

## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 14/08-18

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** August 18, 2014/7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor 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  
Council Member Marcia Sablan

### ABSENT:

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Jenell Von Bindsbergen; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Police Chief Elsa Lopez; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; David & Mary Van Pelt, Linda DeFrancesco and others.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion to approve agenda with an amendment to correct the APN's on agenda item #8 and takes formal approval under consent calendar at the next council meeting, by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

### PRESENTATION

- Wanda Breshears, 1759 Thacher Drive, submitted a letter regarding noise nuisances from the music at events held at the rodeo grounds to represent a group of residents with the same concern. A list of complaints were: parking issues, being sleep deprived due to the loud music, Trash left in the nearby neighborhoods, dust, residents with special needs and residents not being able to enjoy their own backyard during these events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Baltierra reported to Council that he believed the information provided and will be published in the Centennial Magazine is false information and would like a disclaimers be printed in the magazine.

Chris Spero of Gil Ranch Storage provide an update on their storage facility between Mendota and Firebaugh, the facility was established at this location in 2010, Mr. Spero also provided information and pipeline map of the 5 feet deep, five collection wells and natural gas storage.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on July 21, 2014.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on August 4, 2014.

*Motion to approve consent calendar items #1 & #2 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Knight; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**3. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting July 1, and ending on July 31, 2014.**

July, 2014	General Warrants	#30786- #30924	\$ 553,237.76
	Payroll Warrants	#64390- #64488	<u>\$ 237,189.30</u>
TOTAL			\$ 790,189.30

*Council Member Jenkins inquired on the following checks: Check # 30816 – AT&T – staff reported it was labeled incorrectly, listing the community center only but the bill is for all City phones/internet services for 1 month. Check# 30856 – the Banda for the Harvest Festival, and stated he’s concern that the check was paid to a city employee. City Attorney advised it is not a conflict of interest issue, since the check was not paid to a Council Member, Administrative employee.*

*Motion to approve warrants with by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 14-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE FED UP AT THE PUMP CAMPAIGN.**

Council Member Sablan requested staff research and present both points of view.

*Motion to approve Resolution No 14-37 by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by 3-2 vote. Jenkins & DeFrancesco - no*

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 14-38 - RESOLUTION APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

*Motion to approve Resolution No 14-38 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Knight; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 14-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND CLAIM FOR FY 2014/2015.**

*Motion to approve Resolution No 14-39 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Knight; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 14-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, REQUESTING ACTION BY CONGRESS ON DROUGHT LEGISLATION.**

*Motion to approve Resolution No 14-40 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Knight; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS:**

- *Amendment to correct the APN’s on agenda item #8 made during the approval of agenda.*

**8. THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AWARDDING THE ISSUANCE OF SALE FOR PROPERTIES ON “N” ST (HWY33) APN 008-080-42 & 008-140-75.**

*Motion to make recommendation to move forward by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Elsa Lopez, Police Chief – New Family member in the Police Department, a 2 year old (Malinois) K-9 named Bowie, the department also received a \$2,100 donation to install an insert in the patrol car for the K-9. Officer Santoyo will be the handler. The department was instrumental in making arrests of two robbers in the valley, Firebaugh PD arrested one and Mendota arrested one, they are the suspects of several robberies.
- John Borboa, Fire Chief – Reported on a Fire outside of Dos Palos, lost two homes and another severely damaged.
- Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director – Water Line project is expected to be completed within budget, the lift station was recoated, the water tank is being repainted and should be finished before the centennial event, Cline Street is completed about \$160,000 project, waiting for bond proceed to slurry seal Cardella and fund other street such as River Lane. Council Member Knight inquired about the trees- Public Works has been treating them and Council Member Sablan asked about the installation air conditioning unit at the Community Center, Mr. Gallegos in waiting to hear from the contractor to schedule the installation date.
- Pio Martin, Finance Director – Working on year end and preparing for the annual audit, Valley Network Solution will start installing the new computer hardware and sever.

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

- Council Member Jenkins – Thanked staff Department Heads and staff for all the work that they’ve done during the carnival, liked the fence and police enforcement, Cline Street looks good, received request of Fire Department t-shirts.
- Ken McDonald, City Manager – Stated the phone systems will be changed to save about \$500 a month.

*\*Motion to enter into closed session at 9:02 pm, motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**9. Government Code Section 54957.6**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:  
City Negotiator: City Manager  
Employee Organizations: Unrepresented positions

**10. Government Code Section 54956.9**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9  
(Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation) - 1 case

*\*Motion to enter into open session, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 9:32 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION – No Action taken**

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn & passed by 5-0 vote at 9:33 p.m.**