

Meeting Minutes

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh

Vol. No. 25 / 08-04

Location of Meeting Andrew Firebaugh community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA. 93622
Date / Time August 04, 2025 / 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Mayor Freddy Valdez
Mayor Pro-Tem Silvia Renteria
Council Member Felipe Perez
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Elsa Lopez

Others City Manager Ben Gallegos, City Attorney Christina Smith, Finance Director Pio Martin,
Public Works Director Micheal Molina, Acting Deputy Clerk Olga Flores, Battalion Fire
Chief Hector Marin, City Engineering Mario Gouveia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *Led by Mayor Freddy Valdez*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

The presentation was given by Nathan Alonzo with PG and E.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular meeting on July 21, 2025

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION 25-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SOARES FIREBAUGH LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PROPERTY (APN: 008-100-26) VIA GIFT DEED.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-25 by Council Member Lopez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

3. CORRECTIVE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

Motion to approve Corrective Certificate Of Acceptance by Council Member Lpoez, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 25-26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIREBAUGH MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-26 by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 25-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIREBAUGH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND APPROVING RELATED SALARY SCHEDULES.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-27 by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

6. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Firebaugh and Eagle Field Airport LLC.

Motion to approve MOU between the City of Firebaugh and Eagle Field Airport, LLC by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE 85-1 AMENDING CHAPTER 16.5 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

Discussion item only: Council will continue to discuss and work on it.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – Nothing to report.
- **Public Works Director/Fire Chief Michael Molina**– Nothing to add to written report
- **City Attorney Christina Smith** – Nothing to report.
- **Acting Deputy City Clerk Olga Flores** – Nothing to report.
- **City Engineer Mario Gouveia** – \$2.3 million dollars has been awarded for streets. 13th thru “O”, Saipan, Beehive, and police department alley are complete along with HWY 33 beautification project.
- **Battalion Chief Hector Marin**- Nothing to add to written report.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Renteria** – Asked about ambulance possibly moving to Firebaugh. Hector said they are currently going through a restructuring, and he would check in to it.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Asked about the some signs along Hwy 33 with no street names, Ben replied that sometimes if they do not have an entrance and the road is only on one side of the street then there is no name on the sign.
- **Council Member Perez** – Reported that UC Merced had come to take samples of the soil at community gardens and talked about making an insect farm there.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Asked about the reserved sign on “O” in front of the old Valley Health Team Clinic, and Micheal said he would look into it.

CLOSED SESSION

8. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

Public Employee Evaluation: City Manager

9. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (d) (2)

Conference with legal counsel – Anticipated litigation: 1 case

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

None

❖ *Motion to enter close session at 6:37 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

❖ *Motion to enter open session at 7:58 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, motion passed by a 5-0 vote.