

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 17/05-15

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: May 15, 2017/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Jenkins at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Brady Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Perez 6:07 pm
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; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; Wanda Breshears & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Lopez led pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Rob Terry, Section Director of American Planning Association, Central California Chapter, presented the City of Firebaugh and City Planner Karl Schoettler, with the “Outstanding Planning Award for Best Practices” for the Firebaugh Zoning Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Alma Martinez was invited by Council Member Perez to inform Council and the community of a regional transportation plan meeting to be held in Firebaugh. The workshop will be held in both English and Spanish is proposed between the hours of 6 pm – 8 pm on the last week of June. It languages, the workshop will be to discuss the needs of the whole Fresno County. Hoping to use the Firebaugh Community Center and include flyer in the city water bills.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on May 5, 2017.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting April 1, and ending on April 30, 2017.**

April 2017	General Warrants	#34929 - #35039	\$ 255,483.33
	Payroll Warrants	#68106 - #68205	\$ 173,422.44
TOTAL			\$ 428,905.77

Motion to pull Check # 34942 and approve Consent Calendar by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve Check # 34942 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote. Lopez - Abstain

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3. Administrative Report – FY 2017/18 Streets Fund Budgets – Preliminary Presentation.

Finance Director Pio Martin presented the preliminary Street Fund Budgets.

Motion to enter Successor Agency at 6:48 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

4. RESOLUTION NO. 17-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO CITY OF FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECOMMENDING A PURCHASE OFFER TO THE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR 1185 N STREET.

Motion to accept offer of \$40,000 by Res. No. 17-20 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

Motion to enter Council Meeting at 6:53 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- Police Chief, Sal Raygoza – Attended a meeting in Sacramento with Ben to discuss possibility of approval on courthouse, and attended a meeting with Ben and Meggin at Fresno County with their representatives to discuss the matter. It looks like a strong possibility, County representatives agreed to submit a letter to the State requesting the property transfer approval. Community has been quite. Council Member Valdez, thanked PD and Staff for service, it's National Peace Officer Week. Girls from Mendota would like to join the Firebaugh PAL League, because they don't have enough players to create different teams, so they would like to play in our Pal League. PAL will be taking forty-five girls from the Firebaugh League to the Monterey Aquarium. Google will pay for transportation, meal and entrance fee.
- City Engineer, Mario Gouveia – Provided update on CDBG Projects. Council Member Sablan, stated there has been a lot of complaints regarding Enrico Street. Ben replied, the contractors could not proceed due to weather and issues with the last contractor, so a new contractor will complete the work. City will retain some funding from the previous contractor for the incomplete project.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – Next budget presentation will be the Grants Budget, so provide any requested changes to the budget before the final approval. Mayor Jenkins asked if there is a budget for a new Fire Chief, staff replied, "No", it was never requested or discussed to be budgeted for. Council Member Sablan asked Attorney to explain the difference between a stipend and a salary employee. Stipend employee is not taxed (lump sum), Salary is hourly and is taxed by the city. The Attorney continued with the difference between independent contractor and city employee.
- Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos – Reported there was a plane accident at the airport, it was a family of five, everyone is safe and able to walk away, it could've been worse. Attended a meeting in Mendota regarding a joint wastewater treatment plant with Mendota, Firebaugh & Dos Palos with no out of pocket expenses to construct. Held a meeting with a developer, along with City Engineer and City Planner, the plans to build is about a year to a year and half, but they need to buy property which has been difficult. As Meggin and Sal stated earlier, we attended a meeting in Sacramento and at Fresno County regarding the Courthouse, the meetings went well. Sink hole update, most have been fixed but not all of them, the repairs may go over the approved budget. Restrooms at the Rodeo Grounds is still pending, working with the school on the sewer line installation, because it will cross their property. Staff is also still hoping to have funding to build the restrooms in the future. Will attend a conference in Las Vegas May 21-23 to seek new businesses that may be interested to establish their companies in Firebaugh.

- **Council Member Valdez** – Thanked Ben and Michael Molina for setting up activities for Mr. Pepper’s class, they offered to do a clean-up event for the city. Freddy and Ben attended a Parks and Rec Summit, received good info from Ismael Herrera on how to utilize Fresno State Students.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter closed session at 7:17 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

5. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.

Re: APN’s # 008-131-08 & 008-130-09 Designative Rep. City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos

Re: APN’s # 007-062-19 & 007-062-23 Designative Rep. City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos

Motion to enter closed session at 7:42 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *No Action Taken*

Council Members asked staff to contact the Firebaugh Unified School District and requested a joint meeting for June 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm to discuss the use of facilities, development impact fees, parking issues and anything they would like to add to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Valdez, second by Councilmember Perez; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:45 p.m.*