

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 24-07-01

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

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Christina Di Filippo; City Manager, Ben Gallegos, Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Public Works Director, Michael Molina; Battalion Chief, Hector Marin; Gouveia Engineering Rep., Roberto Orozco; Roy Mendiola, Veronica Navarro, Chris Gutierrez, Fidel Avila, Nancy Avila, Brian Manriquez, Miguel Manriquez, & others.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion to approve agenda with the motion to table agenda items 5, 6, & 7 per City Attorney's recommendation by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## PRESENTATION - The following items were cancelled due to an emergency!

- Christina Gutierrez to provide a presentation regarding California Pesticide Reform (CPR).
- Police Department to do a demonstration of the city video camera system.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on June 17, 2024.**

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

2. **RESOLUTION 24-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING A COMMONSENSE EXEMPTION TO CEQA, AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA 24-01), ADOPTING THE 2023-2031 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HOUSING ELEMENT AND THE 2023-2031 FIREBAUGH HOUSING ELEMENT.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 24-32 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 24-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATING IT WITH A STATEWIDE ELECTION AND SUBMITTING FOR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK APPOINTIVE – FIRST READING.**

*Motion to waive Ord No. 24-02 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 24-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATING IT WITH A STATEWIDE ELECTION AND SUBMITTING FOR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER APPOINTIVE – FIRST READING.**

Public Hearing was open at 5:56 pm – no comment given – Close Public Hearing at 5:57 pm.

*Motion to waive Ord No. 24-03 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-19, SECTION 1, THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF SAID CITY.**

*Item tabled*

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-17 RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE TRANSITIONING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FROM AN ELECTED POSITION TO AN APPOINTED POSITION.**

*Item tabled*

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-16 RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE TRANSITIONING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER FROM AN ELECTED POSITION TO AN APPOINTED POSITION.**

*Item tabled*

#### NEW BUSINESS

8. **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.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 24-22 by Council Member Renteria, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT, FOR APN'S 007-100-22, 007-100-26 AND 077-100-25 WITH THE NEIL JONES FOOD COMPANY, DBA TOMA-TEK.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 24-33 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN PER SB 533.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 24-34 by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

11. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND CONSIDERATION OF A WATER/WASTEWATER RATE STUDY COMPLETED BY TUCKFIELD & ASSOCIATES.**

*Information item only, no direction or no action taken.*

12. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE K-9 OFFICER.**

*Information item only, no direction or no action taken.*

13. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTING AN UPDATE REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.**

*Information item only, no direction or no action taken.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Nothing to report.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Opening bids for the HUD tank, we're short \$1.4 million, we need to go back and see where we can get additional funding. Work starting on the Highway Beautification project, Micheal and Hector did a great job yesterday with the emergency.
- **City Attorney, Christina Di Filippo** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Perez** – Farmers Market is closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- **Council Member Renteria** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – inquired about the splash part when the temperature is 100 degrees and over and asked about transportation to the senior center for residents living at eastside acres.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Nothing to report.
- **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 @ 7:10 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*