

MEETING MINUTES

**The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 07/08-13**

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

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Craig Knight at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Craig Knight
Mayor Pro Tem Javier Márquez
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Clyde Fannon
Council Member Chris J. DeFrancesco

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez; City Attorney, Dale Bacigalupi; City Finance Director, Jose Garay; City Clerk, Priscilla Meza; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez; Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, John Borboa; Community Service Coordinator, Phyllis Baltierra; Jim Lowe; John Baltierra; David Flores, Betty Carter, Tom Carter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Clyde Fannon

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Oscar Sablan, 1908 Vasquez Drive, stated that the Firebaugh-Mendota Rotary paid \$100.00 to rent the Rodeo Grounds, and requested for a partial refund of the fees.

INTRODUCTION

None

PRESENTATION

The new Assistant City Manager Ms. Laura Rios was presented to the City Council.

The City of Firebaugh would like to give thanks Dr. Wayne Walters for contributions to our community, Mr. Walters was unable to attend the Council Meeting, Therefore, the City present his with a plaque at his retirement dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on July 16th, 2007.**

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Sablan and seconded by DeFrancesco.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was opened at 7:51 p.m.

2. **ORDINANCE 07-05- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING SUBSECTION 25-1.7 ("DEFINITIONS"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4.3.e, 2 ("R-1 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: SETBACKS"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4.3.i ("R-1 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: OFF STREET PARKING"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4A.3, e, 3 (R-1-4.25 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: SETBACKS"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4A.3 i ("R-1-4.25 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: OFF STREET PARKING"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4B.3, e, 2 (R-1-5 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: SETBACKS"); SUBSECTION 25-2.4B.3 i (R-1-5 DISTRICT: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: OFF STREET PARKING") AND SUBSECTION 25-3.3 i ("GENERAL CONDITIONS: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: OFF STREET PARKING") OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PARKING STANDARDS IN THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES. – FIRST READING.**

Public Comment:

Council Member Marquez inquired if additional parking be allowed the backyard with the new requirements. City Planner Karl Schoettler stated, "Yes", as long as the meet the standards set forth. City Manager Jose A. Ramirez inquired on the time frame for the individuals that already have carports installed, to meet the new standards requirements. City Planner Karl Schoettler informed the Council and public that the State Law allows five years to comply with the new regulations. However, these individuals should have pulled a permit and Council can set a different time frame if preferred.

John Baltierra, 1456 Q Street, stated that these individuals could argue that they may not have a permit for such carports, but there was not law prohibiting it at the time.

Dr. Oscar Sablan, 1908 Vasquez Drive, stated his concern with percentage set, which would cause a problem for the small residential lots, which would restrict them.

City Planner Karl Schoettler stated that the scale of percentage could be modified for the small lots at Council discretion.

Council Member Sablan stated her concern that if the new standards restrict the small lots from any additions to the parcel, it contradicts the goals of promoting new construction. Council Member Sablan requests that Ordinance 07-05 be brought back to council for further review.

Motion to Table Ordinance 07-05 to the Next Council Meeting for further review by Council Member Fannon, Seconded by Council Member Sablan, motion carried.

- 3. **RESOLUTION NO. 07-30-RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH: (1) ORDERING ANNEXATION AND INCLUSION OF TRACT NO. 5529 IN LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 AS ZONE A THEREOF; AND (2) CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT OF ANNUAL LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1, INCLUDING ZONE A**

Recommended Action: Council receives public comment and adopts Res. No. 07-30.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. **Review of Process and Procedures for Utilities Senior Citizens Discount.**

Motion to accept the senior Citizens Discount application as submitted by Council Member Sablan, Seconded Council Member Fannon, motion carried.

- 5. **Samples of Property Maintenance Ordinances from Surrounding Cities.**

Council Member stated that after reviewing the samples of the Property Maintenance Ordinances, he did find color pallet restrictions for commercial buildings.

City Attorney Dale Bacigalupi, informed the council that if they would like to set standards for a certain area, they can create a zone and set standards within the zone, such as; color and signage requirements.

City Manager Jose A. Ramirez stated that the city did set a zone for the downtown area, the next step is to set the standards for the zone to follow.

- 6. **Purchase of two Pickups for Public Works.**

City Manager Jose A. Ramirez informed Council that Bids will be required to be submitted in written form in the future, instead of oral.

Motion to approve the purchase of vehicles for the Public Works Dept by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Marquez, motion carried.

- 7. **RESOLUTION 07-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH INITIATING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE CHANGING OF A STREET NAME (GREEN ACRES STREET).**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 07-31 by Council Member Sablan and seconded by Council Member Marquez, motion carried.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 07-32-A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH HEREBY AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; AND IF SELECTED, THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 07-32 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Fannon, motion carried.

9. **Cash Investment Report for Quarter April 1, 2007 Ending June 30, 2007.**

Finance Director Jose Garay provided Council with the information of the cash Investment report. Council Member Marquez requested a report of the Farmers Markets and Harvest Festival Cost Operations for review.

10. **Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2007.**

Finance Director Jose Garay provided the information to the Council for review.

PENDING ITEMS

11. **Emergency Disasters Plan**

Police Chief Lopez stated that the emergency disaster plans have been provided to staff for review.

STAFF REPORTS

- Interim Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos: PW is repairing the streets and stated that an officer will accompany the dog catcher in the future when addressing the dog owners.
- Fred Rabe, City Engineer: Nothing new to report.
- Community Service Coordinator, Phyllis Baltierra:
- Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, John Borboa: Attended a Fresno County Meeting.
- City Finance Director, Jose Garay: Nothing new to report.
- City Clerk, Priscilla Meza: Nothing to report.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano: League of Ca Cities Conference is September 5th – 8th.
- Asst. City Manager, Laura Rios: Nothing new to report.

- City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez: the City will be addressing the streets with sewer problems
 - * Received grant funds of \$80,000 for the water meter installation
 - * Provided Council with organizational chart.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- Mayor Craig Knight: None
- Council Member Fannon: None
- Council Member DeFrancesco: None
- Council Member Sablan: None
- Council Member Marquez: What is the City working on?
- City Manager Jose A. Ramirez, informed on the following projects;

Seeking to bring in a shopping center, identify funds for the repair of the sidewalks, more funding for the installation of water meters, working on the facade program for downtown, resolution to the distribution lines, HWY 33 program, County will provide property for a park at the Del Rio Area, PTA Grant funds for Planning & Technical Asst., which includes Water Master Plan, Public Safety Facility, Location Feasibility Study and Community Workforce Study – grant writing, 30 acres for a recreational area for the river park, creating jobs for local individuals, and the Expansion of Eppler Town service at Saipan & “O” Street.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to proceed into closed session at 9:25 pm by Council Member Fannon, second by DeFrancesco, Motion carried by consensus vote.

12. Conference with Labor Negotiation under Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager

Employee Organization: Police Officers Union

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned meeting 9:48 PM.

