

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 24-12-02

Location of Meeting:	Andrew Firebaugh Community Center 1655 13 th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time:	December 2, 2024/5:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lopez at 5:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL	Mayor Elsa Lopez Mayor Pro-Temp Freddy Valdez Council Member Silvia Renteria Council Member Brady Jenkins
ABSENT	Council Member Felipe Pérez

OTHERS: City Attorney Christina Smith; 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; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Ernesto Martinez, Raquel Tabares, & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *Council Member Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Valdez moved to amend and table agenda item No. 6 – City Manager’s evaluation and approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on November 18, 2024.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting October 1 and ending October 31, 2024.**

October 2024	General Warrants	#46667 - #46837	\$ 1,756,956.02
	Payroll Warrants	#72366 - #72395	\$ 228,371.79
	TOTAL		\$ 1,985,327.81

Council Member Valdez moved to approve the consent calendar, which was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 24-54 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS STATE PROJECT NO. C-06-8124-210.**

Council Member Valdez approved Resolution No. 24-54, and seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- City Manager, Ben Gallegos – provided an update regarding the dog pound project, and explained to Janette that corrections to the plan need to be made by their organization, the city manager can't make them.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano – Nothing to report.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – Nothing to report.
- Battalion Chief, Hector Marin – Nothing to report.
- City Engineer, Mario Gouveia – Provided updates regarding the HWY 33 project, there will be another 55-hour road closure on Wednesday, with two more scheduled until next year.
- Public Works Director, Micheal Molina – Nothing to report.
- Police Chief Sal Raygoza – Nothing to report.
- City Attorney, Christina Smith – Nothing to report.
- Council Members – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Valdez – Table the City Manager's employee evaluation, and place on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY *None*

Council Member Valdez motioned to enter the closed session, which was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote at 5:44 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Government Code §54956.8.

Property: APN 008-071-10, located at 1031 O Street.

City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos.

Negotiating Parties: John Belli, Craig Knight, ERA - Valley Wide Homes. Under Negotiation: terms of property purchase, including price.

5. Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Government Code §54956.8.

Property: APNs 008-074-04, 18 & 19, located at O Street & 11th Street.

City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos.

Negotiating Parties: Phillip Lien, N. F. Davis Drier and Elevator, Inc. Under Negotiation: terms of property purchase, including price.

6. Government Code Section 54957 – **Item tabled until the next meeting.**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager.

Council Member Valdez motioned to enter the open session, which was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote at 5:59 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION *Noting to report*

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Motion to adjourn at 6:01 pm by Council Member Valdez, and second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by a 4-0 vote.*