

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 24-07-15

Location of Meeting:	Andrew Firebaugh Community Center 1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time:	July 15, 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 Brady Jenkins Council Member Felipe Pérez
ABSENT	Mayor Pro-Temp Freddy Valdez

OTHERS: City Attorney Nick Matoian; 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, Wanda Breshears, Cristian Cruz & others.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda with the Closed session – City Manager’s Evaluation tabled until a full Council can be present by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Renteria, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

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

- Christina Gutierrez to provide a presentation regarding California Pesticide Reform (CPR). - **Tabled**
- Mr. Sanjar Taromi, Business Development, Livestock Lead of Biofiltro, presentation of Worm Powered Wastewater Solution - Sanitary 2024.
- The Police Department did a demonstration of the city video camera system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cristain Cruz stated he would be filing a complaint because a family member of his was denied medical treatment by the Police Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on July 1, 2024.**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting June 1 and ending on June 30, 2024.**

June 2024	General Warrants	#46054 - #46151	\$ 896,046.41
	Payroll Warrants	#72286 - #72307	<u>\$ 231,132.54</u>
	TOTAL		\$ 1,127,178.95

Council Member Jenkins asked about check # 46134 to Gouveia Engineering Dunkle Park, why does the City pay for Gouveia Engineering and other engineer on certain projects. The City Manager replied, the city usually uses Provost & Pritchard or Krazan for the compaction of city projects, while Gouveia over sees the construction of projects to meet City Standards among other aspects of the projects.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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 – SECOND READING.**

Public Hearing was open at 6:19 pm – no comment given – Close Public Hearing at 6:20 pm.

Motion to approve Ord No. 24-02 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 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 – SECOND READING.**

Public Hearing was open at 6:22 pm – no comment given – Close Public Hearing at 6:22 pm.

Motion to approve Ord No. 24-03 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 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.**

Motion to approve Res No. 24-35 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

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.**

Motion to approve Res No. 24-36 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

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.**

Motion to approve Res No. 24-37 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **RESOLUTION 24-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING THE FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

Motion to approve Res No. 24-38 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Renteria; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF Q STREET AND 7TH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 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 UNITED PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE, INC.**

Motion to approve Res No. 24-39 by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

10. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES RE: HUD TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAS DELTAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY.**

Motion to approve Provost & Pritchard Engineering agreement by Council Member Jenkins, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-0 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.**

Motion to approve Tuckfield & Associates to update the Financial Plan of the rate study, estimated cost \$2,500 by Council Member Renteria, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 3-1 vote. Jenkins – No.

12. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS SPARKLETTS WATER.**

Information item only, no direction or no action taken.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Assemblywomen Soria will be at the Senior Center, July 25th at 5:00 pm to hold a Resource Fair.
- **Roberto Orozco, Gouveia Engineering** - HWY 33 Beautification Project update.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** - Nothing to report
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – A full report to represent at the next meeting, update on the new body camera, a lot of questions regarding the school k-9, scheduled a meeting with Superintendent Mendiola, School Board Member Campa and City Manager, scheduled officer for training starting this Friday.
- **Battalion Chief, Hector Marin** - Nothing to report.
- **Public Works Director, Micheal Molina** – staff made progress with moving the dogs to the old facility. The City Manager is waiting to receive the plans to proceed with the new dog facility. Water was turned off to Las Deltas Water District because of a water leak they had, but it's been fixed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

- ❖ *Motion to enter closed session @ 7:14 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

13. **UPDATE OF EXISTING LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9.**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – one case

14. **Government Code Section 54957**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager

- ❖ *Motion to enter open session @ 8:15 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *Nothing to report.*

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn @ 7:19 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*