

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 18/02-21

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: February 21, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Elsa Lopez

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; Donald Reynolds& others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESENTATION

Mr. Donald Reynolds, CPA, provided a present of the Annual Independent Auditor’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2017, two the biggest concerns were CalPERS GASB 68, an accounting valuation report which is an unfunded liability and charges went to enterprise fund, the impact is due to the fact that the City is in a pooled coverage with other CalPERS Agencies. The other concern was GASB No. 65, The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a statement affecting how governments account for refinancing long-term debt. Statement no. 23, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Refunding of Debt Reported by Proprietary Activities, concerns accounting and reporting procedures when new debt is issued and its proceeds are used to pay off old debt, so basically, GASB No. 65, is trying to show that governments are acting similar to citizens refinancing when trading old debt for new debt at a lower interest rate and recognizing the difference over a period of time rather than as a one-time event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on February 5, 2018.

Motion to approve minutes with recommended amendments adding Public Comment before Supervisor Pacheco comments and adding Council Members response to his comments by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

1. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting January 1, and ending on January 31, 2018.

January 2018	General Warrants	#36169 - #36273	\$ 617,505.79
	Payroll Warrants	#69116 - #69253	\$ 299,636.83
TOTAL			\$ 917,142.62

Motion to approve warrants with the exception of Check # 36272 – Hilda Valdez by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve Check # 36272 – Hilda Valdez by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 3-0 vote. Jenkins – Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS**2. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL APARTMENTS IN AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

Motion to direct staff to rezone parcels from C-1 to R-1 by Council Member Valdez, Second by Council Member Jenkin, motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENGIE SERVICES U.S., INC.

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-12 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Has been quite, except Auto Zone was robbed, many Auto Zones have been targeted in surrounding cities, the Department is working with MAGIC. The city received a “C” rating regarding tobacco retail enforcement. Cadets will be doing outreach and make sure businesses are educated and following all rules/regulations. A “C” rate sounds low but all other cities received an “F” rating. Council Member Sablan would like to push for all homes/apartments to be smoke free areas. Many law enforcement departments have received complaints about handicap parking, there is a task force, so we would like to work with them to enforce and issue citations to violators, parking plagued parking permits may be taken away. Every Officer is going through training on mental health matters, training is free and will benefit all officers but training is 40 hours, so only 2 officers will be able to attend at a time, it will be a lengthy process for all to receive the training. Two officers will attend training in Clovis on MS13 gang members, and plan to send more at a later time, also partnered up with MAGIC to come to the community to assist with training. Owner of the Pizza Factory asked about assistance with mental health individuals in town, there has been issues at his business, customers feel intimidated and no one is sure if the individual may get aggressive. Police Chief replied, feel free to report to PD, there is a mental health representative at the station. PD has offered some individuals help and approached several different ways to assist or offer services, but has not be successful. A code enforcement presentation at a future meeting.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** –Albert Peche will submit disclosure reports, RSG (as part of the Successor Agency) will submit and handle a funding dispute regarding the ROPS, so that the funding is not reduced. Working on Budget, proposing to present Salaries and CalPERS GASB budget in March, other funding to follow over the next few months. We are now accepting credit card payments, our 1st transaction was today for \$1000.
- **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – Credited the Chief on a records matter, he received a request to personnel records, will have a court appearance in the future. This is the second received in two months regarding an officer.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Met with VP of United Security to install an AMT in City Hall, only for withdrawals. Felipe and I attended meeting with Cal Builders on a VET Housing or homes project at Lake Joallen, will have a presentation at a future meeting. Another idea they would like to bring, is to construct a building for public to learn welding, drafting and other skills training, a person would \$150 to learn a trade, although there is no received certification, but they will have space to use as their own shop. Also, discussed partnering up with West Hills College or School District. Senior Center is on schedule, hoping to complete by May. Will attend ICSC Conference, a commercial developer will join us to assist in selling our community, along with EDC rep, they will develop a proposal packet and include many tax incentives that are offered in town. A big project is coming with Caltrans, lights, sidewalks, and possibly removal of medians from Clyde Fannon to Morris Kyle on HWY 33. Mayor Perez reported the City Manager is doing an awesome job, he was impressed and surprised at the information Ben was able to provide at the meeting in LA.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**CLOSED SESSION****ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT *Motion adjourn by Council Members; motion passes by unanimous 4-0 vote at 7:36 p.m.*