

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 14/03-02

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** March 02, 2015/6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Knight at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** **PRESENT:** Mayor Craig Knight  
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez  
Council Member Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Felipe Perez  
Council Member Marcia Sablan

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Jenell Von Bindsbergen; City Attorney Gary Bell; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Interim Police Chief Sal Raygoza; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; Fernando Campa, David & Mary Van Pelt, Blanca Diaz, Delfina Valencia, Rainbow Orellana and others.

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

## PRESENTATION

City Manager Ken McDonald announced and introduced the Interim Police Chief Sal Raygoza.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Baltierra stated his issue with the selection of the new Police Chief, and reported he has seen a letter send to the candidates. Mr. Baltierra asked, "Who screened the applications and how out of 12 applications the three applicants were considered qualified? He stated his support of the Police Department but felt someone from outside should become the new Police Chief to straight out the department. Council and Staff advised the panel consist of Council Member Valdez, Council Member Jenkins, City Manager McDonald, Finance Director Martin and retired Police Chief Lake.

Adam Nagi submitted an offer of \$95,000.00 to purchase 1320 "N" Street property, the former old Taco Bell for new proposed KFC and 1284 "N" Street would remain in as tenant owned property with a new lease of the new property owner Yahya Property Investment LLC with the current tenants.

A resident informed the council that the Public Notice in the Journal had a conflicting dates and information between the English and Spanish version.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 2, 2015.**
- WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting January 1, and ending on January 31, 2015.**

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|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| January, 2015 | General Warrants | #31526 - #31645 | \$ 233,207.02        |
|               | Payroll Warrants | #65085 - #65189 | \$ 247,351.38        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                  |                 | <b>\$ 480,558.40</b> |

Council Member Sablan inquired on check # 31534 – gas card and requested more detail or explanation on future warrants. Finance Director Martin explained the gas card is usually used when individuals are out of town, but will provide the date, time and if possible which department or vehicle was used to purchase the gas.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH OBJECTING TO SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY PURSUANT TO REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE SECTIONS 3696 AND 3712 LOCATED AT 1337/1339/1347 “N” STREET, IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

*Motion to approve consent Resolution No 15-05 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH OBJECTING TO SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY PURSUANT TO REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE SECTIONS 3696 AND 3712 LOCATED AT 1860 EAST CARDELLA STREET, IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

*Motion to approve consent Resolution No 15-06 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**5. RODEO GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

- **Committee’s recommendations:** Heavy emphasis on local promoters and be willing to use a local non-profit to help with parking and/or sales of food booth to raise funds, 5 events this year = 4 Sundays (4:00PM to 10:00PM) + 1 Saturday (5:00 PM to 11:00PM), beginning April/May. Another committee meeting to follow the 1st two Jaripeo’s, to revisit any issues. The City will purchase 2 decibel meters to measure the sound to be maintained between 50 and 60 decibels during the events, and measured at 3 - 4 locations. Speakers will be placed on the ground. Band stand to be maintained by the promoter and is not the responsibility of the City of Firebaugh. The grounds and parking areas will be watered to keep dust from entering residential areas. Water truck may be rented from the City of Firebaugh at a cost of \$50.00 per event with a water fee of \$100.00 per event. Committee is also working on a wagon from another source that is larger.

*Motion to accept and state the appreciation to the committee for the recommendation and have the City Manager to continue working the committee on this issue by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote*

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS**

**6. DISPOSITION OF THE “N” STREET PROPERTIES – RECEIPT OF APPRAISAL REPORT.**

*Motion to reject all bids by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 4-1 vote, Sablan - no.*

*Motion to submit a new RFP for the properties separately requesting the appraisal value amount with a minimum of \$150,000.00 in upgrades by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 3-2 vote, Sablan & Perez - no.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Deputy City Clerk** - April 1, 2015 is the deadline for the 700 form.
- **Mavor Knight** - Thanked Public Works Director Ben Gallegos for added and getting 10<sup>th</sup> Street repaved.
- **Council member Sablan** – Stated she has received complaints of parents of receiving tickets and on direction the kids are being sent during drop off and asked Interim Police Chief Raygoza to work with the school district to resolve these issues.

*\*Motion to enter into closed session by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Valdez motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:47 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**7. CITY MANAGER EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code 54957.**

**8. 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 by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:36 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**            *No Action taken.*

**ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:48 p.m.***