

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 23/08-07

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

Date/Time: August 7, 2023/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro 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 Christina Di Filippo; City Manager, Ben Gallegos, Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Public Works Director, Michael Molina; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza, & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION

- Swearing in of Fire Battalion Chief H. Marin & Water/Sewer Operator Trainee A. Verduzco, Officer X. Khoua was unable to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on July 17, 2023.**

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- ORDINANCE NO. 23-01 - 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 – FIRST READING.**

Public Hearing open at 6:12 pm – no comment given - close hearing at 6:13 pm.

Motion to waive the first reading of Ord. No. 23-01 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

- RESOLUTION NO. 23-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT/ZONE CHANGE 2023-01 (TIRADO/NUNEZ).**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-32 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING A GRANT DEED FOR AN IN-FEE RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION, A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR A 10-FT PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT AND A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR A PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT DEDICATED BY THE FRESNO HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR APNs 007-140-04ST AND 007-140-07ST AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR RECORDING OF THE GRANT DEED AND GRANTS OF EASEMENT.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-33 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE CDBG WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 18-CDBG-12911, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO EMMETT'S EXCAVATION INC.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-34 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF 22/23 CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO TERRA WEST CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-35 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZATION THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-36 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING FIRE BATTALION CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCHEDULE.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-37 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-38 by Council Member Lopez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-39 with the following changes: pg.1- changed date to August 10th, pg. 5- added the City of Firebaugh and District's address; deleted letter "T" from APPROVED AS TO FORM; Fix City Attorney

Signature line, pg. 8 - added a period after "herein", updated the revised date, by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT FUNDED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-40, with following changes: pg.1 - changed date to August 10th, pg. 5 - added the City of Firebaugh and District's address, pg. 6 - added a space between E & F to separate paragraphs, pg. 7 - added a period after "herein", updated the revised date by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH GATEWAY MONUMENT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 23-41, with the recommended changes, Section 2 is listed twice, change the 2nd section 2 to section 3 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

13. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A PARCEL TAX TO FUND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Deputy Clerk Lozano inform of an agenda correction in the title, correct "Partial Tax to Parcel Tax. Council Member Valdez recommended alternate option: change or amend the City Utility Users Tax, since he is not in support of an additional Parcel Tax.

Motion to propose the City Manager Gallegos to find a company to complete the survey and bring back to the City Council the options, by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Renteria ; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Lopez – no.

14. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS STIPEND AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

Motion to amend resolution to have both options (stipend and insurance) for Council Members, by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Lopez – abstained.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Would like to apply for a grant The Wonderful Company is offering. The fund will be used to complete the back room at the new Police Station, for PAL, an exercise room or a explore program The deadline to apply is at the end of the month.
- **Public Works Director, Michael Molina** - Working to cleanup the Rodeo Grounds, working on day-to-day operation. Responded to a fire at the Housing Authority on the early morning of July 24th, the Captain at 96, said it was a great stop. Received a Thank you letter from Red Rooster, regarding a fire at their location on July 24th, the fire is still under investigation, without the assistance from Madera and Fresno Counties, the city would have probably lost the company. Since everyone responded quickly and worked together to put the fire out, Red Rooster was able to start their operation later that day, after some cleanup. The Fire Department has relocated and moved to the new Fire Station. The department would like to purchase supplies to do Community and kid outreach. Hector Marin will be attending an event at the school to recruit more fire fighter volunteers , and he is managing the day-to-day operations at the office.
- **Gouveia Engineering Rep. Noe Martinez** – nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – nothing to report.
- **City Attorney, Christina Di Filippo** – nothing to report.

- **Bethany Matos, Director of Admission and Records or Student Services of West Hill College- Firebaugh Center** – Reported the students are in the new building for this school year, including the Fresno County Library. Compared to 2019, before Covid, the college presently has 350 to 400 students enrolled to attend classes on campus, which up 20% compared to 2019 in on ground class attendance. Several additional classes have been added to our local campus, summer school is always a challenge, most the summer classes are taken online. Dual Enrollment (high school students attending college classes) has about 270 students, which is up 64% from last year. This year, college classes were offered to eighth graders, they are called Jr. Falcons, all the students that participated past their courses, thirty-three students signed up in the spring. All the Mills students visited the college campus. Thanked everyone for supporting and passing Measure K, the college has changed their name from North District Center to Firebaugh Center. Short Term CPR and First Aid class will be offered in October 2023. Council Member Valdez, wanted to mention West Hills College offers great Adult Transition Classes, and thanked them.
- **Fire Battalion, Hector Marin** – asked if West Hills College is going to bring back EMT Classes. Mrs. Matos explained any new curriculum takes at least a year to be able to offer a new class, but the college is looking at offering additional certification programs.
- **Council Member Renteria** - wanted to mention, the college also offers work experience classes to High School Students which is an incredibly good experience and a great resource to the students. Thanked the staff for their hard work with the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Thanked everyone for doing a good job.
- **Council Member Perez** – want to say the same, thank you everyone for a great job at the ribbon cutting, too.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ ***Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.***