

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 18/09-05

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** September 5, 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 Pérez  
Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan  
Council Member Freddy Valdez  
Council Member Brady Jenkin

**ABSENT:** Council Member Elsa Lopez

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Fike; ; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin & others.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on August 6, 2018.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on August 20, 2018.

*Motion to accept minutes by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-45 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ITS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-45 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-46 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF FRESNO AND CITIES OF CLOVIS, COALINGA, FOWLER, FRESNO, HURON, KERMAN, KINGSBURG, MENDOTA, ORANGE COVE, PARLIER, REEDLEY, SAN JOAQUIN, SANGER AND SELMA.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-46 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-47 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DEED FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-47 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 18-48 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLED WATER FOR CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) FUNDING PROPOSAL BY ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC. (EKI).**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-48 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 18-49 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS APPLICATION.**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-49 with fees as therefore in Exhibit "A" & Exhibit "B" as far as fee rates by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

## STAFF REPORTS

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – No update an outstanding invoices for the festival, contacted Bryant Jolley to see when they plan on coming to City Hall.
- **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – The Senior Center was promised to be completed Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a grand opening. Held bid opening for Q St to 15<sup>th</sup> St (curb, gutter, & storm drain), lowest bid was about \$426,000 and less than Engineers Estimate. Had good communication with new business, seeing more interest. Project in the north-side of town changes from just apartments to include housing too. Will attend League of Cities next week. Will review RFP proposals for Attorney Services at the next meeting. On Solar project, I was directed to form a committee but only have two firms to review, and was advised to hold off before moving forward with selection, so I need Council to give direction on how to proceed. Both Solar companies have made presentation to Council at past meeting. Council Member Jenkins stated, if the companies have already presented and the committee has made their recommendation why prolong from moving forward. Finance Director Martin, stated the Council will be committing to a big cost investment, so Council might what to review again before taking action. Council member Jenkins asked, How long are we going to prolong it, there has a recommendation for the same company twice. City Manager Gallegos planned on presenting to Council the committee's recommendation. Council suggested both companies will have a 15 minute final proposal each, and City Manager should list five strong points to help decide the recommendations. EOC is still providing bus transportation services but have a new contract with a different company, some the drivers remained the same. Burger King Date for completion is scheduled around December.
- **Council Member Valdez** – The Committee review both solar companies' proposal, it was difficult selecting, will attend the League of Cities Annual Conference next week.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Should we have an update on the community garden, found a donor for a fence to be installed around the garden but it's going to be on City property, Wells Fargo, estimated cost is \$17,000. Attorney Fike advise, to place this item on the agenda for future discussion. Council Member Valdez added, improvements being proposed is out of reach, water use is a priority issue, other items mentioned is refrigerator and lighting at the facility & asked City Manager's recommendation. The recommendation to reduce the scope of work and make the garden a smaller area.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Have received complaints they drives can't see street signs, because of bushes are blocking view and citations have been issued to drivers.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

## CLOSED SESSION

## ADJOURNMENT

*Motion adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote at 7:06 p.m.*