

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 24-04-01

Location of Meeting:	Andrew Firebaugh Community Center 1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time:	April 1, 2024/5:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Mayor Lopez at 5:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL	Mayor Elsa Lopez Council Member Silvia Renteria Council Member Felipe Pérez
ABSENT	Mayor Pro-Temp Freddy Valdez, Council Member Brady Jenkins

OTHERS: City Attorney Christina Di Filippo; City Manager, Ben Gallegos, Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Battalion Chief, Hector Marin, City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Shane Swart, Raquel Tabarez, Keith Berghold, Chris Gutierrez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Alfredo Torrez, Nancy Avila, Nancy C. Avila, Fidel Avila, Miguel Manriguez, & others.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 3-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

- BRYANT JOLLEY, CPA Office, will present the ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FY 2022-2023, ending June 30, 2023.
- Keith Berghold of Regenerate California Innovation, Inc., provided information on Community Energy Fresno and Solar Development in the Central Valley. About 185,000 acres are under evaluation for development in the Westland's Water District.
- Shane Swart - Lower San Joaquin Levee District regarding California Prop 218 and the special election being held that would affect our rural city and other surrounding small cities in the central valley, if the state dissolves our local district that has our best interest regarding the San Joaquin Levee.
- Fidel and Nancy Avila, provide an update on FYS FC33 Youth Soccer Club and requested improvements to the Firebaugh Maldonado Park Soccer Field.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on March 18, 2024.

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Renteria, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION 24-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A DENSITY BONUS (FOR THE FRESNO HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LA JOYA COMMONS (PHASE 2) PROJECT).

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-10 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 24-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING: SUBMISSION OF THE 2022-2023 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$12,000,000; AND IF AWARDED, THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICPATE AND COMPLY WITH IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-11 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-12 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 24-13 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RENEWING ORDINANCE 22-03 AND POLICY 708 OF THE FIREBAUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL AUTHORIZING THE USE MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7070, ET SEQ.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-13 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 24-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE RETIREMENT AND SALE OF K9 KONA FROM THE FIREBAUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-14 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

7. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS SPARKLETTS WATER DELIVERY SERVICE.

Motion to table item by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 3-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- *City Attorney, Christina Di Filippo* – nothing to report.
- *Finance Director, Pio Martin* – nothing to report, request all budget items.
- *City Engineer, Mario Gouveia* – two projects, 1) Q ST & 7th St waterline, will go out to bid. 2) Dunkle Park, basketball rehab construction began.
- *Police Chief Sal Raygoza* – nothing to report.
- *Battalion Chief, Hector Marin* – nothing to report.
- *Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano* – Form 700 are due April 2, I will be attending a conference this Tuesday through Friday, so I will be out of the office.
- *City Manager, Ben Gallegos* – Thomas Tractor has sold to a new corporation, but they're still selling John Deer products.
- *Council Member Renteria* – nothing to report.
- *Council Member Perez* – nothing to report, will start the downtown/farmers Market.
- *Council Member Lopez* – nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn@ 7:05 pm by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Renteria, motion passes by a 3-0 vote.*