

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 19/08-19

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

**Date/Time:** August 19, 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; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears, Veronica Navarro, Lucia Hernandez & others.

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

*Council Member Lopez, asked for a moment of silence in honor of Firebaugh Police Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., who was killed on this day, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 44 years ago, in the line of duty.*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Firebaugh Resident asked, "If Rabe Street is going to get paved, I would like to request a speed bump be added." City Manager Gallegos replied, "Currently at this time one is not planned to added, because speed bumps delay emergency response vehicles from getting to the emergency." Council Member Jenkins added, "Due to the emergency response delays, I believe it became a state law, which was passed a few years ago." Resident added, "There are a lot of kids on the block playing & people are always speeding down the road." City Engineer Gouveia stated, "I t is more up to the City, it does slow down speeding, but it also slows down emergency responders." Police Chief Raygoza informed, "Laws change & the Attorney may know more, but will adding a speed bump really slow down traffic. People complain it ruins the suspension of their cars, & others may slow down for the speed bumps but speed between them." Council suggested discussing it further on a future agenda, & advised the resident to start a petition from the residents in that area to see how many are interested in have the speed bumps installed.

**PRESENTATION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular Meeting on August 5, 2019.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting July 1, and ending on July 31, 2019.**

July 2019	General Warrants	#38431 - #38570	\$ 771,614.48
	Payroll Warrants	#71074 - #71094	\$ 217,130.69
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 988,745.17</b>

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

3. ORDINANCE NO. 19-05 - 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 – SECOND READING.

*Open hearing time at 6:09 pm - No comment given - Closing hearing time at 6:10 pm*

*Motion to approve Ord. 19-05 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

4. RESOLUTION NO. 19-48 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES WITH LOZANO SMITH AS CITY ATTORNEY(S) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS.

*Motion to approve Res. No. 19-48 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

- ✓ *Motion to enter to Successor Agency Business @ 6:13 pm by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

5. RESOLUTION NO. 19-49 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ROSENOW SPEVACEK GROUP, INC. (RSG), TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR COMPLIANCE REPORTING SERVICES FOR FY 2018-2019 PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 341.

*Motion to approve Res. No. 19-49 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

- ✓ *Motion to enter to City Council Business @ 6:15 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Lopez motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

6. RESOLUTION NO. 19-50 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO GOLDEN BAY FENCE PLUS IRON WORKS, INC. FOR THE AIRPORT FENCE AND GATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO.: AIP 03-06-0346-007-2019.

*Motion to approve Res. No. 19-50 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

7. RESOLUTION NO. 19-51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE TO A POLICE.

*Motion to approve Res. No. 19-51 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

## STAFF REPORTS

- Fire Chief, John Borboa – Nothing to report.
- Police Chief Sal Raygoza – Staff has been busy with search warrants& they have been retrieving a lot of narcotics. Police Chief, City Manager and Officer that is going to be the K9 Handler meet the dog, the dog is partially trained and ready to begin the program. They will need an additional four to five weeks of training, the City will pay for training, and the dog was rescued from a shelter.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – working on year-end reports & getting ready for the audit. Will submit the approved Measure C resolution, so the City may receive the funding.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Provided an update on the Highway 33 beautification project, City Engineer and City Manager meet with Caltrans to discuss the project. The project started about 11 years ago. Caltrans is also going to do work on the highway. Council Member Sablan asked if the plans can be presented to Council at a future meeting for the public to review. The City will use COG funding to do work from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Asked Council Members that are interested in attending the League of Cities Conference to send notification, before the conference fills up.
- **City Attorney Jim Sanchez** – Thanked City Council for approving the new contract with Lozano Smith, LLC.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – The Senior Center parking lot is paved, will start planning a grand opening. Rabe Street Project went out to bid on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Greystone Estates will be doing some work without permits, at their own risk. Attended, along with two officers, a k9 Luau, it was nice to have the officers there and have them meet other handlers & the families of the handlers, so they could get more information. The company that hosted the event, has donated four dogs to City of the past several years. Officer Onate, who has served as a reserve for the City was present & happy to see us there.
- **Council Member Jenkins**– Introduced Lucy, she is looking to give back to the community. She is a former Firebaugh High School graduate. Lucy stated she left Firebaugh to move to Fresno after graduation, but now that she has kids, she wanted to come back to raise them here, “it’s home, & since we’re living here & my kids will grow up here,. I want to give back to my community, so whatever I can do to help.”
- **Council Member Valdez** – Added, “It is nice to see you participate in the meeting, thanks for coming. I know, Lucy is a good artist, & I would like your assistance in updating some of our murals in town and possibly creating a mural for the new remodeled VFW.” There is a scholarship available through the Latino Caucus at Fresno State, for student in the rural communities.
- **Council Member Lopez** – asked if the architect for the VFW is being paid by the grant, and asked Veronica Navarro how they did at the carnival, the cleaning of the tables as a fund raiser for the organization. Veronica replied, “It was a lot of work, the first two hours were a waste for the parents to be there, there wasn’t a lot of people so they just waited. It was a lot of work for only a \$1000, but I should asked more questions.”

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

#### **CLOSED SESSION/CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 6:45 p.m.***