# **MEETING MINUTES**

# The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 16/12-19

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center

1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: December 19, 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 Craig Knight Council Member Marcia Sablan

**ABSENT:** Council Member Felipe Perez

OTHERS: City Attorney Meggin Boranian; Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance

Director, Pio Martin; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa, Randy Gonzalez, Wanda Breshears, Raquel Tabares, Ruthie Martinez, Susan Baez & others.

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

#### **PRESENTATION**

Council Member Valdez thanked Council Member Knight for his services, assists and guidance to the previous Council Members.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16-43 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

Motion to approve Resolution No 16-43 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Knight, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

#### REORGANIZATION

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

Deputy City Clerk preceded in swearing in City Council Members; Freddy Valdez, Brady Jenkins & Elsa Lopez.

# 3. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL.

A. Mayor Change: Freddy Valdez to Brady Jenkins
 B. Mayor Pro Tem Change: Brady Jenkins to Felipe Perez
 C. Council Member Change: Craig Knight to Elsa Lopez

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

# CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. <u>CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.</u>
- 5. <u>CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2017 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.</u>
- 6. CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2017 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES The City Council regular meeting on December 5, 2016.
- 8. WARRANT REGISTER Period starting November 1, and ending on November 30, 2016.

November 2016 General Warrants #34304 - #34404 \$ 436,898.37
Payroll Warrants #67562 - #67654 \$ 168,412.04 **TOTAL** \$ **605,310.41** 

P. RESOLUTION NO. 16-44 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BEN GALLEGOS AS ACTING CITY MANAGER.

Council Member Sablan requested suggestions on outreach to get more involvement from the public in the community for the Cantaloupe Round-up & Electric Christmas Committees. Ruthie Martinez stated she would like to have West Hills College more involved and provided her contact information for future discussion.

Motion to approve consent calendar with the exception of item #8 (warrants) by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve consent calendar item #8 (warrants) by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 4-0 vote. Lopez abstained from check #34324.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

10. ORDINANCE NO. 16-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES" TO CHAPTER 13 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE, TO PROVIDE UNIFORM AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS, ALONG WITH PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY – SECOND READING.

*Open Public Hearing at 6:20 pm – No Public Comment given - Continue Public Hearing.* 

Motion to continue Ord No 16-07 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

11. RESOLUTION NO. 16-45 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF PERSONS ON SIGNATURE CARDS OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS USED BY THE CITY WHICH AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF CITY WARRANTS & PAYROLL CHECKS.

Motion to approve Resolution No 16-45 with amendment of Freddy Valdez to Marcia Sablan by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

# 12. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 16-46 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, AUTHORIZING DISSOLUTION OF THE WEST COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND GRANTING ITS APPROVAL FOR TERMINATION OF THE JPA BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.</u>

Motion to approve Resolution No 16-46 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez motion pass by 4-0 vote.

#### STAFF REPORTS

- <u>Police Chief, Sal Raygoza</u> Reported the City has had property crimes lately with solid leads, have a possible suspect has a warrant for his arrest.
- Fire Chief Borboa Fire Department has been receiving high call volume on vehicle accidents, averaging three to four call a day, most of the incidents are in the county. Council Member Jenkins inquired if the alarm has to go off for every fire. Chief Borboa response, "Yes".
- Finance Director, Pio Martin VNS will start working tomorrow on the emails for tablets. City Website will be updated to list Council Member Lopez's contact information, with Knight being removed. Auditor was at City Hall last week; hope to have a draft of the audit by tomorrow. Tuckfield completed the water rate study, which included the Las Deltas proposed new water rates; the study was paid for through the grant. Water rate fees will not be implemented unless the district was annexed in to the city.
- ➤ <u>Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano</u> All Council Members leaving and assuming council positions and serving on committees with COG must complete form 700. Please turn in all agendas this week for the special meeting of January 9, 2017 because I will be out of the office starting next week.
- > <u>Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos</u> Had a conference call with Terra Verde to get an update.
- <u>City Attorney. Meggin Boranian</u>— Had a conference call with AT&T representatives regarding the wireless towers will have a discussion with City Planner and bring back final recommendations. Ordinance will not be exactly alike as other cities but they will be similar.
- <u>Council Member Valdez</u> Meet with Sean Ramirez on rehab of bleachers at Dunkle Park, an event scheduled for January 22 to remold and demo the bleachers.
- > <u>Council Member Lopez</u> Stated she is looking forward to working for every one of the citizens in the community and thank citizens for their support and vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY: None

Motion to enter closed session at 6:34 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

# 13. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8

Owner or Designative Rep. City Negotiator Ben Gallegos APN: 007-062-19

Motion to enter open session at 7:06 pm, motion pass by 4-0 vote.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Sablan, second by Councilmember Valdez; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 7:08 p.m.