

## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 18/06-18

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** June 18, 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 Elsa Lopez  
Council Member Freddy Valdez  
Council Member Brady Jenkins

**ABSENT:**

**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; Engineer Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears, George Conklin, David Van Pelt, Stacy Sablan, Supervisor Brian Pacheco & others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Lopez led pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**PRESENTATION**

*Preston Price, CEO and Stacy Sablan, Chair of the County Board of the Housing Authority provided an update on their facilities and proposed projects, as well as introduce some of their staff members attending the meeting. Prior to the meeting they had dinner with seniors at Rio Vista apartments. Gave Recognition to Mr. Brain Pacheco, Board of Supervisor, who is attendance tonight. Presentation address homeless and efforts on how to assist them, by becoming a developer over the past few years to provide affordable housing throughout Fresno County but really focusing on the rural area. Housing Authority has increased issued vouchers (section 8) to families in need, conducted 25,000 inspections to make sure families have quality standard housing and have done outreach to landlords to participate in the program. Renovations have been done to some of the Housing Authority facilities and more renovation will be done to other facilities. Housing Authority received funding for Maldonado Plaza to remold facility, will address the brown grass concern. Council Member Lopez asked if it will continue to be a Farm Labor housing. Council Member Sablan asked if Firebaugh could get an emergency unit or shelter locally, should the city need it for certain services in case of an emergency? Housing Authority did not have an immediate answer at this time but continue to work on it. Mr. Price advised the State has stopped funds, so it really isn't an option to operate full-time all year. City Manager expressed his interest in the plans for Maldonado Plaza because he is aware of the need in Firebaugh for housing and the long list the Housing Authority currently has.*

*Supervisor Brian Pacheco, expressed his appreciation to the Housing Authority for all of the really great work they are doing, and stated he was approached by a Council Member from Mendota stating their need for housing too. Mr. Pacheco has been working with the City, Mayor, Police Chief for a new Police station and School Superintendent on various matters.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on June 4, 2018.**

*Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting May 1, and ending on May 31, 2018.**

May 2018	General Warrants	#36631 - #36772	\$ 677,650.98
	Payroll Warrants	#69550 - #69654	\$ 212,279.30
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 889,930.28</b>

*Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-26 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO TO CONSOLIDATE AND CANVASS THE ELECTION AND PERMIT THE COUNTY CLERK OF FRESNO COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY FOR SAID SERVICES.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-26 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-27 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CONCERNING MEASURE C EXTENSION LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE PASS-THROUGH AND PROGRAM FUNDS ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR FY 2018-2019.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-27 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-28 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-28 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 18-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH’S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 – 2019.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-29 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 18-30 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO ORDER ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-30 by Council Member Lopez second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (AUDITING) WITH BRYANT L. JOLLEY.**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-31 by Council Member Lopez second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF POSO CANAL TRAIL PROJECT: CML-5224(015), AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS AND TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF MONIES TO CAL VALLEY CONSTRUCTION.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-32 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT 3 LOCATIONS PROJECT: CML-5224(019), AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS AND TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF MONIES TO CAL VALLEY CONSTRUCTION.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-33 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF WATERLINE REPLACEMENT RIVER LANE AND CARDELLA STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS AND TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF MONIES TO CAL VALLEY CONSTRUCTION.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 18-34 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

## STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Firework show is June 29<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited, no charge, there will be eight booths mostly run by school organizations, and a BBQ completion along with other events. The event was advertised on Channel 30 & 26.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – The new Fire Truck is at Eppler’s for inspection & repairs at the fire station should be finished in about two to three weeks.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Finished on the budget, will start working on the rate study. We are still in contract with the current Auditor until August, then will begin working on the audit with new Auditor. AT&T reported a reduction for a savings of 50%. Councilmember Sablan asked if telephones & internet need to be updated. All the ShoreTel phone system for the City is paid off. Mr. Van Pelt Asked were the reserves are reflected in the Budget. Finance Director advised it isn’t included in the Budget.
- **City Engineer Marion Gouveia** – Q St is almost designed, construction to begin in Oct/Nov, hopefully with new a storm line from returned COG funds.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – will be out next meeting, on vacation, Elections Office is holding a candidate training in July for anyone interested in running.

- **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – Attended the league of cities meeting on Thursday at Tornino’s, Ben also attended.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Attend with the Mayor a tour of Olam, local site is one of two that is an international company. Problems at Senior Center with the issued kitchen plans, Health Department approved the plans so it can’t be changed, hopefully the project will be completed by the end of the month. United Security will have a grand opening tomorrow at 8:00 am for the virtual ATM teller, Firebaugh has the first one, and then one will be built in Bakersfield. This Saturday there will be a grand opening at Dunkle Park, no permit fees but still required inspections. Will miss August 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, to take daughter to Arizona for College.
- Council Member Lopez –Asked if payment for Japanese Foxwood was in the budget and what they were for. Staff said they were 5 gals placed in front of the Community Center. Inquired about \$190.00 Attorney fee for marijuana meeting. City Manager replied Attorney attended a meeting with 420 College, which was outside her retainer fee.
- **Council Member Perez** – Mayor Perez is spear heading a grant to seek funds to install a fence around the community garden, because vegetables are being stolen. Council Member Lopez stated concern about enclosing a garden with a fence, which is intended to be for the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Van Pelt reported the water heater at the community center is too small, when trying to sterilize the dishes after senior meals, the water doesn’t stay hot very long. City Manager replied the Health Department inspected and approved the equipment at the facility. Mr. Van Pelt asked Council Members to speak into the microphones because it is hard to hear them at times.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

*Motion to enter closed session at 7:38 p.m. by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**12. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.**

**Re: APN # 008-071-04**

Designative Rep. City Negotiator Ben Gallegos

*Motion to enter open session at 8:45 p.m. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

*Nothing to Report*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 8:06 p.m.*