

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 23/06-05

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

Date/Time: June 5, 2023/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Temp Lopez 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 City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Public Works Director, Michael Molina; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza, City Clerk, Amanda Fleming, City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Hector Marin, Chris Gutierrez, Ernesto Martinez, Linda Espinoza & others.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to move Res. No. 23-20 to Public Hearing section and approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Gutierrez asked if the bike lane could be painted on 12th St from Highway 33 to Washoe.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on May 15, 2023.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

3. RESOLUTION NO. 23-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT OF ANNUAL LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1. (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).

Open hearing at 6:03 pm – no comment given – Close hearing at 6:04 pm

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-20 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH PROVIDING MICHAEL MOLINA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-19 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FY 2023/2024 LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT (RMRA) CREATED BY SENATE BILL 1: ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE WITH THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THE PROJECT LIST AND ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FY 2023/2024 RMRA FUNDING.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-21 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: FY 2023/24 STREET BUDGET FUNDS PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION.**

Informational item only.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – reported there is a \$500 reward for information about the vandalized Andrew Firebaugh sign, department is addressing the weed abatement properties.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – working with two companies for a possible solar project, city might want to lease out the landfill for this project. Working a lot of the issues at the new Police & Fire Stations, city has already used all the allocated grant funds & other funds from other sources, but the projects are complete.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – M St will be paved this week, a lot of the other projects have already been paved, so the city is halfway done with most of the projects.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – finalizing the budget so it can be presented at the next meeting.
- **City Attorney, James McCann** – nothing to report.
- **City Clerk, Amanda Fleming** – reported about teaching of aggressive sex ed issues and concerns that going on surrounding schools, although it has not happened at our local schools, just want to inform the public to be aware.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Thanked the Fire Department and its volunteers for the work they have been doing, they been busy.
- **Council Member Renteria** - attended Kingdoms of Asia event at the Fresno Zoo on May 24th, it was very nice, please go when you have a chance. Attended ICSC with Freddy and Ben, thanked them for their previous attendance to the events and doing all the leg work they have done. Other bigger cities attend ICSC, but the Firebaugh staff/members (Ben & Freddy) were recognized due to their prior attendances to the events & doing the leg work to contact the agencies and companies.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – asked if the water park is open, City Manager replied, yes, weekends only because there is still have water in the ponds.

- **Council Member Valdez** – Attended the ICSC, thanked Renteria for her vision in seeking other options, that Ben & I had not considered, her leadership and vision gave us something else to consider. This year, companies were reaching out to us, usually it is the other way around. The City Manager will continue to do the leg work to get new business to relocate to our city.
- **Council Member Perez** – Thanked everyone for attending and working hard.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

- ❖ *Motion to enter close session at 6:42 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Renteria, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

6. 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.

7. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT
Title: City Attorney

- ❖ *Motion to return from close session at 7:24 pm pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*