget revisions for water, wastewater, electric, All American Canal and Needles Public Utility Authority.

NPUA action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Paget-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC/NPUA action item: Authorize those interested in attending the Lower Colorado River Tour on April 11-13, 2018 at a cost of \$865 per person to be funded by Council Travel Per Diem. Councilor Evans said she was interested in attending schedule permitting.

NPUA action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Paget-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC/NPUA action item: Resolution 02-13-2018 NPUA and Resolution 2018-12 establishing a policy to reserve two megawatts of power for non-cannabis commercial, industrial and residential developments.

NPUA action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Paget-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action — Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item, consent calendar including:

Approve warrants register through Feb. 13.

Approve minutes of Sept. 26 and Dec. 12.

Accept resignation of Richard Hazlewood from the Cemetery Advisory Commission; direct city clerk to advertise vacancy. Term to expire Dec. 31, 2018.

Approve revised rules and regulations for operation of Needles' Riverview Cemetery regarding handling of flowers, flags and other items located on grave sites to allow for mowing of the cemetery grounds and other matters.

Approve sublease between the city and Needles Marina Park for approximately 7 acres; authorize mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

Waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-11 accepting a proposal for Professional Services Agreement as city engineer from Epic Engineering for a three year term expiring Feb. 13, 2021.

Accept \$24,799.47 base bid from DATAGEAR Inc., to purchase and install 16 security cameras with video at the El Garces; funded by remaining STA grant funds. Total project amount of \$30,719. Authorize issuance of notices of award and to proceed.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item: Approve proposed revised budgets for fiscal year ending June 30.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item: Discuss adding an outdoor patio deck at the 19th Hole golf course concession.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-N, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item: Discuss an offer to purchase approximately 24.9 acres of surplus city property on the east side of Parkway Street and south of Lilyhill Drive.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

NCC action item: Approve first reading and posting of an amended Ordinance 602-AC adopting the 2012 edition of the International Property maintenance Code and amending Section 2-10 of the Needles Municipal Code.

Belt-Y, Evans-Y, Gudmundson-Y, Hazlewood-Y, Richardson-Y, Williams-Y

Key: Y is a yes vote, N is a no vote, A is abstain from voting. Council members must abstain in the case of a conflict of interest. Mayor Ed Paget, or the presiding officer in his absence, votes only in the case of a tie. The presiding officer does vote on the actions of the Needles Public Utility Authority, Public Financing Authority and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency. Ordinances require two separate readings and affirmative votes of at least four council members for passage. Emergency ordinances may be passed on one reading but require five affirmative votes.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/how-they-voted-city-council/article_cbe96f04-114a-11e8-bb3a-6fc89a572e9c.html

Rollover crash on 15 Freeway near Cajon Pass leaves motorist trapped

Michael Watanabe, The Press-Enterprise

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A motorist became trapped after their vehicle landed in a ditched following a rollover crash on the 15 Freeway near the Cajon Pass, officials said.

Initial reports to the California Highway Patrol indicate the crash took place just after noon on the northbound 15 Freeway just north of Highway 138.

A medical helicopter was sent to the scene and about an hour later, **San Bernardino County fire** crews had removed the motorist and sent the patient to a trauma center.

The crash didn't appear to be affecting traffic as of 1 p.m.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/02/13/rollover-crash-on-15-freeway-near-cajon-pass-leaves-motorist-trapped/>