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MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 07/03-05

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: March 5th, 2007/7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Knight at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Craig Knight,
Council Members Marcia Sablan,
Chris J. DeFrancesco
Council Member Clyde Fannon
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Javier Marquez
OTHERS: Deputy City Clerk R. Lozano, City Treasurer A. V. Castaneda

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willard Carter, 1772 Vasquez Dr., stated that the water tank near his home is painted a really bright yellow and requested that it be painted a different color, perhaps blue or has a mural painted on it, or maybe even be landscaped.

Don Esola, 9505 N Dos Palos, inquired if the city could assist him regarding a problem with the right of way near his home. In the past a few homeowners forfeited a part of their property to allow for it to be used a road. Recently a new homeowner purchased a property in this area, when he had it surveyed he discover that part of this property was being used for this purpose. Since he is a new homeowner and didn't agree with this arrangement, he placed a new fence at the property lines, which is blocking part of the excess to the road. Mr. Esola stated he can not continue his garbage service to other residents in this area. City Manager Jose Ramirez and Code Enforcement John Borboa stated that they have looked in to this problem at the request of other residents in the other and have no legal authority to have the new homeowner to comply with the agreement that other resident have come to in the past. The property owner had his land surveyed and the property is legally his.

John Cortez, 1510 Saipan, a Boy Scout whom has an Eagle project to complete to earn his badge, would like to provide services at Maldonado Park, painting, cleaning the park or repairing broken equipment. City Manager Jose Ramirez informed Cortez that Maldonado Park will be under major construction in the near future, therefore he recommended that maybe his services can be applied at a different location.

David Flores, 37647 W Behymer, Westside Ford stated that Public Works crew were doing work in the alley and did not have the right tools, he recommended that look into finding a way to provided them with proper equipment to save time and money.

Joe Monreal, 1490 Indart, inquired on who maintains the streets and stated that a storm drain is missing the grade and has been for about 6 months.

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

1. **MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS**

Ms. Lorraine Ruiz, Community Resource Liaison from Proteus, Inc. was unable to be present, therefore this item was tabled.

Introduction of City Building Inspector William Van Ryn was presented to City Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 5th, 2007.**

3. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting on February 1, 2007 and ending on February 28th, 2007.**

February, 2007	General Warrants	#17650 - 17773	\$535809.08
	Payroll Warrants	#13485 - 13591	\$180,380.88
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$716,189.96</u>

PUBLIC HEARING

4. **BIKE PATH PROJECT – ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION.**

Mayor opened Public Hearing, no comment was received.

Motion to approve consent calendar item #'s 2-4, by Council Member DeFrancesco, and seconded by Council Member Sablan. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5. **REQUEST OF WAIVING AIRPORT USE FEES – BY FRESNO WESTSIDE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Cline, District Manager was unable to attend but requested in writing that fees be waived, because they are providing services to our city and other rural areas near are city. City Manger Jose Ramirez stated that he would like the city and its council to work with this agency. Council Member inquired about the fee and was informed that the fee is \$60.00. Council Member Sablan requested that a policy be made for all government agencies. City Manager will bring back to council for a proposed resolution.

6. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROGRESS REPORT BY CITY PLANNER KARL SCHOETTLER.**

Karl Schoettler presented a briefing on the general plan update, stated that the last plan was adopted in 1992. A survey was taking from a group of the community on what they would like to see in the future regarding types of businesses and presentation of homes and streets. General Plan will be completed before the end of the year.

7. **USE OF CITY FACILITY (ANDREW FIREBAUGH COMMUNITY CENTER) AND REQUESTING WAIVER OF FEES BY FIREBAUGH SOBER GRAD.**

Firebaugh Sober Grad requested use of Andrew Firebaugh Community Center on June 2nd through June 8th, 2007 and waiver of fees.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Fannon, motion carried.

8. **USE OF CITY FACILITY (ANDREW FIREBAUGH COMMUNITY CENTER) AND REQUESTING WAIVER OF FEES BY FRESNO COVENANT FOUNDATION.**

Fresno Covenant Foundation requested use of the facility and waiver of fees, dates of use on March 24, April 14, April 28, and May 19th, 2007 for the Parent Student Meeting, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Liability insurance will be provided.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Fannon, motion carried.

9. **USE OF CITY FACILITY (MALDONADO PARK) FOR CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER BY ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL.**

St. Joseph School requested the use of Maldonado Park on May 5, 2007 for fund raiser.

Motion to approve by Council Member Fannon, seconded by Council Member Sablan, motion carried. Abstain by Council Member DeFrancesco.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 07-09 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE USE OF THE CITIZEN’S ON PATROL PROGRAM TO PERFORM DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC WHEN REQUESTED BY THE FIREBAUGH POLICE CHIEF.**

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 07-09 by Council Member Fannon, seconded by Council Member Sablan.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fannon, Sablan, DeFrancesco, Knight
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Marquez

11. **CASH INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006.**

Finance Director Jose Garay provided Information on this item, no action is required.

12. **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006.**

Finance Director Jose Garay provided information item, no action is required.

PENDING ITEMS

- 18. Emergency Disasters Plan – A Draft Plan is currently being circulated for review and comment.
- 19. Second Unit Ordinance – Staff is still working on this.
- 20. Cost Analysis for Flood Damage and Clean Up.
- 21. Medical Retirement Benefits/Audit Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS QUESTIONS

STAFF REPORTS

Community Service Coordinator Phyllis Baltierra; this week is the last week that SBA will be here providing loans to small businesses affected by the freeze. She will begin vacation on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 and will be back for grocery give out.

Interim Public Works Director Ben Gallegos; currently working at the baseball field, will use hydro seed on the field and covering potholes throughout the city.

Police Chief Elsa Lopez; Dog Sinta will attend training with Officers Campa next week, started interviews for new Officer, having meeting with John Borboa and Sally Trip regarding grant opportunity from USDA for 10 remote digital cameras throughout the City estimated cost \$145,000.

Fire Chief John Borboa; Refurbishing Fire truck to upgrade it and prolong the life span to 10 tens more years, rather than purchasing a new one.

Finance Director Jose Garay; working with all the consultants.

City Manger Jose A. Ramirez;

- March 6, 2007, I met with Cantaloupe Roundup Vendors to talk about our Farmers Market kick-off in April.
- Enterprise Zone Meeting at Middle School with Paul DiTomaso regarding Tax Credit Benefits.
- State Director Ben Higgins of USDA will be at City Hall this Friday, I'll be requesting an additional \$500,000 grant for the Wastewater Treatment plant Council Members are welcomed.
- Waiting for results of application grant from the national non-profit organization called Kaboom .
- Looking to expanding dog pound and help stray dog issue in the city.
- "P" Street update, at canal sidewalks is needed as safety route for kids attending school.
- CCID will be having a public dinner on March 27, 2007 at VFW Hall.
- NRDC Settlement working with Dale on the third party agreement.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Fannon; reminded staff to change color of water tank near Vasquez Drive.
Council Member Knight; requested that street sweeper run though paved alleys to keep areas clean.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by consensus.

