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VICTORVILLE -- A man from Long beach has been killed while changing his tire on the freeway in Victorville. The woman that hit him was arrested.

A white GMC 2500HD had an issue with its tire at about 7:00 pm Monday night, February 6, 2023. The man parked the vehicle on the right shoulder of northbound I-15 near the Palmdale Road exit, under the overpass.

At about 7:10 pm a 46-year-old woman from Victorville was driving her Chevy Cruze, quickly approaching the man changing his tire.

The California Highway Patrol is still trying to investigate what happened, but they do know that the woman's vehicle started to veer into the path of the man changing his tire. The Cruze hit the man and the passenger side of the truck. When the Cruze came to a stop. The CHP say the man was trapped underneath the woman's Cruze.

Fire crews from **San Bernardino County Fire** arrived on scene but the man was declared dead. The CHP arrested the woman for felony DUI.

The woman has been identified as 46-year-old Jeniffer Renae Morgan, a resident from Victorville.

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City approves RiverLux Resort development

By Jeni Henderson, Mohave Valley Daily News

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NEEDLES — A 60-lot tentative tract map for the RiverLux Resort at 429 N. K St. was unanimously approved by the City Council at its Jan. 24 meeting.

“This is the first tentative tract map we’ve got in quite some time,” said Patrick Martinez, assistant city manager/director of development services.

The one- to three-story single-family homes will be subdivided with 25 lots on the northeast corner of North K Street and Needles Highway, and 35 lots on the southern side with two lots serving as water retention basins.

The project site is located in a developed area of the city — to the west there are residential homes, to the east is the Needles Marina. To the north is Arizona and to the south is city land and Rivers Edge Golf Course.

The development will be a mix of commercial and residential, Martinez said, “so in the future of this project, you’re going to see commercial being added so that he can attract commercial development in the city.”

According to the Mitigated Negative Declarations and the mitigation measures incorporated in the project, there will be no substantial environmental damage that will be created from the tract map, Martinez said, and the design of the subdivision and improvements will not cause serious health problems.

Once construction begins, working hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday with flexible hours during the summer months subject to city manager approval.

This project is a one of a kind, designed for the river, said Jeffrey West, brother to applicant Michael West.

“Everyone has a boat, people have razors, people have big motorhomes, the snowbirds,” he said, “so we wanted to make sure to make it easy for them to have ingress and egress and we designed the garages for pull-throughs.”

If you look online for homes with RV garages, they’re packed, West said.

“They have a boat, an RV and then you have ice chests and life vests on the floor,” West said. “There’s not enough room so we designed this so you can actually have enough room and put your toys and have that lifestyle and be off the ground and be clean so it’s a unique design and every home will have its own pool.”

Originally, he said developers wanted to build a community pool but with COVID, thought it better for people to have their own pools with their own privacy.

Instead of doing a bunch of apartments, they wanted to do something unique because “Needles is unique” with Rivers Edge Golf Course and access to the river close by “and we wanted to bring some luxury to Needles,” West said.

“For 35 years, Bullhead (City) and Lake Havasu’s been taking all the money right from Needles,” West said. “So now it’s time for us to come in and get some of that back and give Needles a very good, beautiful development and that’s what we have here.”

Council Member Jamie McCorkle, although looking forward to the prospects of the development, had concerns regarding West’s past experience with housing and creative developments.

“My grandfather was a builder from Oklahoma,” West said, noting his father came to California after World War II and was in the construction business for 40 years building schools.

His brother and partner is a contractor, building commercial buildings and assisted living homes, he said.

“Most of my family did commercial,” he said. “We’ve done quite a few custom homes on the side.”

Everyone he has shown the development, the billboard and the entire package to had not one negative thing to say about it, he said.

“That’s why we developed it this way, for the city, for people to go ‘wow, look at this,’ ” West said. “And Needles has it, no one else is going to have it.”

But with growth comes change.

Theresa Bernard, who lives behind the property on the east side of North K Street, said she was concerned about dust control as they develop the property as well as how it will affect her access to the alley through her back gate.

“It’s easy to get out of, go down the alley, out to the road,” she said, wondering if that’s going to be cut off.

“And the ingress and egress, where is that going to fall?” she asked.

Dust, West said, will be mitigated. “Yes it will be water, water water water.”

“We have to have that hard compaction,” he said, and a phone number along with a website will be on the fence so if there is any dust, “you can call and we’ll address it but we’ll control the dust.”

As far as the easement goes, he said there is no easement — there has never been an easement and there never will be an easement on that property.

“It’s trespassing if you’re going on someone’s private property,” West said.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the warrants register for Jan. 24.
- Approved amendment to Contract Number 21-390 A1 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement between **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District and the City of Needles through June 30, 2027 and authorized the city manager to execute amendment.

- Approved exclusive three year purchase of Douglas Fir Power Poles through Stella-Jones for fiscal year 2023, 2024 and 2025 not to exceed \$100,000 annually using funds from the Electric Operation and Maintenance budget.
- Extended the existing Electrical General Services Contract working under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program with Petrelli Electric for an additional three years to expire March 2026 to complete the electric system improvements and approve Tasks No. 4 and No. 5 relating to the power pole replacement program, at a total cost not to exceed \$670,000 to be funded with electric system asset replacement funds.
- Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-07 prioritizing and approving the dollar amount of Needles eligible projects for Community Development Block Grant funding for fiscal year 2023-24.
- Waived the reading and adopted Resolution No. 2023-09 authorizing application and receipt of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program Funds relating to housing and community development.
- Awarded bid from Final Touch Construction & Design, Inc. for Bid Alternate No. 1 for a total amount of \$70,688, total project cost \$77,756 including the 10% contingency, and authorized staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed using funds from the Admin Facility Property Capital Buildings Fund.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. PST Feb. 14 at 1111 Bailey Ave.

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