

## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 16/03-07

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** March 7, 2016/6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Valdez at 4:01 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Freddy Valdez  
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Felipe Perez  
Council Member Craig Knight

**ABSENT:** Council Member Marcia Sablan

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Roy Santos; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Interim City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; Fire Chief, John Borboa, Wanda Breashers, Mark Fickett, Rich Alaniz, Ted Crockett, Bob Tharp and others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Knight led pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

*David Borboa, 2349 Borboa, recited a quote from George Santayana, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it", why is Council considering on hiring someone that left the city in financial hardship. Mr. Borboa added instead of going ahead with this hiring, cut the proposed earning for this individual in half and give to the employees, who have had earning cuts by furloughs, benefits and elimination of staff and contribute to their loss in the wages they received over the past years that helped offset the deficit to the budget.*

*John Baltierra, stated we don't have to worry about the proposed new hire, because it is his understanding the applicant withdrew his application but stated his concern is the hiring process the council did and asked if the community residents would be able to have input on the hiring process. In the past when Mr. Baltierra asked two of the current council members, he was informed, "Yes" but it did not happen.*

### PRESENTATION

- Swear-In of Officer Jesus Molina
- Presentation introducing K-9 (Bowie) with Officer Santoyo and Officer Vaca with K-9 Bonti.
- Sami Khan of Enviro Group presented information on Wastewater Reuse for Agriculture Project and inquired about council's support of the project. Mr. Khan is working with Toma-Tek and Westlands Water District on this project but needs more consumers long-term commit, the biggest supports in developing this project comes from EDC. There is State grant funding available to fund this water reuse project due to the support of US Senator Dianne Feinstein.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on January 25, 2016.**
- 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 2, 2016.**
- 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 29, 2016.**
- 4. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting January 1, and ending on January 31, 2016.**

January 2016	General Warrants	#32937 - #33126	\$ 199,153.08
	Payroll Warrants	#66457 - #66558	\$ 275,892.24
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 475,045.32</b>

*Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

*Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote at 6:47 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**5. Government Code Section 54957**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / EMPLOYMENT: City Manager

**6. Government Code Section 54957.6**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES  
 City Negotiator: City Attorney  
 Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Employee – City Manager

*Motion to enter open session, passes by 4-0 vote at 7:13 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:** No Action Taken.

*Motion to remove agenda item Res. No. 16-07, by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE THROUGH-THE FENCE AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT OPERATIONS.**

*Motion to approve agreement by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 16-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 16-05, by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 16-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 16-06, by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Knight, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 16-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CITY MANAGER CONTRACT.**

Res. No. 16-07 – removed from the agenda.

**11. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW BOND PROCEEDS EXPENDITURE AND/OR BOND SPENDING PLAN.**

*Informational item only, no amendments or recommendations to the presented list by council or public.*

**12. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS UPDATE ON RODEO COMMITTEE AND HEAR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING JARIPEO EVENTS.**

*Informational item only, Attorney advised rules/regulations must remain the same for organizations; all events must be treated equal. Mayor Valdez added the Ad-hoc rodeo committee is dissolved until further notice.*

**13. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS MOBILE RESTROOM.**

*City Council received comments and directed staff to purchase four bathrooms, place two at the Rodeo Grounds and two at the Enclosed Area, with Belli proving cleaning services.*

**14. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF CITY CELL PHONE TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS STRICTLY FOR CITY BUSINESS MATTERS.**

*City Council received comments and directed staff to purchase .99 phones for all five Council Members.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Attending training in Sacramento, April 9-11<sup>th</sup>, Cleaning brush along the river, Council will need to appoint two individuals to the West County Solid Waste committee at the next meeting and Indart was the only call received regarding flooding during the heavy rain.
- **City Attorney, Santos** – Update on Outstanding projects: working on the farmland lease agreement. Impact fee study agreement which requires several changes, Deputy Clerk advised David Taussig & Associates (DTA) is willing to review and approve a consult agreement the Attorney may already use for consult services, please provide a copy to the Rita and she will send to DTA for approval. Through-the-fence agreements were mailed to two other companies with access to the airport. Land lease agreement for the property near giant burger will in a future agenda.
- **Finance Director Martin** – Attended the Las Deltas Water District meeting regarding the current grant with Ben, the City has been approved for reimbursement of previously spent funds of the first grant. The Auditor sent a draft of the audit to review; final audit would be presented to Council at the next meeting.
- **Deputy Clerk, Lozano** – Reminded council members of the Form 700 Deadline in April 2016, to avoid fines.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Fireman’s Dinner Dance is April 2, 2016, tickets are available.

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 8:54 p.m.**