

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 18/02-05

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: February 5, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins

ABSENT: Mayor Felipe Perez, Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan,

OTHERS: City Attorney Meggin Boranian; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza, Fire Chief, John Borboa; City Engineering Mario Gouveia & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESENTATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on January 17, 2018.**

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

- *Motion to enter in to Successor Agency by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez at 6:03 pm; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH A. M. PECHÉ & ASSOCIATES LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-05 by SA Member Lopez, second by SA Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

- *Motion to enter in to Council Meeting by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez at 6:04 pm; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

3. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST WAVIER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF ANDREW FIREBAUGH COMMUNITY CENTER AND RODEO GROUNDS BY RIVER PARKWAY TRUST FOR CAMPING EVENT.**

Motion to approve rental fee waiver, with recommendation to adding the River Park as a community event by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2017-2018 CITY BUDGET PER MID-YEAR REVIEW.**

Motion to approve amendments \$10,000 to General Fund 004 for lights at Maldonado Park and \$10,000 to fund line 3502 for legal services by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-06 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-07 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-08 - 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; 8TH ST PEDESTRIAN REHABILITATION.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-08 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTANT FOR THE PROVISION OF PLANNING SERVICES.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-09 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL RELATED TO MARIJUANA REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-10 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-11 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fresno County Board of Supervisor, District 1 - Brain Pacheco, stated to his surprise at a Public meeting at the library held earlier in the week regarding the relocation of the library to West Hills College, about 25 individuals attended, 15 of them were Firebaugh residents opposing the move. Some of the comments stated, was their concern on safety, they stated they don't want the disruption, they like their current location, they also stated they really don't feel safe on new campus as they do now. However, it is an open library with any member of the community that can go in and it's a college atmosphere. There are several representatives that are new since the process started, new Members of the

Council, Board of Supervisor President of West Hills College and the CEO of the County. West Hill Vice Chancellor and two other West Hills employees also attended and heard the concerns of the public. Fresno County Supervisor Mr. Pacheco, stated “I was totally unaware that anyone was opposed to the move, the librarian and I were taken back. It was eye opening, so the purpose for me attending this meeting, was to address the council, bring it to your attention and ask, “What are your wishes as the leaders of this community, because I need some direction on how to proceed.” The public was advised to voice their concerns to their Council Members. A survey is also, available on the county website and at the public library, so public can provide feedback and voice their opinion. There will be one more additional follow up Public Meeting. Mr. Pacheco inquired if any of the Council Members or City staff has received any testimony on this issue. The final plans are prepared to be submitted to the State at the end of the month. The Supervisors added he received through communications with local residents of the community, they several individuals replied it is a small group opposing the relocation, but it is not the wishes of the whole community, the majority would like to move forward. Council Member Valdez stated that from everyone he has spoken with, the response was everyone has been excited about the move, with a bigger new building and new modern technology available, along with comments received was it was going to give younger kids a chance to witness college and give them exposure, since maybe they wouldn’t have ever had a reason stepped on the college before, that ability for them to see college is there and take a look at it. I’ve only heard positive things, as far as I know. Police Chief Raygoza added the community will really benefit from the new library.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – January has been quite, year-end reports were included in the agenda packet for review. All Cities may see a negative impact next year with Prop 57 and Prop 47, which will release prisoners. Will submit a resolution to oppose and submit to the State for consideration. Council Member Jenkins inquired about training for Officers regarding 11-5-50. Police Chief would like to train officers since there is many new employees, however, because of post funding purposes, the department can only send a few at a time, the training is about two weeks. Council Member Valdez suggested the Police Department hold an assembly at the school to do a presentation on the new marijuana laws, so the understand it is still a crime for minors and understand the regulations. Council Member Valdez also asked the City Manager to contact the Superintendent Freitas on concerns of the relationship between the police department and school. A funding is available for a PAL mentorship program, PAL would like to apply with the support of the city. Council Member Jenkins asked if the k-9 program will return. Chief replied, an officer that is interested but he is still on probation and the currently policy requires an officer to have at least 5 years of service.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Still waiting for an update about the Fire truck, and will need to make an amendment to the budget for annual vehicle repairs fund to pay for the cost of the repairs.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – received a draft of the audit, the street reports were submitted to the State, so deadline was met. Bond debit coverage is required to be above 1.2 and it currently is not, financial adviser’s recommendation is to establish a rate stabilization 120 days after the FY end and complete a new rate study, the negative impacts came from GASB 65 (Refi Bonds) and GASB 68 (CalPERS), another factor is TOMA TEK revenue is lower than expected. City will be placing an RFP for Auditor Services, since the current contract is expiring this year.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Attended the League of Cities Conference, discovered there is a support group of experienced City Managers that assist new City Manager. Researching other solar programs, heard good things about Op Terra but heard good things about other companies. Rate increase will probably be suggested through rate study for additional revenue, but we don’t want to the businesses. Found a lot of issues under the parking lot at the Senior Center, plan to use bond proceeds to fund the repairs needed and install a drainage system. Dollar General is having their Grand Opening Sat. at 8:00 am. Met with Phil the finance director of Mr. Bill Davis on the proposed project.
- **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – Provided Ben with the information on the upcoming Attorney’s Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT *Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion passes by unanimous 3-0 vote at 7:42 p.m.*