

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

### The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 17/04-03

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

**Date/Time:** April 3, 2017/5:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Jenkins at 5:15 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:**

**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 & others.

- *Motion to move Public Hearing agenda item #3 to be held first by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

#### PUBLIC HEARING

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DECLARING THE FORMATION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TO MANAGE THE PORTION OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN UNDERLYING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

*Open Public Hearing at 5:20 pm – Staff recommends forming our own Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), Council will serve as the acting board and will be responsible in managing the well water in the City, Central California Irrigation District (CCID) has offered to assist the city throughout the process. If the City decides to join another GSA, then will regulate the well water and the city will comply with the rules and restrictions. - Close Public Hearing @ 5:35 pm.*

*Motion to accept Res. No. 17-15 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

#### PRESENTATION **Vision Plan**

Council Member Sablan recommended review the past vision plan and the proposed vision plan provided by Council Member Valdez before moving forward with recommendations. Council Member Valdez provided a list of goals for his vision plan: VFW remodel, Removal of Dead trees, street repairs, at Parks (lighting improvements, drinking fountains, and shade structures) ladder Truck for Fire Dept. Maintenance Logs for all vehicles, new Sgt. Position and two new vehicle purchases every year for Police Dept. among other goals. Acting City Manager Gallegos stated his vision goal is to stay in budget to be able to set these plans and purchases as completed projects, since many of the projects are very costly and it takes several dollars to see them completed such as, remodeling Dunkle Park, more re-paved streets, and many community outreach services (WIC, Social Security, etc..). Council Member Sablan would like more electrical vehicles for departments. Council Member Perez, would like improvement of downtown area. Council Member Lopez, would like more assistance from Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) in holding workshops and bringing new businesses by partnering with other organizations, and people or companies that need assistance in opening in Firebaugh, the City should consider expanding our sphere of influence to Interstate 5. The city can also consider bringing the Façade program back, and look again at the regional wastewater with Dos Palos and/or Mendota as it was once considered in the past. The City will continue seeking grants for first-time homebuyers program once a developer confirms and commits to building home in Firebaugh. Police Chief Raygoza vision list consist of Public Safety, helping cadet from the program to become Officer by offering scholarships, purchasing new technology every year, having PAL members mentor troubled youth, encourage Officers to become leaders, offering patrol car incentives, building the motorcycle, bike and k-9 programs to offer outreach to community and presentations at the local school. Continue offering training to staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                    *None*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on March 20, 2017.**

*Motion approve consent calendar by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**5. ORDINANCE NO. 17-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADDING SECTION 2-2.10 TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RULES FOR CONDUCTING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – SECOND READING.**

*Open Public Hearing at 6:32 pm – Council Member to receive \$150 per meeting, not exceed \$300 per month - Close Public Hearing @ 6:33 pm.*

*Motion to approve Res. No. 17-09 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 17-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DECLARING THE FORMATION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TO MANAGE THE PORTION OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN UNDERLYING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

*Action taken at the beginning of the meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 17-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING A POLICY OF A SCHEDULED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS PRIOR TO ITS REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING.**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 17-16 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 17-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A CONSULTING PROPOSAL FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT.**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 17-17 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 17-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER, BEN GALLEGOS TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DG-FIREBAUGH, CA-1, LP.**

This resolution will authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement and allow development of utilities underground, paid by the city through bond proceed. The installation of underground utilities will assist with future development in the area, because lines will be already installed for additional development at this location and it won't have to be addressed for a future project.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 17-18 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY:**                    *None*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Code Enforcement has been issuing violations/citations in the Del Rio Area, with first offering a corrective actions (extension) for the violation. Reserve Tabares is addressing the porches illegal built without permits in the Khov sub-division. Cameras are being updated and will city will seek additional grant funding for purchase of additional cameras. The new k-9 vehicle is in operation, a photographer will be out to take pictures. Update on Prop 57, there will be a release of parolees in June. PAL will have their Grand Opening ceremony for Softball on Saturday at Maldonado Park at 9:00 am. Working with Officers on a stolen vehicle found in the city from another community.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Purchase of a new truck a year away, financial package is to be presented at the next meeting for review. Previous cadet Ernesto (Ernie) has been hired by Cal Fire, assigned to a ladder Truck. Fire Association purchase and is rebuilding a fire truck, currently price is about \$43,000, our hope is have it ready by summer.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Will meet with Ben and Tony on the budget and hope to present to council on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April for review, budget will be General Fund, any purchases, and conference/training trips for next year should be reported at that time.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – City received the invitation for the annual Boys & Girls Club event, they expressed Council's support in attending. Two of our Planning Commissioners' resigned, so city will advertise for applicants. The Rio Villas will hold their Grand Opening on April 17, 2017 at 4:00 pm and offer a tour, please RSVP to them and myself to advise them of your attendance. I will be attending training for Public Records on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7, 2017. At the last meeting real estate negotiations was discussed during closed session, no action was given but there was direction, the issue is the property belongs to the Successor Agency (SA) not the City; therefore, this item will be agenda item under SA matter, once the resolution is approved, it will be presented to the Oversight Board for approval and finally submitted to the Department of Finance, if the item is not approved or denied at any level of the process, it will be brought back to the SA to begin the process over.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – The city will go over the approved emergency budget for sink holes, we are hoping to get reimbursed for potholes since they were caused by the high water releases. Ben and/or Tony have been present at the project to supervise because there has been issues with the contractors. I've been trying to take vacation. Unions approved all recommendations suggested between the council/city and themselves.
- **City Attorney, Meggin Boranian** – Thanked Rita, Ben and Pio with assisting on the Sexual Harassment and Bullying training, staff appreciated the food. A draft of the Personnel handbook will be presented for review, it is a timely process.
- **Council Member Valdez** – would like to have a meeting to potentially set goals of the council, so department heads and staff understands the wants and direction of the council. Attorney recommended agenizing this item and scheduled a Vision Plan April 3, 2017 from 5 – 6 pm.
- **Council Member Lopez** – inquired on budget and conferences, as Council Members we need to stay in budget and not jump at every opportunity without checking if there is a budget to attend the conferences. We expect staff to stay in their budgets and we should hold ourselves to the same standards. Asked if Housing Authority offers senior activities at Rio Vista.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Will attend Legislative Day in Sacramento April 19, 2017, free event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

*Motion to enter closed session at 8:09 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION****ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Valdez, second by Councilmember Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:10 p.m.**