

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 23/04-17

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

Date/Time: April 17, 2023/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Mayor Felipe Pérez
Mayor Pro Tem Elsa Lopez
Council Member Silvia Renteria
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Freddy Valdez

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney James McCann; City Manager, Ben Gallegos, Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Public Works Director, Michael Molina; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Fire Chief John Borboa; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza, City Clerk Amanda Fleming & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Freddy Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Renteria, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on February 6, 2023.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on April 3, 2023.
3. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1 and ending on March 31, 2023.

March 2023	General Warrants	#44067 - #44208	\$ 1,727,745.45
	Payroll Warrants	#71978 - #72000	\$ 152,303.73
	TOTAL		\$ 1,880,049.18

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

4. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL APARTMENT COMPLEX BEHIND THE MALDONADO PLAZA.

Consensus of the City Council is to not proceed or entertain the development of apartments behind Maldonado Plaza.

STAFF REPORTS

- Fire Chief, John Borboa – nothing to report.
- Police Chief Sal Raygoza – provided an update on the river levels & expected flood issues in May & June due to melting snow, looks like the police department was awarded grant funding, but will provide more information once confirmation is received.
- Public Works Director, Michael Molina – J St & 10th Street is moving faster than estimated with an earlier completion date, Zozaya is moving along, the new line was put in a month ago with no issues, then they will pour gravel in May and August.
- City Manager, Ben Gallegos – received compliments regarding J St and 10th streets, seed company is very happy, the Nees project will well with it, received one complaint on the alley project behind Belli, explained they need to be patient, contractors were there today. Working with Mario on the leak or standing water at Bailer and the Jr. High, it was a broken line, so the problem is addressed.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano – nothing to report.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – received a requested budget item from Council Member Renteria, trying to budget for a better recording system for the Council/conference room. Council Member Renteria asked the Finance Director to provide an expenditure of the budget to see where the city is compared to the estimated budget.
- City Attorney, James McCann – nothing to report.
- Council Member Renteria - the Fire Department held their annual fund raiser this past Saturday. They sold over 200 tickets and honored Fire Chief Borboa for his 59 years of service to the fire department and the community; they did an awesome job.
- Council Member Valdez – April 29, 2023, is the 3rd Annual Autism walk, with the path closed due to flood concerns, I'm not sure what the route will be.
- Council Member Perez – the Outdoor Market is on, and April 27th will be kids' day with prizes.
- Council Member Jenkins – asked if Officers are patrolling the Farmer's Market? Chief Raygoza replied, "Yes, and the department will be doing more, once PAL soccer starts, it helps, because there are more officers in the area."

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ *Motion to enter close session at 6:26 pm by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

5. **Government Code Section 54957.6.**
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED & UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES
City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos
Employee Organizations: Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions.
 6. **Government Code Section 54957**
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT
Title: City Attorney
- ❖ *Motion to return from close session at 9:20 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.