

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 14/04-21

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

Date/Time: April 21, 2014/ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Chris DeFrancesco at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris DeFrancesco
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Knight
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Freddy Valdez

ABSENT: Council Member Marcia Sablan

OTHERS: City Attorney Laurie Avedisian; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief Elsa Lopez; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Araceli Perez, Espe Velazco, Horacio Franco, Maria Franco, David & Mary Van Pelt, Jack Minnite, and others.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 4-0 vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Schmitz of Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

PRESENTATION: Esperanza Velazco provided an update regarding the 2014 Farmers Market. The event will be held at Maldonado Park starting Thursday, April 24, 2014, currently received applications for 18 vendors and 7 food booths. The Farmers Market is the biggest fundraiser for the Promoters; the funding assists in providing communities such as the 4th of July Firework Show, Easter egg hunt and others.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on March 17, 2014.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1, and ending on March 31, 2014.**

March, 2014	General Warrants	#30282- #30368	\$ 164,799.09
	Payroll Warrants	#63954 - #64055	\$ 243,070.60
TOTAL			\$ 407,869.69

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 14-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-11 by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES.

An RFP was published requesting proposals for IT services to update equipment and computer software for City staff, Police Department and Fire Department, six proposals were submitted and evaluated, staff recommends Valley Network Solution.

Motion to approve agreement with Valley Network Solutions by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

5. REQUEST FOR MEMBER AGENCY FEEDBACK – FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL BY CITY OF FRESNO TO AMEND MEASURE “C” EXPENDITURE PLAN.

Informational Item Only: Fresno COG staff has received a request from the City of Fresno asking that the Fresno COG consider amending the existing Measure “C” Expenditure Plan, the amendment would be to eliminate both the Rail Consolidation and New Technology program components of the current Expenditure Plan and redirect those monies to a Street Maintenance fund that would be allocated to our member agencies on a formula basis. The formula is (population + road miles + a guaranteed annual minimum of \$100,000 for each of our 16 member agencies.)

6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR 1468 11TH STREET.

Motion to approve rental agreement by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS:**7. RESOLUTION NO. 14-13 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY TERMS FROM WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORP IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-13 by Member Knight, seconded by Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO CITY OF FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING PROPERTY DISPOSITION PROCEDURES FOR FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REAL PROPERTY ASSETS.

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-14 by Member Knight, seconded by Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

Motion to approve Res. No. 14-15 by Member Knight, seconded by Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- Elsa Lopez, Police Chief – Thomason Tractor’s alarm company reported 5-7 males loading equipment into a U-Haul truck, two people were arrested, no property was lost. I spoken to Joanne Williamson, Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the court building purchase or lease. She responded that they have an interest in leasing the building and want communication before April 30th. The last proposal the city offered to maintain the building, which includes the Court House, Ag Department, Library, and Social Services offices, along with a monthly rental fee.
- John Borboa, Fire Chief – Held the Fireman’s Dinner Dance, and this year is predicted to be the biggest fire season.

- Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director – EOC has funding for a local food drive and would like to use the Community Center building. The installation of the lights has begun at Maldonado Park; they will have a card swipe system.
- Pio Martin, Finance Director – Provided an update on the General Fund, the City has received more funding in the Building Department that projected, but the salaries is more excessive than originally predicted. City Manager added that hopefully, next month staff should have a draft of the budget or a special meeting may be required.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- Council Member Jenkins - stated that a centennial meeting was scheduled last Thursday and no one showed up, and asked what the policy is regarding the parks because there was an issue during the Jaripeo, would like to discuss this issue further as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Council Member Knight – Spoke with Ken Aston regarding the flood insurance and possibly reducing the insurance fee due to the drought.
- Chris DeFrancesco – Provided an update regarding the Drought, stating that the contract was met at 65% for the first time another 10% will be taken from the San Joaquin River and the will be leaving the pumps running.

**Motion to enter into closed session by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 8:43 p.m.*

CLOSED SESSION

10. Government Code Section 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:
City Negotiator: City Manager
Employee Organizations: Fire, Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions

**Motion to enter into open session, motion passes by 4-0 vote at 9:44 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn, passes by 4-0 vote, meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.