



City of Firebaugh
Special Planning Commission Minutes
March 22, 2021 • 6:00 p.m.
Held Via Teleconference

1. Call to Order: 6:03 p.m., by Chairperson Mark Fickett

2. Roll Call: Commissioners Mark Fickett
Ivan Garcia 6:07 PM
Silvia Renteria
Nicole Molina 6:08 PM
Dennis Vasquez
City Planner Karl Schoettler
City Manager Ben Gallegos

Absent:

3. Pledge of Allegiance *Planning Commissioner Fickett led pledge of Allegiance.*

4. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2020

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Vasquez, second by Commissioner Renteria motion passes by 3-0 vote.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Public Hearings: * *Commissioner Garcia & Molina joined the meeting.*

- A. RESOLUTION PZ 21-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2021-01, REZONING 2021-01, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT AND REORGANIZATION 2021-01, & ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2021-01 RESULTING IN THE ANNEXATION OF 11 PARCELS INTO THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.

Commissioners Comments: Garcia, "I see they may proposed to operate a cannabis business at this parcel in the future. If the applicant is denied today, they could appeal to the Council, which would approve request or override the planning commissioner action." Reply "Correct that could happen." Garcia, "Is it beneficial to the City?" City Manager's response, "Yes, because they (annexed properties) would pay taxes to the City instead of the County" Commissioner Renteria, " Will the annexed homes be required to upgrade to standards or be grandfathered as is?" City Planner Schoettler, "No upgrades will be required, but if any upgrades are made they would have to get permits from the City, once they're annexed." Renteria, "What percentage of income will to the Police or Fire Departments?" Staff's reply, "Depends what the fees are collected from, but Police Department is biggest use of our General Fund & receives 100% of Utility Users Tax fees."

Hearing open @ 6:29 pm – Lauren Layne representing the Britton Residents, who oppose this issue of annexation or request not to be annexed along with the applicant or their parcel listed. Britton property is currently in the Firebaugh Canal District & would like to remain in their current water district, annexation to the city would have them become Central California Irrigation District. If the Britton property was annexed against their wished, they request to be rezoned to an Urban Reserve (UR) Zone as well because they have a residential home included on their property, instead of the current M-2 (light Industrial) zone, which will also lower the Environmental (CEQA) standards. Closed Hearing @ 6:35 pm

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-01 with add amendment of Britton's requested UR zone & continued water service with Firebaugh Canal Company by Commissioner Vasquez, second by Commissioner Renteria, motion passes by 4-1 vote. Garcia – No.

7. Other Business: None
8. City Planner's Comments: A variance application will be on the agenda next month.
9. Planning Commissioner Comments: None
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Garcia, second by Commissioner Vasquez, motion passes by 5-0 vote; meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.