

## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 16/04-04

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** April 4, 2016/6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Valdez at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Freddy Valdez  
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Felipe Perez  
Council Member Marcia Sablan

**ABSENT:** Council Member Craig Knight

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Roy Santos; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Fire Chief, John Borboa, City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; and others.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### PRESENTATION

- *Swearing-In of Reserve Officer Maurice Rubio*
- *Nathan Perez/Nick Hasan of David Taussig & Associates presented an update on the Impact Fee Study.*
- *Power Point Presentation from City Planner Karl Schoettler regarding the Housing Element 2035.*

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on March 21, 2016.**

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

### NEW BUSINESS

2. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER REDUCTION OR WAIVER OF PLANNING FEES FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF 1459 14<sup>th</sup> St (APN 008-132-17) AND 1388 “O” St (APN 008-132-16) FROM THE VASQUEZ FAMILY.**

*Motion to defer the remaining planning fess until two years after the applicant is issued an occupancy permit by Council Member Sablan, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 16-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPOINTING BEN GALLEGOS AS ACTING CITY MANAGER.**

*Motion to approve Resolution No 16-08 by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 16-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUPPORTING AB1012 - A STATE LAW TO SECURE THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING A TIMELY USE OF THE FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS; 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET RECONSTRUCTION; "O" STREET RECONSTRUCTION.**

*Motion to approve Resolution No 16-09 by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

**5. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE A CLAIM REJECTION FOR GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIM OF MARITZA RODRIGUEZ.**

*Motion to approve rejection of claim because the claim was not filed within the law required six-month deadline by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

*Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by 4-0 vote at 7:07 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**6. Government Code Section 54957.**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: City Attorney.

**7. Pending litigation Government Code Section 54956.9**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: - one case.

*Motion to enter open session, passes by 4-0 vote at 7:48 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

Council approved a Settlement Agreement between the City of Firebaugh and Pacific Ag.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Staff is waiting for the approval of the Sole Source request from the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding the 15-CDBG-10568. Council and Staff need to submit their needs and wants for the Finance Director to place in the Budget. Thanked Council for the opportunity to be the Acting City Manager. Explained the process of a stop work order (Red Tag), when building matter is reported, the building clerk is asked if a permit has been issued to the site/address. If a building permit has not been issued, a staff member issues a stop work order until the individual or contractor reports to the building department, for a building permit and a double fine will be charged. Only one bid was submitted for the Farm Lease Agreement, staff would present to council at the next meeting for approval. Mayor Valdez, thanked staff for resolving the issue.

- **Finance Director Martin** – Requested a wish list from staff/council to be considered and/or added to the budget. The General Fund will be presented at the next council meeting.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – The Annual Fire Association Dinner Dance had about 230 attendees. The department is preparing for a busy fire season/summer and is hoping to be able to purchase a new fire truck.
- **City Attorney Santos** – Advised, all pending items are current, but is still working on the dissolution of the Westside Cable Authority. Sent a water reuse MOU contract to Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos for review and discussion.
- **Police Chief Raygoza** – Will negotiate a new contract with the Police Department of Mendota for dispatching services, there will be an increase required to cover the workload due to the high call volume of the services being provide to Mendota for dispatching services, to cover our costs. PAL Program started the Girls Softball League; sixty-eight girls are registered, they will play against other cities such as Chowchilla, Mendota and Kerman at their locations. When games are held in Firebaugh, they will be played at Maldonado Park. Once the Department of Housing and Community Development approves the city’s sole source request for Grant Administration Services regarding the 15-CDBG-10568, Police Department will start assisting with code enforcement/dog catching services. To provide the services the department is looking in to hiring two individuals for a two-day workweek scheduled. Would prefer to have one of the days as a Saturday workday to catch the unissued building permits/construction being done on the weekends. Staff that attended code enforcement training classes will train these individuals or they themselves will attend. Finance Director Martin, stated part-time individuals must stay under 1000 hours worked per fiscal year for the city to avoid paying CalPERS contributions. Police Chief asked if the Promotes are still using the building at Dunkle Park for computer classes, if not, the festival committee would like to use the room to display historical photos of city during the Harvest Festival. Council Member Sablan suggested the committee also play the documentary of the city, “Jewel of the San Joaquin”.
- **Council Member Perez** – Reported, “We are 501c, Promotes”. Fresno State want to make a four-page newsletter for Firebaugh both in English and Spanish. Computer Classes are finished; all the computers need to be replaced. Attorney Santos replied Fresno County sells their used computers at a good rate. Finance Director Martin inquired if there is a way to promote and educate residents that they can receive and pay the utility billing online, since the city has the capability to do so.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Asked for an update on the Senior Center and what the new design/remold look like. Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos replied, once we get an Architect, through the CDBG, we will work on the new design to fit needs and wants. The city needs to looking at hiring Sadie Navarro at the Senior Center and working to continue the summer lunch program. Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos stated the lunch program is being offered at the school. Council Member Sablan, answered the program is also at the Children’s Comer but would like it at the Senior Center too.
- **Mayor Valdez** – Asked for an update on the Terra Verde Agreement, if it is possible to add solar to city buildings. Wants to consider hiring someone to keep the website updated and maintain a city Instagram to inform public of all city business matters, even if it is just a part-time position. City Planner Schoettler mentioned, earlier the city needs to promote the city to bring new businesses or developments maybe this will be an effective source.

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 8:20 p.m.**