

MEETING MINUTES

**The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 08/07-21**

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: July 21, 2008 @ 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 Marquez
Council Member Clyde Fannon
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Council Member Chris J. DeFrancesco
City Clerk Priscilla Meza

OTHERS: City Attorney, Dale Bacigalupi; City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez;
Assistant City Manager, Laura Rios; City Treasure, Alice Castaneda;
Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez; Fire
Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, John Borboa; Community Service
Coordinator, Phyllis Baltierra; Jim Lowe; David Flores; Anthony
Chavarria; John Baltierra; Mary Van Pelt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Marquez

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Baltierra, 1456 "Q" Street, inquired about assistance in prevention of individuals from going through trash cans, he also stated that the City of Mendota has an Ordinance to address this issue. Mr. Baltierra said he has previously been a victim of identity theft and would like to prevent it from happening again.

Police Chief Elsa Lopez introduced the new Police Officer Juan Castillo to the Council and Public.

INTRODUCTION

None

PRESENTATION

City Engineer Mario Gouveia presented a map with future repairs throughout the City of Firebaugh, and stated funds are limited, but will mostly be funded from Prop1B. A brief description of the streets and materials to be used to repair the streets were discussed. The focus for street reconstruction and repair will be "P" Street from 16th to Yip St, "Q" Street from 8TH to 9TH Street, city has awarded the bid to George Reed, inc for Resurfacing of 12Th Street, and propose the 13th Street construction in 2009, there are different types of repairs for the various streets and are color coded on the map to show the types of materials to be used at the locations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on June 16, 2008.**
- 2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting June 1, and ending on June 30, 2008.**

June, 2008	General Warrants	#20070 – #20284	\$ 2,653,482.11
	Payroll Warrants	#55427 – #55618	<u>\$(Included in Total)</u>
	TOTAL		\$ 2,653,482.11

Mayor Knight inquired about check #20200, City Manager Ramirez explained the check was issued for advertisement in a magazine of the City's Farmers Market, and is funded from the Farmers Market Fund.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar made by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Fannon; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 08-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-09 AND ADDING SECTION 7.12 TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING OFF-HIGHWAY USE OF MOTORCYCLES WITHIN CITY LIMITS – FIRST READING.**

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 08-02 made by Council Member Fannon, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed.

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

Propose to change method of appointing Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore is requested.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-33 made by Council Member Fannon, second by Council Member Marquez; motion passed.

5. **REVIEW RESOLUTION NO. 08-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15-1.3.1.**

Council directed staff to prepare a new resolution with similar watering guidelines as the previously approved 1992 Resolution, and the amendment of No watering on Sundays.

6. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCE OF YARD SALES.**

Council directed staff to prepare a new ordinance requiring a permit to be issued to any individual holding a yard sale with a Five dollar permit fee. Council recommends prohibiting any yard sales any commercial zone and requires all advertisement (signs/poster/flyers, ect.) to be removed immediately after the completion of the yard sale.

7. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54957.6**

Assistant City Manager Laura Rios presented Resolution No. 08-34, a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the City of Firebaugh and the Firebaugh Miscellaneous Employees Association.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-34 made by Council Member Fannon, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed.

PENDING ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS QUESTIONS

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Elsa Lopez** – nothing to report.

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Staff set up for the Fireman’s Muster and Harvest Festival.

- **Senior Coordinator, Phyllis Baltierra** – Provided information on the carnival events.

- **Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, John Borboa** – Fireman’s Muster was a success, it is a learning experience and are award it event for next year in July. Fire Department is on standby

- **City Treasurer, Alice Castaneda** – nothing to report.

- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.

- **Assistant City Manager, Laura Rios** – California Engineering Co. will do a presentation on the Leaky Pipe Project and currently working on negotiations with the Police Department.

- **City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez** – Will attend a rally in Sacramento regarding the water issues in the Valley, the bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the Post Office on Wednesday, July 23, anyone interested in attending can sign-up at City Hall.
 - Water Meters Grant has been submitted, for future meters to be installed throughout the city.
 - Maldonado Grand Park Opening to be held August 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Flood Wall issues regarding the Hovnanian Homes will be addressed at the Meeting on August 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the AF Community Center by FEMA representatives.
 - West Hills would like to partner up with the city by supply funding for Maldonado Park project, and would like in return to be able to hold Collegiate Soccer Games and P.E. Classes there.
 - Trying to resolve issues with Cal Trans regarding the funds of \$460,000 for the Park and Ride Project at the Maldonado Park, also for the \$80,000 for the Safe Route 2 School Route.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Craig Knight stated his father-in-law would like to donate some six-foot oak trees to the City of Firebaugh if the city could use them.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into closed session made by Council Member Fannon, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by consensus vote.

8. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: FINANCE DIRECTOR

9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54957.6

City Designated Representative – City Manager Jose Antonio Ramirez
Employee Organization – Police Department

10. CITY MANAGER EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code 54957

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Marquez, second by Council Member Sablan, meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by:
Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk*