

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 24-08-05

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

**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, Nancy Avila, Fidel Avila & others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      *Public Works Director M. Molina led pledge of Allegiance.*

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## PRESENTATION

- Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation and recognize Alfredo Arambula.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle Savage, Field Representative for Congressman John Duarte in the Madera-Fresno Counties. The Congressman wishes to address Vally Fever and the cases in the valley, he is dedicated to improving testing and treatment, along with his colleagues: David Valado, Michelle Steel, Juan Ciscomani, David Schweikert, and Jim Costa by submitting a letter to US Food and Drug Commissioner, urging the administration to include Valley Fever in an existing list of tropical diseases, and to assist individuals that qualify by providing anyone approved vouchers for treatment.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on July 15, 2024.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 24-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CONCERNING MEASURE C EXTENSION LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE PASS-THROUGH AND PROGRAM FUNDS ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR FY 2024-2025.

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

3. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION AND REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITES/PROJECTS.

Public Hearing was open at 5:33 pm – no comment given – Close Public Hearing at 5:34 pm.

*Motion to approve application submittal by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A POTENTIAL SOLAR PROJECT.**

*Motion to approve and proceed with the proposed project by Council Member Valdez, second Council Member Perez; motion passed by 4-1 vote. Renteria – no.*

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS RESOLUTION NO. 08-33 – ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM.**

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

6. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE BUDGET.**

*Information item only, direction to draft a resolution to create a budget line item to save for proposed future restrooms at Dunkle Park, or no action taken.*

## STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works Director, Micheal Molina** – included in agenda packet, no additional information to report.
- **Battalion Chief, Hector Marin** – Attended water rescue training.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – included in agenda packet, no additional information to report.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Had a meeting with school Superintendent regarding the K-9, Mr. Mendiola stated the school can't share the K-9 with the city, the school will need a K-9 dedicated to school only.
- **Roberto Orozco, Gouveia Engineering** - HWY 33 Beautification Project update, has a meeting scheduled with Caltrans.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Individuals that are interested in running, can file their candidacy forms with Fresno County at the elections office.
- **City Attorney, Christina Di Filippo** – Nick Matoian will attend the next council meeting in place of Christina.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS** – Council Member Valdez requested the restroom to be placed on the agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

- ❖ *Motion to enter closed session @ 6:04 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*

## CLOSED SESSION

7. **Government Code Section 54957**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager

- ❖ *Motion to enter open session @ 6:59 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:** *Nothing to report.*

## ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn @ 7:02 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*