

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 23/05-01

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

**Date/Time:** May 1, 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 David Wolfe; 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 Engineer, Mario Gouveia & others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Silvia Renteria led pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

**PRESENTATION** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on April 17, 2023.**

*Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

## PUBLIC HEARING

None

## NEW BUSINESS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH OF INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 23-14 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION ART AGREEMENT CLEAN CALIFORNIA BEAUTIFICATION FUND CONTRIBUTION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REFERRED TO AS CALTRANS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 23-15 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS; REFERRED TO AS THE BSCC; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 23-16 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

#### STAFF REPORTS

- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – finished the fire station, AT&T has an issue with supplying the internet to all the locations in the fire and police stations. Fire Association is doing well in fund raising so the purchased four cameras to donate and install at the new fire station, saving the city about \$8,000. Wanted to install the cameras, since we have already had one entry to the building with no occupancy of the building.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – AT&T is having a lot of issues that were not anticipated, along with comcast.
- **Public Works Director, Michael Molina** – nothing to report that not listed in staff report. Council Member Renteria inquired about the install of new pole at the airport. Public Works has installed it, new beacon, required by FAA. Council Member Renteria asked if city has collected fees for the airport, the city needs to try to get the airport to fund itself. City Manager Ben replied, hanger fees are billed, but tiedowns on planes flying with coming in and out are not monitored, so fees are collected, it is an honor system, having some kind of monitoring is more expansive. Looking to start polarizing. At 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and along the Pizza Factory on Thursday, by West Hills College so 9<sup>th</sup> St, you make ger some complaints, notices will go out, since it is the busiest streets. P St to Highway 33 will be new, will notify stores to inform drivers that delivery trucks will not be allowed. Police Chief Raygoza stated a meeting with State Foods on delivery trucks should happen, the delivery trucks will destroy the new streets.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – did walk through, the check list is long, hoping to have a grand opening at the end of the month, send the invite list to Rita. Had a meeting regarding the San Joaquin River, levels are lower, not as promising as expected, there is seepage, hoping to avoid sinkholes. Attended the groundbreaking in San Joaquin, Ben and Pio are working on negotiations, City Manager and Council Member Renteria are attending the forecast hosted by EDC. Working on improving the water issue between the schools, flooding where kids cross. Applying for \$2.5 million CDBG Grant for new waterline pipes with UDI's, 15<sup>th</sup> ST – curb and gutters or fixing lift station, school project is more.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – CDBG water line project update, paving at Zozaya area will probably be done this week if weather allows. Alley infrastructure at 8<sup>th</sup> ST & Highway is going forward again if weather permits. 10<sup>th</sup> ST and J Street pipeline was really shallow, so the line is being replaced, at 12<sup>th</sup> St, 10<sup>th</sup> St & 15<sup>th</sup> St demo has begun for the curb and gutter concrete project.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – will present the budget funds over the next few meetings, will still present the budget in parts/pieces, I am behind due to negotiations. Working on the request received from Council Member Renteria, on the budget issues, will definitely get something on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents inquired about expanding Maldonado Park on the dirt area (undeveloped area). City Manager Gallegos replied, “The city has drafted plans, for an all-weather track but the project is an \$8 million project for the city is seeking funding.”
- **City Attorney, David Wolfe** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Renteria** - attended the Mid Valley Disposal event with Ms. Lozano and & Molina, presentation of their new organic waste machine that sorts all the waste placed in the machine to meeting the SB 1383 requirements.
- **Council Member Valdez** – trip to ICSC, hoping to visit and have businesses interested in locating to Firebaugh. Annual Walk for Autism held this past weekend, to raise funds for scholarships.
- **Council Member Perez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ *Motion to enter close session at 6:37 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez, motion passes by a 4-0 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 9:02 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

*No reportable action, no action taken.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*