MEETING AGENDA
The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No.15/05-04

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: May 4, 2015/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

• Firebaugh Levee Project Presentation by Greg Farley from Department of Water Resources.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Per municipal code Ord. 2-2.1 "No business shall be brought before the city council without having first been referred to the city manager for scheduling on the council agenda." At this time any member of the public may address the Council on items of interest to the public that are within the jurisdiction of the City Council, which are not already on the agenda this evening. You will be permitted a single visit to the podium to state your comments & concerns. Please be brief, to the point, and limit your comments to three (3) minutes. No action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that Council members may briefly respond to statements made, or questions posed, by members of the public, if they so desire. Concerns, questions, or complaints will be referred to the City Manager’s office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed on the calendar are considered routine and are acted upon by one motion unless any Council member requests separate action. Typical items include minutes, claims, adoption of ordinances previously introduced and discussed, execution of agreements and other similar items.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on April 20, 2015.

CLOSED SESSION

2. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): - One Case

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Certification of posting the Agenda
I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Firebaugh and that I posted this agenda on the bulletin boards at City Hall, April 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. by Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk.
Today’s Discussion

- Background
- Planning Process
- Planning Alternatives
- Preliminary Cost Estimates
- Benefits
- Preliminary Conclusions
- Next Steps
2012 CVFPP recommended 100-year level of protection for small communities, including Firebaugh.

City of Firebaugh Identified Levee Improvements in Upper SJ RFMP
Firebaugh Has a History of Flood Problems

- Flows >4,000 cfs requires sandbagging and flood-fighting
- Emergency response and flood-fighting needed on a regular basis
- Flooding reported in Firebaugh in 1958
- Threat of flooding also occurred in:
  - 1969
  - 1986
  - 1997
  - 2006

- In 1997, much of the city was ordered to evacuate
- Much of Firebaugh is in the regulatory floodplain
Why is the State interested?

Desired Outcomes

- Protect from the potential loss of life and increase public safety
- Reduce potential flood damages to property
- Promote economic stability and growth in the region
- Remove people from the regulatory floodplain to avoid mandatory flood insurance

- Protect a key agricultural center and disadvantaged community, which serves as economic and cultural hub for the region
- Increase overall quality of life in Firebaugh
Planning Process to Date

7-31-14
Firebaugh Flood Planning Meeting with Various Local Stakeholders

9-16-14
Preliminary Firebaugh Alternatives Meeting with City/LSJLD

2-11-15
Firebaugh Project Coalition Executive Meeting with USACE Briefing

3-25-15
Resource Management Coalition Executive Meeting

4-29-15
Upper SJR RFMP Meeting

Evaluate Flood, Ecosystem, Recreation, Designs & Costs
Firebaugh Project Plan and Profile

Firebaugh (Left Bank Stationing)

Profile Legend:
- Left Bank Top-of-Low - elevation from CoF (Ft) terrain data
- 100 year VWSL
- 100 year VWSL + 3 ft

Note: 100 year VWSL profiles were generated from cross section VWSLs provided to David Andrews on 5 February 2015.

Firebaugh (Left Bank) Left Bank Embankments
Left Bank Levee Topo Map

Legend:
- Proposed (vane data needed)
- Typical Spread
- Typical Fill
- Caltrans Year 2000
- Current Year 2015
- Embankment of Levee - Materials
## Preliminary Cost Estimate (In Progress)

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Costs are in progress and subject to change. Contingencies include unallocated items in construction costs, mobilization and demobilization, contingency, engineering during construction, environmental mitigation costs, design and engineering, permitting and legal costs, land acquisition and easements, ecosystem restoration.
Preliminary Cost Estimate: Eastside Acres (In Progress)

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### Left Bank Improvements (Without Eastside Acres)

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Costs are in progress and subject to change.
Preliminary Conclusions

- A single-purpose flood management project would be extremely difficult to justify and fund locally.
- A multi-benefit project is potentially promising and much more likely to attract State, federal, and other funding sources.
- Phased implementation would be needed to move forward.
Potential Next Steps

- Basin-wide Feasibility Study Next Steps and Documentation
- DWR Small Communities Program
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coordination
- Firebaugh Project Workgroup
Case Study: Hamilton City Flood Risk Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project

- Hamilton City Population: ~2,500
- Without-Project Flooding Return Period: 10 Years

Recommended Plan

- 6.8 Miles of setback levee
- 1,500 acres of native habitat restoration
- With-Project Flooding Return Period: 75 Years
- Total Project Cost: ~$50 million ($34 million from federal funding)
- Project Purposes: Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration
- Project Status:
  1st USACE multi-benefit project for flood risk reduction and ecosystem in nation
  Federally authorized and funding appropriated, State funding approved
  Construction planned in Summer 2015
100-year Flow Map

Flow Map – CVFPP Flow Delivery Model
With Breaching - 100 Yr. Event at
Firebaugh

SJ River

Chowchilla
Bypass

Peak Flow
10,000 cfs

Firebaugh

Peak Flow
14,300 cfs

Overtop
7,500 cfs

Mendota Pool

Peak Flow
8,200 cfs

Overtop
8,300 cfs

Peak Flow
450 cfs

Peak Flow
7,700 cfs

Breach
12,500 cfs

Breach
4,600 cfs

Breach /Overtop
3,200 cfs

Breach /Overtop
6,200 cfs

James Bypass

Bifurcation
Structure

Breach /Overtop
8,600 cfs

Breach /Overtop
40,000 cfs

SJ River

63,900 cfs
### Firebaugh RFMP Projects

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<td><strong>Eastside Acres San Joaquin River Levee Project</strong></td>
<td>The Community of Eastside Acres, a housing subdivision consisting of about 70 residences and one commercial business, is located east of the city of Firebaugh along the right bank of the San Joaquin River in Madera County. Eastside Acres is in the 100-year flood plain and sand bagging is required during routine flood events. The conceptual levee project layout consists of a ring levee system that would encircle the housing subdivision. The ring levee would be approximately 1.32 miles in length, and have an average height of 4.63 feet.</td>
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<td><strong>San Joaquin River Levee at Firebaugh Wastewater Treatment Plant</strong></td>
<td>The City of Firebaugh’s wastewater treatment plant is located near the west bank of the San Joaquin River at the south end of Firebaugh. Flood flows in the river have threatened the treatment plant in recent years. Constructing an earthen levee between the river and the treatment plant would protect it against future flooding. Undeveloped space along the upper floodplain of the river is available for the proposed levee. Untreated effluents from the City of Firebaugh’s waste water treatment plant would threaten the water quality of the San Joaquin River in case of catastrophic flooding in the area. This project could include recreation and environmental enhancement components.</td>
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<td><strong>San Joaquin River Bank Stabilization at Firebaugh</strong></td>
<td>Just north of 13th Street (Firebaugh Boulevard) the San Joaquin River turns due west toward downtown Firebaugh. It then makes a sharp turn to the northwest and parallels the downtown area. In recent years, a bank stabilization project was constructed at this turn that included sheet piling and rock-filled wire cages. About 0.25 mile downstream of this project, the river makes another sharp turn to the northeast near the intersection of 9th Street and Q Street. The west bank at this turn is steep, unstable, and less than 50 feet from several residences. A second bank stabilization SI with a similar configuration to the first is needed at this location. This project could include recreation and environmental enhancement components.</td>
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<td><strong>San Joaquin River Levee at Firebaugh Rodeo Grounds</strong></td>
<td>One of Firebaugh’s water treatment plants is located south of the 13th Street (Firebaugh Boulevard) bridge that crosses the San Joaquin River. The City’s rodeo grounds and a park area are located north of the bridge. Flood flows in the river have inundated the rodeo grounds and threatened the treatment plant in recent years. Constructing an earthen levee between the river and the facilities would protect them from future flooding. Undeveloped space along the upper floodplain of the river is available for the proposed levee. This project could include recreation and environmental enhancement components.</td>
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MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 14/04-20

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: April 20, 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 Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Council Member Felipe Perez

OTHERS: City Attorney Gary Bell; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Police Chief Sal Raygoza; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia and others.

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

PRESENTATION

- The Fresno Housing Authority received a proclamation from the City, in honor of their 75th anniversary.

- Fresno Housing Authority provided information an overview of Fresno Housing services to the rural communities and introduced several members of their staff. The Housing Authority was created by the county between 1940 & 1945; they are applying for a grant to fund the proposed Gateway Project for Firebaugh that would fund 30 senior housing units.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on April 6, 2015.

2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1, and ending on March 31, 2015.

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TOTAL $615,467.12

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15-10 - A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT

Motion to approve Res. No. 15-10 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS


Finance Director Pio Martin reported the presented budget is a draft and required amendments will made before final approval. The proposed budget is similar to last year’s budget.

- **General Fund** - The salaries have increase due to union negotiation, we are looking making repairs to the PAL Building with an estimated cost is about $20,000, so not sure if how to fund it or if we should demo it. Public Works Director added the roof is the most important repair needed his department can removed the current roof and prep it for another company reroof it. Council Member Jenkins stated he would like to tear the building down and put new restrooms. Council Member Sablan stated she would like to keep the Building and reroof it.

a. Council Member Knight inquired on the Utility User Tax (UUT) and the effects of business that installed solar.

b. Council Members Valdez and Sablan inquired about the UUT for cell phones. City Manager replied it failed at the last election due to a lack of two-thirds vote, but it could be placed on the next general election.

c. Council Member Knight stated there has been increase in Attorney fees.

- **Facility Rental – Fund 004-3568** – Is just the enclosed area only; other facilities will be in different funds.

- **Community Center - Fund 086-3568** – There are expected increase with the new installation of the air conditioning unit, staff will monitor the electric bill to see what additional expense will total, and rental fee may be required to increase.

- **Fund 006-4130-5035** – Police Department budgeted to purchase two new “used” cars, the department needs to retire two of their current vehicles. Council Member Sablan inquired about the grant for the hybrid vehicle. Police Chief informed council, that grant only covers $20,000 and seeking other grants to pay for the additional $12,000 or more, so the application has not been submitted at this time.

- **COPS Grant** about $106,230 proposed for fiscal year 2015-2016, that funds one officer’s wages, benefits and other operational expense, with the exception of the uniform.

- Council Member Valdez asked what the savings would be if the city contracted out the maintenance for city parks. Public Works answered that it would not be much of a savings and it would cause an issue with the union because of the settled negotiations per MOU.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Council Member Sablan** – Staff report will be included in next month’s agenda.

- **John Borboa** – With the drought and dry bush, we will have a busy fire season.

- **Ben Gallegos** – Will provide a staff report at the next meeting and include a water monitoring report of the wells.

Council Valdez inquired on the recommended 25% reduction in water usage by the Governor and if the City has a water plan. City Manager advised there is no way of monitoring Las Deltas. Public Works Director replied the Commercial users used more water last year and residential users used less water than previous years but the City does have drought plan and the city can enforce it, if needed. We reduced watering the parks to only 3 times a week, so you will see a difference.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:06 p.m.
Met with a representative of Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) regarding a company out of the United Kingdom that is looking at wastewater/desalination plants to operate a greenhouse production facility using the water. The company Sundrop is visiting multiple locations in the central valley looking for new opportunities. Although they appear to be unprepared for the regulatory environment in California and were expecting to use the water on edible foods, I think they are here due to the drought and the news that it has generated worldwide.

Also met with Sami Kahn, whom has been previously involved with the EDC and the City of Firebaugh to develop alternative energy opportunities in recycling/waste tires and is now working with wastewater treatment companies from outside California to capitalize on the high cost of water. Although, this group also lacks the experience of working in California’s regulatory environment, both opportunities can present a significant reduction in our net cost to operate our treatment facilities and justifies our efforts to develop these opportunities.

On April 15, I attended the City Manager’s Southern San Joaquin Valley Division of the League of Cities in Visalia. The guest speaker was from the Tulare Irrigation District and spoke about the new Groundwater Management Act and on how they have already formed a group that monitored and managed the acquirer for their basin. Also, the requirements and need to become proactive rather than reactive to state actions.

I attended the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Advisory Committee meeting (COG PAC) in April. Due to the resignation of Rene Ramirez, former City Manager for Coalinga, the Reedley City Manager Nicole Zieba had to move up to Chair and the group voted for me as the Vice Chair through the remaining term; ending June 2015. I was “warned”, that I probably would be requested/voted in for the position for the next year’s term. I wish I had missed that meeting. 😊

On April 12, 2015, we received a letter from the Department of Finance (DOF) stating that we had “$382,785 available in Other Funds” and they are requiring us to use the funds by withholding the (ROPS) tax increment. On Thursday, April 30, we have a meet and confer meeting with DOF, to address this serious situation. We are not sure if it is an accounting error on their part or if they are trying to take bond proceeds, but we will fight this and report back when we are certain and if the bond proceeds are safe, available and when we can resume with our expenditure plans for bond proceed funds.

The Oversight Board has approved the Realtor contract, but motion and approved to amend the term from 12 months to six months. My intentions with their request are already in line with the OB request. If in six months the properties have not sold, it will come back to the Successor Agency to discuss other ways of completing the property dispositions.
Staff Report  City of Firebaugh Public works Department

To:       Mayor Craig Knight and City Council Member

From:     Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director

Date:     May 4, 2015 Council Meeting

Water/Waste Water

The operation department has been working on the following:

1. Day to day operations of water/sewer plants.
2. Conducting preventative maintenance in the collections system.
3. Providing preventative maintenance on water/sewer plant equipment.
4. Spraying herbicides at the water plants and sewer farm.
5. See attach report from Tony on 2014 water production/source water update.

Streets

The Street Department has been working on the following:

1. The PW crew continue performing street pot hole repairs.
2. Cleaning alley though out the City.
3. Mowing and painting at the City airport.

Parks

The Crew has been working on the following:

1. They continue to respond to dog call; six dogs were taken to Country Veterinary.
2. They continue working on repairing irrigation leaks thought out the City landscape and parks areas.

City Projects:

1. D&L finish the A/C project at the community center.
2. Steve Dovali Construction continues to work on the Well #17 project. The project is about 10% completed.
3. Over 100 residents took part in our spring clean up event.
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: ANTHONY CHAVARRIA

CC: CITY MANAGER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

RE: 2014 WATER PRODUCTION/SOURCE WATER UPDATE

Usage

2014 was the third year of the California drought, in January of 2014 Governor Jerry Brown instructed California to cut usage by 20% here is how the City fared.

Single family residential used 16.887 MG less water compared to 2013 which amounts to an 8% cut.

Multi-Family Residential used 1.467 MG less water compared to 2013 totals, which amounts to a 2.5% cut.

Commercial/Institutional used 14.117 MG more water compared to 2013 totals which amounts to a 38% increase in usage.

Industrial used 63.31 MG more water compared to 2013 totals which amounts to a 31% increase in usage.

This all calculates to a 2014 increase in water usage by 9.5% compared to 2013 usage totals.

Mandated 20% - 9.5% = 10.5% to work on for the 2015 drought year.

It is my recommendation to implement and enforce our water conservation/drought plan. We should communicate with our industrial, commercial and institutional customers to educate them on the importance of conserving and or recycling on their end.

Production

The Water Department has been measuring the well levels since April of 2013. Treatment Site #1 which is fed by Well #15 and #16 have shown a 3ft – 5ft static level decrease and a 22ft – 28ft of pumping level decrease. Our sources do fluctuate from quarter to quarter but we do show a definite decline in static and pumping levels in our sources from 2013 to 2015. With the little to no water allocation to our growers we will continue to see the ground water levels declining.

Treatment Site #2 which is fed by Wells #11 and #12 cannot be measured. Well #12 has been drawing in air and water for about 3 years now and we have had to partially close the upstream isolation valve to slow the flow down to stop it from pulling in air. As of right now Treatment Site #2 is at half production due to poor conditions of source well #12 and inactivation of Well #7. When Well #17 is complete this will improve the situation at Site #2 but I would recommend trying to rehabilitate Well #12 for overall redundancy.
Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Craig Knight and Council Members
From: Salvador Raygoza, Chief of Police
cc: Kenneth McDonald, City Manager
Date: 03/30/2015
Re: March 2015 Staff Report

MONTHLY CRIME ANALYSIS:

The Firebaugh Police Department continues to have some of the lowest crime rates compared to last year's crime rate. Overall, the numbers of serious crimes reported during the first three months of 2015 dropped significantly. Aggravated assault, burglary, theft and auto theft continue to drop.

In March officers investigated two residential burglaries and closed one with an arrest and recovered the stolen property. Officers also investigated an attempted robbery at United Security bank and arrested the suspect.

In the traffic safety arena, I noticed a slight increase in traffic accidents involving injuries. I am looking into the primary collision factors to determine the cause and see if there is anything we can do to prevent future accidents.

I credit the low crime rate to the dedication and hard work of every member of the Firebaugh Police Department. (See attached Crime Statistic sheet.)

SIGNIFICANTE CASES:

On March 25, 2015, Officers responded to a hit and run involving several parked vehicles in the K-Hov homes. The suspect was located and arrested for hit and run, and driving under the influence medication.
Officers investigated and arrested four subjects for possession of methamphetamines during the month. Officers continue to follow up on leads to arrest the subject(s) involved in drug dealing.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:**

The Firebaugh Police Department investigated five traffic accidents during the month of March. There were injuries with three of the collisions. Three of the accidents resulted in the driver leaving the scene prior to police arrival, however were later located and arrested.

In other traffic related matters, seven drivers were arrested for drunk driving and 93 traffic citations issued.

**PERSONNEL:**

The department's personnel strength stands at 21, including 10 sworn officers, 4 full time dispatchers, 6 reserve officers and 2 part-time dispatchers. We are currently conducting an internal recruitment to fill the Sergeant's position; and are accepting applications to fill one Entry Level Police Officer and two Reserve Officer positions. I hope to fill all positions by the beginning of this coming fiscal year (15/16).

**FIREWORKS SHOW JULY 3, 2015:**

The Firebaugh Police Activities League (PAL), Firebaugh Committee of Police Personal (COPP) and Promotores are currently working out the final details on a 4th of July Firework Show, this year.

Several years ago, PAL started an annual firecracker show which consisted of ground fireworks at the Maldonado Park. A short time later, Los Promotores took over the event and it's been running successfully for several years.

This year, Firebaugh COPP decided to team up with both organizations, and with the help of the City, to coordinate an aerial show for the community. The idea came with the Centennial's 15 minute show which was amazing last year.

The date slotted is Friday, July 3rd between 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. With admission and parking being FREE, we are hoping this will excite everyone to attend.

**CONCLUSION:**

In closing I want to thank the Council and the City Manager for allowing me to serve the community as the Chief of Police for the City's Police Department; as we collectively seek to improve the quality of life for Firebaugh residents.
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To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Firebaugh Code Enforcement Officer Moreno
Cc: Chief Raygoza & City Manager Ken McDonald
Date: April 30, 2015
Re: Code Enforcement Report for April 2015

The Firebaugh Code Enforcement Unit has focused on the abatement of weeds and growth in the city. The abatement of weeds and growth from empty lots and residential properties will be an ongoing effort to enhance the appearance of the city and prevent accidental fires in the upcoming warmer months. In the next few weeks, Firebaugh Code Enforcement will be sending out more “Notice to Abate” letters to property owners who need to clear lots from weeds and other public nuisances. Those who fail to address the notice to abate will be cited.

Code Enforcement has also started the abatement of inoperative motor vehicles and vehicle parts that constitute a public nuisance parked on driveways on city streets.

We are also dealing with several animal related complaints regarding loose dogs, and prohibited animals within the city. Code Enforcement has been contacting the owners of the loose dogs and are requiring them to get their prohibited animals in compliance before a citation be issued to them.

One part-time Reserve Officer, who normally works 2 to 3 days per week, currently staffs the Firebaugh City Code Enforcement.

See attached spreadsheet on citations and written warnings for the month of April 2015.
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