

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 16/01-25

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: January 25, 2016 / 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Valdez at 3:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Freddy Valdez
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins 3:19 pm
Council Member Felipe Perez
Council Member Craig Knight

ABSENT: Council Member Marcia Sablan

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by 3-0 vote at 3:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT: City Manager.

Motion to enter open session motion by passes by 4-0 vote at 6:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: No Action Taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on January 13, 2016.

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Perez, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. AWARD RFP FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REGARDING 15-CDBG-10568 (SENIOR CENTER REHAB/WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/CODE ENFORCEMENT PROJECT).

Motion to accept and award RFP to Adams Ashby Group by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

4. AWARD RFP FOR LABOR COMPLIANCE SERVICES REGARDING 15-CDBG-10568 (SENIOR CENTER REHAB/WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/CODE ENFORCEMENT PROJECT).

Motion to accept and award RFP to Adams Ashby Group by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

5. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW FOR FY 2015-16.

Motion to amend water fund with an increase of \$120,000 to replace filters at the facilities by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.

6. RODEO GROUNDS RENTAL UPDATE.

Wanda Breshears, 1759 Thacher Drive, stated concern regarding the rental of the Rodeo Grounds for Jaripeo events. A Rodeo Ground Committee scheduled a meeting at Community Center for February 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm, to receive comments and make recommendations to Council regarding the rental usage of the Rodeo Grounds. Mayor Pro Temp Jenkins and Council Member Knight to serve on the committee.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ramon Echeveste petitioned to receive a waiver of building permit fees for the parking lot of their property (Don Pepe’s/Latino Market). Council requested an estimate of the fee cost for the project from staff. Staff replied that the applicant must complete the building permit application and submit design to calculate the fees.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Raygoza** – Still working with Senator Cannella on trying to seek funding from the State budget that will help on relocating to the Courthouse. The State postponed the deadline for the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance because the y are revising the state law. City Attorney brought information on this issue to review and consider.
- **Fire Chief Borboa** – Two young women passed away in a car accident from our community this weekend.
- **Finance Director Martin** – Working with the Auditor, the report completion is delayed due to information from CalPERS regarding the GASB report, the reports will take about two weeks to receive and there is a charge to request them. The charge will be included in our Audit Report.
- **City Attorney Santos** - provided an update on all pending items, stated concerns and recommended changes for the following agreements, the City cannot lease publicly owned property for less than market value or provide free water to organizations, residents or business; it is a valuation of Prop218. Working with Police Chief on Cultivation ordinance, will provide two options for Council to review, one prohibiting any cultivation and second option to allow cultivation, all mentioned agreements and ordinance will be presented for approve at a future council meeting, after all changes have been made. We do not look backwards at past agreements to see if the original contract were valid but we must look at the current laws for Fair market value on the current proposed agreements, through negotiations with lease or realtor. Therefore, the recommendation is land lease agreements should be approved through a RFP process
- **Public Works Director Gallegos** – A meeting to see if the city will qualify for a charging station at City Hall. Working with Valadao on incurring more land for the airport and some of the businesses using the airport have agreed to sign the through the fence agreement. Fresno County is starting a new recycle program, they will be installing metal containers as drop off stations for sharps, lightbulbs, batteries and such items, the possible location in the city is Senior Center and Police Department. Cal Recycle is implementing a new recycle program due to AB1826 a new law, which requires all food to be recycled.

PENDING ITEMS

- Agreements:** Impact Fee Study - Community Garden - Ground Lease - Giant Burger
- Ordinances:** Cable Dissolution - Cultivation Medical Marijuana - Code Enforcement/Preservation Code
- Other:** Personnel Policies Handbook - Restroom – Enclosed Area/Rodeo Grounds - 1458 11th St. Property

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Knight; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 7:09 p.m.