

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 14/12-15

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: December 15, 2014/7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor DeFrancesco at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris DeFrancesco
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Knight
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Jenell Von Bindsbergen; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Police Chief Elsa Lopez; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears and others.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 14-59 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-59 by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

REORGANIZATION

2. **SWEARING IN OF NEW AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Precedes of swearing in of the new City Council Member Felipe Perez and Council Member Marcia Sablan.

3. **REORGANIZATION OF 2015 CITY COUNCIL.**

A.	Mayor	Craig Knight
B.	Mayor Pro Tem	Freddy Valdez

PRESENTATION

Dr. Marcel Hetu introduce the new West Hills College Director of North District Center (Firebaugh) Mrs. Bertha Felix-Mata.

Stacy Robb, Director of Educational Services presented a slide show and overview on their B3 (Birth-3rd Grade) challenge grant provide through the partnership of the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District and First 5.

Mr. Ryan Jolley, CPA, presented a review of the Annual Independent Auditor's Report for the period ending June 30, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. **CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**
- 5. **CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2015 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on November 17, 2014.**
- 7. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting November 1, and ending on November 30, 2014.**

November, 2014	General Warrants #31302 - #31405 \$	377,566.49	
	Payroll Warrants #64869 - #64972 \$	243,712.15	
TOTAL			\$ 621,278.64

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE TO REPAIR A SEWER LINE IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN 10TH ST & 9TH ST.**

Motion to approve emergency expenditure at the estimated amount by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 3-0 vote. Knight and Sablan – abstain.

- 9. **RESOLUTION NO. 14-56 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CHANGING THE SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-56, and hold Council Meeting at 6:00 pm on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

- 10. **RESOLUTION NO. 14-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO SUPPORT H.R. 5781 “THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-57 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

- 11. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES: NEW MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER 2015 CONFERENCE.**

Motion to approve budget amendment to allow five Council Members to attend League of Cities Conference on January 14th -16th in Sacramento, should they wish by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

- 12. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT FOR AD-HOC RODEO GROUNDS RENTAL COMMITTEE.**

Council Member Sablan nominated Mayor Knight and Mayor Pro Tem Valdez to service on the committee to represent the Council.

Motion to approve the nomination by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

Motion approve and direct staff to proceed the advertisement and translate the information to Spanish, deadline is January 26th. Applications will be submitted to Council for selection on February 2nd by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

13. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WELL NO. 17 EQUIPPING CONTRACT.

Motion to accept and award bid to Steve Dovali Construction by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

14. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014 AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015.

Motion to close City Hall on Dec 26 & Jan 2 by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

15. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES.

Motion to approve RFP by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

16. EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AGREEMENT, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE.

Motion to approve separation agreement by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

17. LAS DELTAS WATER PROJECT UPDATE.

Consensus of the Council to give direction to the City Manager to continue working with Las Deltas Water District to try to find a resolution.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS

18. RESOLUTION NO. 14-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO CITY OF FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE OVERSIGHT AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THE N STREET PROPERTIES.

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-58 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 4-1 vote; Knight – no.

**Motion to enter into closed session, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:55 p.m.*

CLOSED SESSION

19. Government Code Section 54956.9

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) or Subdivision (d) of Section 5456.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): - 1 case

**Motion to enter into open session, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 9:08 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move forward with the initiation of litigation to obtain the debt owed by Pacific Ag should the party not reach an agreement by the end of this week, by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 3-0 vote at 9:10 p.m.