

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 18/08-06

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

**Date/Time:** August 6, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**    *PRESENT:* Mayor Felipe Pérez  
Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan  
Council Member Elsa Lopez  
Council Member Freddy Valdez  
Council Member Brady Jenkin

*ABSENT:*

*OTHERS:* City Attorney Meggin Boranian; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Wanda Breshears, David & Mary Van Pelt, George Conklin & others.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on July 16, 2018.

*Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

❖ *Motion to approve discuss agenda item #2 to the end of the meeting by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR LED LIGHTING WITH ADVANCED LIGHTING SERVICES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-41 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-42 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-42 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-43 - THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM; AND IF SELECTED, THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND OF ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 18-43 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

## **2. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE 2020 CENSUS.**

The United States Department of Justice has proposed to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census form, which may dampen participation rates in immigrant communities because of the current federal emphasis on deportation and border security. The concern with adding this question, is that folks that are not citizens may not complete census, which will affect the results of population and possibly grant funding. Mr. Samuel Molina, attended the meeting to answer any questions on this matter, and stated the census & citizenship question could lead to an undercount and loss of funding for cities. Mr. Molina added, "Tomorrow is the last day to leave comments on website: [www.censuscount.org](http://www.censuscount.org)" Committees, individuals and cities must promote outreach and importance of filling out the census in their communities. Committees will work with cities, school, and libraries for do outreach to communities for the 2020 census to try and count everyone.

### ***Informational Item.***

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- ***Police Chief Sal Raygoza*** – No problems at the Round-up, more attendance this year than last year, there was a small disturbance between a wife and husband at their home.
- ***Fire Chief, John Borboa*** – Reported 4 wrecks, 11 victims, 1 fatality, 12 medical and 2 fire calls. Still working on the new Fire Truck, but did use it on a call.
- ***Finance Director, Pio Martin*** – Working on year-end and rate study with Tuckfield, signed Audit services contract with Jolley. Reported more tickets sales for the carnival because we sold an extra day, about \$90,000, still waiting to get a total on expenses, estimating a higher profit since expenses remained the same but ticket revenue was higher.
- ***City Manager Ben Gallegos*** – Thanked staff for the work with the round-up, received a lot good comments about the event and on Kid Day reptile exhibit with free admission. Demo Work is going on throughout the city, and code enforcement. Q St project hopefully will go to bid in September, trying to get some power underground on 8<sup>th</sup> St. Burger King still waiting for the contractor, joint School Board meeting update: they are interested in selling all of their property on Thomas Conboy.
- ***Attorney Boranian*** – There are various training on Medical marijuana and legal updates. Las Deltas Water District update concerns; Grant options, because of expensive annexation with their financial hardship, and need for a new water system, there are about 110 services.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

***Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 6:57 p.m.***

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **3. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.**

**Re: APN # 008-071-04**

Designative Rep. City Negotiator Ben Gallegos

***Motion to enter open session at 7:21 p.m. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.***

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**            *Nothing to report.*

**Council Member Valdez** – Provided an update about the joint School Board Meeting, the following request were made:

- School’s cooperation with adjustments to impact fees, which the board agreed to be flexible per case by case
- School Board recently worked with a developer
- City and School join together with projects, funding sources, they would like the joint first funding project with the city to be a new swimming pool
- Board asked City to have a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) for the pool project, with the majority of the funding to be carried by the City
- City Manager meet with the Superintendent after the joint meeting for further discussion and was mentioned, if the there is a joint partnership, the City will be asked to cover half of all expenses, maintenance, operational cost, life guards and chemicals, Liability with any filed cases brought forward in a possible litigation, etc. – the City will share responsibility. Estimated cost of the project is \$5 million, Board is asking the City for \$2.5 million

**City Attorney Boranian** – Provide legal thoughts:

A letter of potential projects and expectations should be writing from the City to the School for a clear understanding of the terms on a JPA.

- A summary of the meeting would be helpful to our Attorney to assist the City with this matter since she was not in attendance. Attorney will request a copy of the transcript or minutes of the meeting and do further search to provide legal advice to the Council at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 7:42 p.m.*