

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 24-06-17

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

Date/Time: June 17, 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 5:35 pm
Mayor Pro-Temp Freddy Valdez,
Council Member Silvia Renteria
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Felipe Pérez

ABSENT

OTHERS: City Attorney Christina Di Filippo; City Manager, Ben Gallegos, Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Public Works Director, Michael Molina; Battalion Chief, Hector Marin; Gouveia Engineering Rep., Roberto Orozco; Raquel Tabares, & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Jenkins led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION

- Swear-in new employee Marlim Contreras, Account Tech I.

❖ Mayor Lopez joined meeting at 5:35 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cristina Gutierrez spoke about California For Pesticide Reform aka CPR, will do a presentation at the next meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on June 3, 2024.
2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting May 1 and ending on May 31, 2024.

May 2024	General Warrants	#45880 - #46053	\$ 1,346,049.32
	Payroll Warrants	#72269 - #72285	\$ 157,650.61
	TOTAL		\$ 1,503,699.93

Council Member Jenkins inquired about the following checks: # 45891 and # 45999 – Gouveia Engineering in regard to the Dunkle Park invoices.

Staff explained Gouveia Engineering oversee design, pre-construction, construction and post construction to make sure projects are being built pre city standards.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVAL OF FINDINGS FOR GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.10-4217.18, APPROVAL OF FACILITY SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FIREBAUGH "CITY" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE GENERATION MEASURES ON SELECTED CITY SITES.**

Jessica Ritter of SiteLogiq provided a brief presentation of the solar project for the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and V.F.W. City Manager Gallegos asked the State for additional funds of \$68,000 and they agreed to award the city. The city is expected to see a saving of \$3.4 million over the 30 years of the project's completion.

Public Hearing was open at 5:50 pm – SiteLogiq will receive a one lump sum payment, no third-party fees, no extra bills from other companies – Close Public Hearing at 5:52 pm.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-25 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-26 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING SITELOGIQ AND CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND APPLICATION FOR THE CEC ECAA LOAN PROGRAM AND FINDING THE ACTIVITY FUNDED BY SUCH LOAN TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.**

Public Hearing was open at 5:53 pm – no comment given – Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 pm.

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-26 by Council Member Lopez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-27 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 16-18, 2024, LONG BEACH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-27 and appoint Council Member Valdez as the city's voting Delegate by Council Member Lopez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-28 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FY 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 RMRA FUNDING.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-28 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-29 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-30 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

9. **RESOLUTION 24-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KRAZAN & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL MATERIALS TESTING AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 24-31 by Council Member Perez, second Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL RULES OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

Item tabled until further notice!

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – had DUI Check point this past weekend, all staff's overtime is paid through a grant, a few arrest for DUI's and several citations issued for driving with a suspended license or no license.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – a line break at Washoe, Micheal is at the break currently, which is way he isn't here. This Saturday is Claudia's last day to maintain the city's Facebook page. I've been looking for areas for a potential welding facility to locate to the city, maybe two locations for a shop to offer an apprenticeship, so they need just a square building. They would like to offer electrical classes, maybe at the old PAL Building or the old Ag building.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – I will be on vacation at the end of June, please submit all agenda items early so I can deliver the agenda before I leave.
- **City Attorney, Christina Di Filippo** – will not be attending the 2nd meeting of July and the 2nd meeting of August, a replacement for me will attend in my place.
- **Council Member Perez** – This Thursday at the Farmers Market, we will a Father's Day event and raffle a 36" Screen ana additional prizes. I'm working with a non-profit organization, they offered to write grant for the city, if interested, we can set up a meeting with a city representative and the organization for any type of grant. City Manger Gallegos stated he needs someone who can write a grant for the brownsfield project.
- **Council Member Renteria** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Lopez** – attended an event with City Manager for Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco regarding a solar plant project near Cantua Creek, their goal is to hire locals so they're offering training for electrical, welding and other jobs needed for the project. We suggest having classes at West Hills College. Will be attending a Gala with the City Manager on Friday at Table Mountain hosted by the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, Pro Boxer Canelo Alvarez will attend, and the event will be hosted by actor and comedian Paul Rodriguez.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn @ 6:45 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*