

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 16/03-21

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: March 21, 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 Felipe Perez
Council Member Craig Knight
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Roy Santos; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Interim City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Fire Chief, John Borboa, Maria Rios, Diana Gonzalez, David & Mary Van Pelt Espi Velazco and others.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Esperanza Velazco provide an update regarding the Outdoor Market, it will begin on Thursday, April 14, 2016 through October 27, 2016. Maria Rios is in charge with assistance from Guadalupe and seven other volunteers. Currently, 10-12 vendors are set to participate. Rules will be handed out in English and Spanish, set up time is 3:00 pm, opening operational time is 5:00 pm, closing and cleanup time at 9:00 pm. Police Department will do patrol checks and the organization is requesting the use of the storage room only, at the Maldonado Park.

Diana Gonzalez advised she was speaking on her behalf and on behalf of the residents living at the San Joaquin Villa Apartments, who are currently having issues with the conditions at the facility and Home Owners Associations (HOA). Residents living at the apartment complex have heard that contractors may begin construction on the vacant lots and there is no parking available for the people that live there now. The streets are so narrow that the street sweeper, garbage truck or the Fire truck cannot enter the complex. The Home Owners Associations has been as issue, too. They are asking the residents for increase fees and residents are refusing to pay because the HOA is not complying with the agreement. During the HOA suspension, they stop collecting fees, but are now requesting back payment on all fees that were not collect at that time. HOA fees were originally be collected through a separate bill, mailed to residents and are now stating they will place fees on property taxes through in lieu. City responded that no building permits have been issues and has not received any word of new construction.

David Van Pelt stated he received a call from a disabled citizen asking about ADA funding provided through Measure C. Mr. Van Pelt stated, as a member of the board, there is very little funding available through Measure C and then, inquired, "What the city is doing about ADA regulations and what requirements or changes are being made to comply?" Staff replied that some curbs have been changed throughout the city to meet ADA compliance, as funding becomes available. A study is also being completed, that will help plan on how to address/provide additional access entries to meet ADA regulations throughout the city. Business are private owners and therefore are responsible for access to their buildings.

PRESENTATION

- *Presentation from Mid Valley regarding the 4th Quarter Commercial Site Visit and provided information on the new law AB1826, the school will be the city's' biggest generator of food recycling. City of Firebaugh and Fresno County has implemented a new recycling program, sharps drop off bins were placed at the Police Department and Senior Center. Additional drop off recycling bins for items such as batteries and light bulbs at the city shop. Educational presentations were offered at the Mills School to inform kids about recycling and they have increased their recycling efforts.*
- *Mr. Donald Reynolds, CPA, provided a review of the Annual Independent Auditor's Report for the period ending June 30, 2015.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on March 7, 2016.**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting February 1, and ending on February 29, 2016.**

February 2016	General Warrants	#33127 - #33240	\$ 224,548.25
	Payroll Warrants	#66559 - #66660	\$ 310,905.34
TOTAL			\$ 535,453.59

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER APPOINTING TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO THE WEST COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE.**

Motion to appoint Mayor Valdez as primary representative and Interim City Manager Ben Gallegos as alternate representative by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 5-0 vote.

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT AND REQUEST OF WAIVER/REDUCTION OF FEES FOR THE ANDREW FIREBAUGH COMMUNITY CENTER AND RODEO GROUNDS BY SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PARKWAY TRUST FOR A RIVER CAMP EVENT. RENTAL DATES: JUNE 30, JULY7-8, JULY 11-15, JULY 18-22, JULY 25-29 AND AUGUST 1-5, 2016.**

Motion to waive rental fees, representatives to Interim City Manager Ben Gallegos and lock the community center on Fridays by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 5-0 vote.

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY RELATED TO THE RECENTLY APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 15-44 - PACE PROGRAM.**

Motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for the PACE program by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 5-0 vote.

6. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE REAL PROPERTY - GROUND LAND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CITY OWNED PARKING LOT AT GIANT BURGER.**

Motion to approve land lease of city property near Giant Burger to Omar Perez and Gabriella Castaneda by Council Member Knight, Second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 5-0 vote.

Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Jenkins, Second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 6:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

7. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT: City Manager

8. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

City Negotiator: City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Employee – City Manager

9. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: City Attorney.

Motion to enter open session, passes by 5-0 vote at 8:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: No Action Taken.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – The Vac Truck was delivered and we have been using it since we received. Received a call about us cleaning the river and informed them we were cleaning because it was fire hazard, they responded that the fire chief does not have jurisdiction over the river. Charging station application has been approved and will be installed soon. The city will be loose the Proteus program employees starting April 1, 2016, but the city still has employees from the welfare to work program. EOC will be installing shade structures at their bus stop locations in town.
- **Finance Director Martin** – The city received \$142,000 grant reimbursement check from the 2013 Las Deltas Water District project. If Council or staff still have any questions after the Auditor’s presentation email questions to Pio. Council city cell phones are in and have been programed; council members will need to sign a document before they are released.
- **Police Chief Raygoza** – Will apply for a grant to fund a new hybrid car, the city’s share is \$40,000 per Vehicle, working with Pio and Ben on budget for the funding. Working with the Governor, who has committed to helping us get the requested funding, for relocation to the Courthouse.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Michael Molina was appointed as Asst. Fire Chief by a majority vote of the fire department, effective April 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:08 p.m.*