

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 08/08-28

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: August 28th, 2008 @ 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Craig Knight at 12:07 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

OTHERS: City Manager Jose Antonio Ramirez; City Finance Director, Odilon Ortiz; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Fire Chief/Code Enforcement John Borboa; John Baltierra; Trinidad Bersabe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member DeFrancesco

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

INTRODUCTION

None

PRESENTATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. RESOLUTION NO. 08-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH LEVYING AND ASSESSING ABATEMENT EXPENSES AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1337, 1339, 1347 "N" STREET, IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement John Borboa informed council on the abatement process, and provided council with dates on the letters of notification, which were sent to property owner during the process. He also explained that if the council approved Resolution No. 08-37, it would be filed at the Fresno County Assessor Office for in lieu of property taxes, to receive reimbursement fees through tax rolls for the demolition of the building, which the City of Firebaugh has paid contractors.

Ms. Trinidad Bersabe stated that she is not trying to contradict what the City is doing, but is requesting for the council to postpone the current meeting and give consideration on an extension to her to make payment on the fees. Ms. Bersabe felt the she and the public were not provided proper notification of the meeting. Ms, Bersabe was informed that she was sent a certified letter; notification was publish in the local newspaper, and posted at the City Hall Lobby. Ms. Bersabe feels that she and her property are being singled out for the abatement process, since there are other blight buildings in the City of Firebaugh.

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement John Borboa stated that the Code Enforcement Department along with Building Department is currently addressing sixteen other building.

City Council explained that they have provided more than one extension during the abatement process, one with an extension of 120 days and an additional extension of 180 days.

City Manager Jose Antonio Ramirez, asked Fire Chief/Code Enforcement John Borboa to provide an updated list of the sixteen other buildings and the status where the building is at in procedure of the buildings to keep council informed.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-37 made by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Fannon; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PENDING ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

STAFF REPORTS

COUNCIL ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sablan, and second by Council Member Knight, meeting was adjourned.