

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No.18/12-03

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

Date/Time: December 3, 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 Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins

OTHERS: City Attorney, Meggin Boranian; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Fire Chief, John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Lopez led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dotan Gilad owner of property (7110 N Washoe) which about 20 acres place an advertisement ad in “Grow” magazine, which is a Cannabis Horticulture Magazine. Mr. Gilad advertised rental space of his facility at \$12 per square foot for space of his property, and stated Mendota in only charging \$7 per square footage. Mr. Gilad want to subdivide the 20 acre parcel into 15 parcels. He is request an official letter to reduce price of rental and tax info be shared with the City Council of Firebaugh. Council Member Valdez requested this item be placed on an agenda for future discussion.

Connie Ortiz from New Life Church reported the Church is asking for donations for their “Boxes of Love Food List”. Mrs. Ortiz provided a brochure with more information on non-perishable food items needed, to cover up to 25 -30 families in Firebaugh, Mendota and Dos Palos. The church is also holding a Coat Drive (Dec.1 thru 22) and Thanked the City for their help, especially Ben Gallegos.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on November 19, 2018.**

Motion to accept minutes by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-60 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HUD TANK PROJECT.**

No Comment Given

Motion to a close public hearing by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDER A WATER / WASTEWATER RATE STUDY COMPLETED BY TUCKFIELD & ASSOCIATES.

Presentation by Clayton Tuckfield, Council Member Lopez inquired about the number of units (dwellings) and commercial units. Table 11, shows a threshold of 125%. Representatives from Toma-Tek made comments and requested a copy or access to the water/wastewater rate study for their review.

Motion to proceed & begin Prop 218 process by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT IN BEHALF OF THE CITY. (APN's 008-131-08T and 008-131-09T, 1325 O Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622).

Motion to approve Resolution No 18-57, \$260,000 purchase by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-58 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT IN BEHALF OF THE CITY. (APN's 008-131-08T and 008-131-09T, 1325 O Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622)

Motion to approve Resolution No 18-58 by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 18-59 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH (CITY) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN, SUBMIT AND EXECUTE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) FOR THE FEASIBILITY, PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND A PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RECYCLED WATER PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") AND EXECUTE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE PROJECT THAT BENEFITS THE CITY'S WASTEWATER CONTROL PLANT AND COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE REQUESTS FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT (CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT), SIGN BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARIES, AND SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO PROJECT COMPLETION.

Motion to approve Resolution No 18-60 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- City Manager, Benjamin Gallegos – Parade went well, new staff members will start Monday; Vanessa Linares & Olga Flores, both are Account Tech I. Olga will assist with Senior Center, Code Enforcement, and Ben with projects. Vanessa will work the front desk. Nancy will move to Margaret's old position and do payroll and accounts payable.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – Working to complete the Audit in January.
- Police Chief Sal Raygoza – Will be out for 2 weeks because of leg injury.

- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** –Working to complete Q Street Project.
- **Fire Chief John Borboa.** – Getting ready for “Every 15 minute program” will involve the whole Firebaugh High School population.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** - Getting ready for “Every 15 minute program”. There was a robbery incident today, Schools were on lock down.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Breakfast with Santa went good, it was a free event. City Staff did very well and was very helpful.
- **Mayor Perez** – Spring Clean-up group, Julio Barrios is the contact person.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Thanked those who put parade on and helped. City Staff and committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY: *NONE*

CLOSED SESSION: *NONE*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *NONE*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote at 7:36 pm.