

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 16/05-02

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: April 18, 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 Craig Knight
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Felipe Perez 6:14 pm

ABSENT:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda McCraw with the Methodist Church would like to use the community center, tables & chairs but request a waiver of all rental fees for a fund raising event. The church would like to have a bingo fundraiser to donate proceeds to the Flight for Veterans, sending them to Washington DC to be honored.

PRESENTATION - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on April 18, 2016.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16- 12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.

Motion to approve Resolution No 16-12 by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER PEREZ IS REQUESTING THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF RENTING 1468 11TH STREET.

Motion to deny rental request because of safety conditions of the building by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

4. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REVIEWING THE PRELIMINARY FY 2016/17 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET.

Informational item only on the following funds: Airport, Water, Water Capital, Sewer, Sewer Capital, Lighting & Landscape and Solid Waste Service funds. The proposed purchases and projects schedule for some of the enterprise funds, as follows:

- Water Operations: Line 5035 – To pay half of the purchase of three (3) vehicles.
- Water Capital Operations: Schedule four projects (Water Plant Recycling Pond Expansion, Water Line Replacement and [To pay half of Repave Helm Canal to Birch, Pave River Lane]).
- Sewer Operations: Line 5035 – To pay half of the Purchase of three (3) vehicles.
- Sewer Capital Operations: Schedule three (3) projects ([To pay half of: Repave Helm Canal to Birch, Pave River Lane,] and 14" SS Replacement – West of Zozaya)

Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 6:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

5. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:
Agency Designated Representative: Ben Gallegos, City Manager
Employee Organizations: Police Officer Association

Motion to enter open session, passes by 5-0 vote at 7:18 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

Council Motion to open negotiations with the Police Officers Association for one issue.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Council Member Perez** – Reported on event to be held on Thursday, Cinco de Mayo at the Maldonado Park.
- **Council Member Knight** – Thanked staff on the success of the clean-up event, on Saturday, he seen about twenty vehicles at the sewer plant dropping off their items.
- **Mayor Valdez** – Asked council's consideration of creating a policy or incentive program that may reduce about 25% of impact fees, to recruit new development.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Asked about an update on setting a joint meeting with the School Board. Ben Gallegos approached and mentioned council's request with Russel Freitas and a few other Board Members about it, but the request must be presented to the School Board Meeting for approval.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Asked for an update on the River Camp, if it will be held for four weeks this year. Staff replied, "Yes".

- **Finance Director Martin** –The budget item to be presented will be the Street, grants and Impact fee, Enterprise Fund at the next council meeting.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Tried contacting Terre Verde, left message but have not received a return call. Isabel and I meet with the representatives from AARP on employing a volunteer, the volunteer signed the contract mistakenly, and therefore, the contract will have to be re-executed since she is not authorized to sign on behalf of the City. Some of the seniors received the proper training to volunteer to serve for the lunch program at the Senior Center this summer. The city received sole source approval from Community Block Grant to execute contract for Grant Administration. City received approval to repair six street through funding from COG. City received six bid proposals for Attorney Services. Council Member Sablan stated she would like to ask the Attorneys about the present RDA plan. Working with Mario on a plan to install a sewer line for a restroom at the Rodeo Grounds, but we will need the school authorization to pass through their property. Valley Health Team will be remodeling the old I-5 daycare center and has donated the playground equipment, which will be relocated to the enclosed area. Spoke with Seth of EDC regarding potential new business developing in the city
- **Police Chief Raygoza** – This past weekend on April 30th, Police Department held “National Take Back Day”, an annual program for individuals to drop off unused or expired prescription medications, three boxes full of medications were received and were sent to be destroyed. PAL Softball program has registered about 68 girls. PAL wants to extend the boxing program with possibly start to schedule boxing matches against other organizations, and have them during the Harvest Festival, but need a building for practice. A couple of individuals are in the background process to be hired as Reserve Officers, Police Dept. are looking at placing one as a Code Enforcement and one as a Dog Catcher.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Informational Letter to be presented at next meeting, the last payment to be made on the 10 year old truck purchased previously, so Fire Department would like to replace the 1996 truck, the process takes about a year and half, therefore staff is working on the specifications.
- **City Attorney Santos** – Pacific Ag has filed dismissal on the pending lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:56 p.m.