

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 15/08-03

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: August 3, 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
Council Member Felipe Perez

ABSENT

OTHERS: City Attorney Roy Santos; 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 Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: Esther Cuevas of the Fresno Co. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) presented the options of services they have available to the city for business recruitment & growth. EDC will connect businesses to resources that are needed to establish their company in the city, will inform companies of available sites within the city that will meet their criteria. EDC will help cities with recruitment at locations such as; Conferences at ICNC, Real Estate Forecast and with Brokers looking at the demographics, along with federal/local incentives the cities have to offer. Recommendation to staff is to update website, list available properties within the city and plan on attending conferences with a portfolio of all incentives the city has to offer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. RFP – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATE AND NEXUS STUDY.

It is important to have competitive impact and building fee rates according to the surrounding areas. City Engineer Gouveia will review the RFP and make any recommendations needed.

Informational Item Only

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-30 - A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 15-30 by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

4. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER VALDEZ THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUEST OF INSTALLING HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM AND DISCUSSION OF THE AGREEMENT.**

Contract will be reviewed, VFW member will be asked to assist in funding their request and staff will research if any grant funding is available.

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5. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER VALDEZ REGARDING INVOCATIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

Informational Item Only, City Attorney will do further research and draft a policy.

6. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER VALDEZ REGARDING LAS DELTAS WATER DISTRICT (LDWD) PAST AND FUTURE GRANT PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM THE CITY.**

Unknown factor is how many customers live in the LDWD and how many water lines and/or meters currently exists in that area. Other concerns are; the City has not been refunded \$140,000.00 spent from the grant for the work already completed and is still waiting for reimbursement, Council Member Sablan directed staff to draft a letter to our County Supervisor regarding this matter and request assistance in finding a solution.

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7. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER VALDEZ REGARDING SOLAR PANELS FOR ALL CITY BUILDINGS.**

Staff has previously researched this issue, if is not feasible, therefore the best solution is to seek grant funding to cover capital cost. Public Works Director is currently working with PG&E on other energy efficient projects and will inquire about all available assist that PG&E can offer to the city.

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SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS:

8. **SUCCESSOR AGENCY PROPERTY DISPOSITION PLAN UPDATE.**

Rosenow Spevacek Group (RSG) will manage the sale of the RDA properties, the city will be charges on hourly rate for their services and will answer all questions, advertise, process qualified buyers, answer all questions through their broker. RSG services will paid through the administrative funding via Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS).

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Raygoza** – No incidents or crimes to report regarding the Harvest Festival.
- **Fire Chief Borboa** – There were three – four accidents this week.

- **Public Works Director Gallegos** – Asked Council to contact and/or report any comments, questions or request to the City Manager who will then direct staff, follow the chain of command to avoid any problems or confusion to avoid any issues. It is important he is aware of Council's requests, so it does not appear that staff is acting on their own. Mario will add additional information regarding the project along the San Joaquin River Trail but city received funding for improvements along the trail, that will allow for installation of benches and lighting.
- **Finance Director Martin** – The council emails are created but staff has not released them because there is a need to create a policy regarding procedures of electronic devices for council and staff. Legal counsel will write the policy.
- **City Engineer Gouveia** – The grant referred to by Mr. Gallegos is an active Transportation Plan funded locally through the Fresno Council of Governments to improve pedestrian safety and health, to will fund the mentioned improvements along the trail: covered awnings for sitting areas, benches, solar lighting, trashcans and other items.
- **Council Member Valdez** – directed staff to write a letter of support for West Hills College for a proposed grant there are seeking regarding their new building. City Manager McDonald stated he was aware of the request for a letter of support for improvements that they would like to make along the river.
- **Council Member Sablan** – directed staff to hold a summary meeting regarding the Harvest Festival, on August 25, 2015 @6:00 pm at the Community Center.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – thanked staff for all of their hard work on a successful harvest festival.
- **Council Member Knight** – stated that council and staff needs to write a thank you letter to Paramount for the donation that helped repaint the splash park at Maldonado.
- **City Attorney Santos** – reported he would be on vacation August 21st – 25th.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:19 p.m.*