

MEETING AGENDA - MINUTES
The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No.19/07-01

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

Date/Time: July 1, 2019/6:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Jim Sanchez; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Acct. Tech. Olga Flores; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears, Horacio Alaniz, Sylvia Alaniz, Amanda Bosland, Curtis Williamson, Art Maldonado, Michael Gonzales, Melanie Gonzales, Rey Castrillo, Kathy Castrillo, Marlene Britton, Arthur A Maldonado, Alisia Maldonado, Nikki John, Dennis Vasquez, Ted Crocket & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *Council Member Sablan led pledge of Allegiance.*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION:

- Introduction of Reserve Officer Pheng Lor and Jonathon Gonzales.
- Teresa Rossi-Long, of Advanced Lighting Services, Inc., re: Firebaugh's Comprehensive Lighting Summary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Veronica Navarro spoke regarding water/soda booth fund raiser at the annual Cantaloupe Roundup. She would like to know why FHS was chosen again to run the booth and felt she would like to see the rules changed to not allowing the same organization to win twice in a row.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on June 17, 2019.**

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 19-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH (1) AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 25-29.2 TO CLARIFY COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE M-1 AND M-2 ZONES; (2) AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 25-41.13 TO ALLOW FOR AND TO REGULATE DISPENSARIES AS COMMERCIAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS; AND (3) AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 25-41.13 MODIFYING THE REGULATORY REVENUE-RAISING FEE – FIRST READING.**

Open hearing time at 6:32 pm - Public Comments: Element 7 is a holistic cannabis company and spoke in regards to health benefits and is in favor. Jim Crocket opposed. Chris Cardella opposed. Gilbert Coelho asked how much money the city would be making. Pat Perry opposed. Wanda Breshears opposed. Ben Britton opposed. Gerald Holiday opposed. Marlene Britton asked council why they were considering it. Anthony Serrano in favor. Joe Perry opposed and says council should follow the recommendation of the planning committee. - *Closing hearing time at 7:32 pm*

Motion to waive the first reading of Ord. No. 19-03, (1) Amending Municipal Code Section 25-29.2 to clarify commercial cannabis activities in the M-1 & M-2 zones; (2) Amending Municipal Code Section 25-41.13 to allow for and to regulate dispensaries as Commercial Cannabis Operations, and pull/table (3) Amending Municipal Code Section 25-41.13 Modifying the Regulatory Revenue-Raising Fee to be voted on at a later date by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 3-2 vote. Lopez & Jenkins – no.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 19-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WEST HILLS COLLEGE PROJECT.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-34 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote. Sablan – Abstain.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 19-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2019-01 (WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT).**

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-35 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote. Sablan – Abstain.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 19-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359, OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ZONE OF PARTICULAR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY.**

Open hearing time at 7:33 pm - No comment given - Closing hearing time at 7:34 pm

Motion to approve Ord. No. 19-04 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote. Sablan – Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 19-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SERVING FRESNO COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**

EDC provided presentation

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-36 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 19-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 16 – 18, LONG BEACH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-37, designating Mayor Pro Tem Lopez as voting delegate, Council Member Valdez and Council Member Jenkins as alternates by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

8. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REDUCING IMPACT FEES FOR N STREET APARTMENT PROJECT – APN 007-050-06.**

Motion to table item by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

9. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS LAS DELTAS WATER DISTRICT.**

Self-help is working on getting a grant for Las Deltas.

Informational Item Only.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Building a patrol and used it in a training on Saturday and it worked well, also used it for a fire call on Sunday in Madera County and it performed good.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Received the ok from FAA to go ahead with the fence project at the Airport.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Starting new fiscal year. 2019 Roundup tickets are for sale at the office.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Introduced reserved officers.
- **City Attorney Jim Sanchez** – Coordinating training with Rita.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Selected a Senior Center Coordinator, just waiting for background check. Teaming up for a fitness campaign, hopefully get a grant for Maldonado Park outdoor fitness gym.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Him and Council member Jenkins attended a conference and learned the need and uses for social media and how to bring housing to our area.
- **Council Member Perez** – Is participating in the 2020 Census.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Suggested the City should put the Marijuana taxes on the 2020 election ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION/CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 9:02 p.m.