

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 18/03-19

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: March 19, 2018/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Perez at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Felipe Perez
Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins

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; City Engineering Mario Gouveia, George Conklin & others.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Conklin, 4400 Spruce Ct, stated concern about the planes, when the new subdivision was developed, the airport users were advised not to fly over the subdivision but recently they are flying directly over the subdivision and the high school. City needs to direct them to have a different flight route. Specifically the crop planes. The City Manager stated, he will contact them. Fire Chief Borboa added, he seen a plane that was parked at the tie down area in the airport with a nozzle dripping, so city should ask them to fix that too.

PRESENTATION

Ivette Rodriguez of Mid Valley Disposal provide 3rd and 4th Quarter recycling updates and announced that the City of Firebaugh received the 2017 Sustainability Award for Outstanding Waste Reduction and Recycling Efforts, the staff is always willing to implement recycling programs. She congratulated the city and the community in the recycling efforts. Geno Andrade is the city’s representative from Mid Valley, he is doing a great job and he monitors the recycling in town, to see everything is being recycled correctly. He also checks for contamination and will go door to door to advise how to correct the problem. One of the issue in Firebaugh is, straps and water hoses are being through in the recycled bins and they get tangled in the machines at the Mid Valley Site when processing. An addition, currently, there is a 3% to 5% contamination with bags and Styrofoam being placed in the wrong bins. The highest contamination is with the Mix Use residential routes. Mid Valley does do outreach and will continue to educated the public with recycling flyers, and post them at the apartments complexes, laundry rooms, City Hall and hold town meeting as while as Geno going door to door. Drivers will be tagging recycling bins, which need corrections with contamination. AB1826 is a new law implementing an Organic Waste Recycling Program. Businesses that generate 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services. On January 1, 2018, Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services. August 1, 2018, Annual reports must be submitted to CalRecycle to conduct its formal review of those jurisdictions that are on a two-year review cycle. On January 1, 2019, Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services. If CalRecycle determines that the statewide disposal of organic waste in 2020 has not been reduced by 50 percent of the level of disposal during 2014, the organic recycling requirements on businesses will expand to cover businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week. Additionally, certain exemptions may no longer be available if this target is not met. Mid Valley will work with the community and city to assist in implementing this law. A Household Hazardous Waste event will be held in Mendota May 12th. Mid Valley had about 10 fires in the recent past because of batteries being placed in the trash bins, anyone that need to dispose of batteries should drop them off at this event. An Earth Day Event will be held at the Firebaugh Boys and Girls Club in April, as well as other sites in the Valley throughout the month, to spread the word about recycling and a healthy planet. The State of California has been citing recycling facilities, resulting in some closures, which has effected about four or more communities in Fresno County. The Spring Cleaning Event for the City of Firebaugh will be May 7th through 12th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council special meeting on March 5, 2018.

2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting February 1, and ending on February 28, 2018.

February 2018	General Warrants	#36274 - #36382	\$ 1,133,171.49
	Payroll Warrants	#69254 - #69351	\$ 147,808.45
TOTAL			\$ 1,280,979.94

Council Member Lopez, inquired about check # 36342 - \$723,295.00, staff replied the check is in the total amount from all the RDA properties sold that will be submitted to Fresno County to distributed to the seven tax entities.

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR FY 2018/19 – SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

Finance Director Martin, reported this presentation budget only consist of current employees, it doesn't include vacant/open positions that may be filled later. All city employees will receive an increase July 2018, per approved MOU's. Unfunded Liability Fund increase about \$45,000 this year.

Informational Item Only.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDIES WITH TUCKFIELD & ASSOCIATES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-15 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-16 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 18-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING THE FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-17 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Held interviews for part-time dispatchers, selected applicants will be have a trail training before the position is filled. The pass three to four months officers have been arresting individuals for driving under the influence, some regarding the use of marijuana, however, narcotics lawyers have challenged the cases and charges have been dropped, when there is a urine test because it is difficult with no number of measurement to determine what the legal limit is. So officers have gone to take individuals to hospitals for blood test instead, but it is expensive and difficult to have officers at the hospital instead of in town on patrol.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Still looking for a Fire truck to purchase, have been receiving replies. Will attend Gil Ranch Gas Storage event Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Working on the general fund expenses, that will be the next budget presented.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – City will be awarded 2.6 million CDBG funding, waiting for official notice, and will use COG funding to do other projects in the same areas. Attended a Caltrans meeting with Ben to get an update on Highway 33 projects.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Form 700 are due April 2018 to avoid possible fines.
- **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – Attended Court with Police Chief for a pitches motion, the result was the City did not need to produce anything.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – The awarded CDBG funding did not approve the VFW remold, just street projects. Meeting with Caltrans was very productive, if the islands are not removed, they will be black topped. The flag pole was ordered and should arrive in about 12 weeks. Council Member Sablan asked about the chicken ordinance. Staff researched this matter and they are allowed with certain restrictions, cleaning daily is one of them. Will be on vacation next week.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Asked what the plan is for the water park this year. City Manager responded the same as previous years, weekends only, then Memorial Day, Labor Day, special events and extremely out days. Staff will continue to search for grant funding to install a water recycling systems.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Attended ICSC with Ben, had three positive leads, one will be out in about two to three weeks and others will be looking for parcels.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter closed session at 7:27 p.m. by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

7. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Re: APN # 008-131-08T and APN# 008-131-09T
“With the California Judicial Council & the County of Fresno (Seller)”
Designative Rep. City Negotiator Ben Gallegos

Motion to enter open session at 7:49 p.m.; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

None

8. RESOLUTION NO. 18-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS IN BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR PURCHASE AND LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Motion to approve Res. No. 18-18 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by unanimous 5-0 vote at 7:50 p.m.