

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 19/11-04

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

Date/Time: November 04, 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
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Felipe Perez

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Elsa Lopez

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, Noe Martinez, Chris Gutierrez & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Lopez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular Meeting on October 21, 2019.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 19-54 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUMMARILY VACATING RIGHT OF EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

City Engineer Noe Martinez, reported three changes to Resolution No. 19-54; on page 1 of the map, name change of Trustee and Beneficiary, under deed of trust for United Security Bank to Chief Officer William Yarbenet. Page 2 & 3 of the map, correct spelling of Barboa to Borboa. Page 3 of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement, the list of streets, some will be removed while others will be added to Phase I: Remove: Don Julian & Eppler. Add: McClain

Street, Manes Street, & Borboa Lane. List of Streets that are correct is Ledford Street, Gonzalez Street, & Clyde Fannon Drive.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-54 with the amendments by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 19-55 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY HOMES, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRACT 6257 PHASE 1.

City Engineer Noe Martinez, reported same three changes made to Resolution No. 19-54 will be made to Resolution No. 19-55. Subdivision Improvement Agreement will have a brick wall required instead of a wood fence, the pond will be bigger than proposed with a fence surrounding it for safety reasons & 52 home will be constructed in Phase I. City Attorney Sanchez, added this agreement secures the improvements through bonds, which estimates about \$1.788 million in improvements for this subdivision.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-55 with the amendments by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 19-56 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUPPORTING AB1012 A STATE LAW TO SECURE THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING A TIMELY USE OF THE FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR THE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE 2019 CALL FOR PROJECTS.

City Engineer Noe Martinez, stated through supporting AB1012 – Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement) grant application is due November 15th at noon. Funding will help make Improvements to M Street & J Street at 10th Street, including pave two unpaved alleys. STBG (Street Rehabilitation) grant application is due December 6th at noon, Funding will assist at O Street Rehab, 13th Street Rehab & Nees Ave Rehab. Federally funded projects require a local match of 11.47%, City will use Measure C funding or available lifeline funds from FCOG.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-56 with the amendments by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 19-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING STREETS NAMES FOR GREYSTONE ESTATES PHASE 1(TRACT NO. 6257) PURSUANT TO FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2 PROCEDURES FOR NAMING AND RENAMING CITY FACILITIES.

The City Council approved Tentative Subdivision Map No. 6257 for Greystone Estates Phase 1 and voted to designate the new street names as follows: Ledford, Eppler, Gonzalez & Don Julian.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-57 with the amendments by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO SUBMIT ALL AGENDA ITEMS TO PLACED AND DISCUSSED AT THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND THE FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DECEMBER 9, 2019.

The City Council provided the following items: Impact Fees – update, Pesticides use on Public Properties, Kindergarten to College Bank Accounts Program, Police Department & School Partnership, Kids & Vaping, Kids School Safety & Safe Route to School, Grant funds – Update on Joint Applications: Swimming Pool, Resource Officer.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – it's still been busy with the new residents, there has been sheriffs in the City, possibly seeking individuals that may have relocated here. Some of the new residents at the Housing Authority have family connections to Eastside Bulldogs or they are part of the gang themselves. Hoping to work Housing Authority to keep informed of any issues. Council Member Lopez stated, she has seen the designated smoking areas at the multi-family complexes.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Auditors come to City Hall today to start the Audit. This week & next week City staff are having the deposition appointments for the pending law suit.
- **City Engineer, Noe Martinez** – Been working with Ben & staff on the new subdivision.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Working on a master list of all ordinances approved from 1924 to current, then I plan to do the same for the Resolutions because it is difficult to find information, when you have to go back several years and research ordinance & resolutions one by one. The master list will help to save time, when searching key words. The company that does codification of our City Municipal Code (Coded Systems) has merged with General Code, they will send someone to train me or I will have to go to LA, once they complete the transfer of the our documents. The new system should allow me to add information to our Municipal Code via our city website. Ben received an email from Fresno County regarding Del Rio, there were documents that haven't been recorded, so they will be correct that information, hopefully it will resolve some of the issues that we've had with the property lines.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – Update on SB5, This bill would establish in state government the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, which would be administered by the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Committee. The Governor vetoed the Bill because he's concerned how the annual \$2 Billion will be distributed, he would like it to be part of their budget review.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – As Rita reported a person from the County is trying to correct issues at Del Rio. I will have meeting with the people from San Joaquin Villas & possibly new buyers, which may request a waiver from the City that was loaned to the developer for the construction of the project which was never completed. The City loaned a lot of money for the project. San Joaquin Villas street are not the City's property because of the Home Owners Agreement (HOA); therefore, they must maintain their streets. Representatives from the State Governor's Office will meet at the Community Center tomorrow to discuss the needs of the community. They will meet separately with representatives from each city starting in Firebaugh then go to Mendota, San Joaquin, Huron & back to San Joaquin to meeting with all city representatives. City Attorney Sanchez advise that Council Members, less than a quorum of the Council should attend & meet at the first meeting because City business will be discussed. Construction on Rabe, Diaz & Rev Kantor Street Improvement project will begin this week, hopefully, the residents get a notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter to closed session @ 7:01 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

7. **Government Code Section 54957**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager.

Motion to enter open session @ 7:44 pm by consensus vote; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Nothing to report

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS

- **Council Member Valdez** – Basically tomorrow the Governor’s Budget Committee will be here from 9:45 am - 10:45 am, Council Members, Staff & School representatives will attend, to showcase the great things the City is doing, as well as ask for funding. Mayor Sablan ask for someone to take a picture to send to the Journal.
- **Council Member Lopez** – “During the conversation on Del Rio, Did they mention the lots that Fresno County owned and they came to a Council meeting in the past, & did a presentation stating they wanted to deed to property to the City. So that lot is going to be dedicated to the City?” City Manager Gallegos replied, “Yes, that seems to be the documents they found and plan to correct”.
- **Council Member Sablan** – “I would like to mention the Housing Authority is having an event, I think everyone got an email. They’re having that famous speaker from Princeton University, Thursday night at 6:00 pm at Warnors Theater, it’s free. He’ll be talking about housing, it’s supposed to be a great thing.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 7:48 p.m.