

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 09/10-19

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

Date/Time: October 19, 2009/ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Javier Marquez at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Javier Marquez
Council Member Rod Lake
Council Member Jim Lowe

ABSENT: Mayor Marcia Sablan
Council Member Chris J. DeFrancesco

OTHERS: City Attorney, Meggin Boranian; City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez; City Finance Director, Odi Ortiz; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez; Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, John Borboa; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; Mary Van Pelt; John Baltierra, and other community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Lake

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Baltierra, 1538 8th Street, suggested the City of Firebaugh purchase tables and chairs for the Andrew Firebaugh Community Center to be available for individuals renting the facility.

PRESENTATION

Gail Beal (EVP Keenan Financial Services) provided a brief presentation regarding the benefits and requirements of Keenan's Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan which may result in cost savings options.

West Hill College Students presented scenes from their "American Churros" Touring Theaters.

David Castillo of West Hills College provided an update on several program and classes available local residents through the Westside Institute of Technology and collaboration their partnership with the surrounding Communities, High Schools and College.

GRANTS

Dept. of Housing and Community Development Recovery Program (CDBG-R) \$470, 696.00

City Manager Jose Ramirez, stated that this grant will target about 160 decorative Street lighting Fixtures, Underground Utility Districts and replacement of decorative sidewalks along O Street, P Street, and N Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting September 1, and ending on September 30, 2009.

September, 2009	General Warrants	#22538 – #22686	\$ 620,509.02
	Payroll Warrants	#57370 – #57488	<u>\$(Included in Total)</u>
	TOTAL		\$ 620,509.02

Council Member Marquez inquired about the following check: Check # 226020 – Tharp’s Farm Supply for Vehicle repairs regarding the Public Works Department.

Council Member Lake inquired about the following check: Check # 22639 – National Fish and Wild Life for Permit #13 regarding the San Joaquin River Repair Project.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item #1 made by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member Lake; motion passed by consensus vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. RESOLUTION 09-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 HOUSING ELEMENT.

City Planner Karl Schoettler provided a brief presentation regarding the 2008 Housing Element and amendments made at the request by State of California.

Public Hearing opened at 8:00 p.m. – No Public Comment Given Public Hearing Closed at 8:01 p.m.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-35 made by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member Lake; motion passed by consensus vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION No. 09-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE “SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP” LED BY THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION TO MAXIMIZE ACCESS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES FROM THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-36 made by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member Lake; motion passed by consensus vote.

4. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZES BID AND AWARD TO TEICHERT CONSTRUCTION FOR 13TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Interim City Engineer Mario Gouveia stated that sixteen (16) bid proposals were submitted and Teichert Construction submitted the lowest bid.

Motion to award the bid to Teichert Construction by Council Member Lake, second by Council Member Lowe; motion passed by consensus vote.

PENDING ITEMS

- Certificate of recognition of City employees for dedication and services to the City.
- The consideration on the removal of the City Clerk’s and City Treasurer’s position at next Election.

Mayor Pro Tem Marquez inquired if the City has an action plan in place to address the vacant lots that are in need of cleaning. City Manager Jose Ramirez responded that the staff has patrolled the City looking for areas of concern along with Fire Chief John Borboa addressing the weed abatement issues. Should Council have a specific parcel of concern to please notify the City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem Marquez offered to patrol with the City Manager to search for any areas of concern.

STAFF REPORTS

➤ **Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director –**

- Announced the Public Works Department received compliments and thank you card for cleaning the City alleys, residents stated it is the cleanest they seen them.
- The Street Sweeper need repairing estimated cost is \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00, new equipment estimated is \$300,000.00, the city can use funds from the \$65,000.00 reimbursement funds received from CalTrans for Street Sweeping of the HYW.

Mayor Pro Tem Marquez inquired about a time frame regarding the painting of roads before fog season.

➤ **John Borboa, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer –** Reported on a House Fire, which started in the garage estimate damage is about \$60,000.00 home is appraised around \$425, 000, per the Fresno County Contract the City of Firebaugh received assistance from the Fire Station Department from the City of Mendota.

➤ **Elsa Lopez, Police Chief –** Nothing to Report.

➤ **Odi Ortiz, Finance Director –**

- Stated the month of October has been a busy month with reports and audits to be completed.

➤ **Mario Gouveia, City Engineer –** Nothing to Report.

➤ **Priscilla Meza, City Clerk –** Nothing to report.

➤ **Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk –** Nothing to report.

➤ **Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager –**

- Started Buy Local Campaign
- 22nd Century Model Meeting held October 21 through 23, 2009 to address elements of the program.
- Update regarding the Bond Refinancing adjustments for Madera and Fresno Counties.
- Cobra Solar Energy outsources company expressed interest in the City of Firebaugh, locally produces.
- Local Government Commission Meeting October 28, 2009, council is invited to attend.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Council Member Lake** –
 - Compliments Louie Valdez of the Public Works Department and members of Proteus for the cleanup of the River Park along the Pedestrian/Bike Path. Asked Public Works Director Ben Gallegos and City Engineer Mario Gouveia to look into the damage of the “O” Street at the 1200 block, and see if repairs can be done to address the issue. Inquired about the billing invoice for the Building Inspector.

- **Council Member Lowe** – Inquired about vehicle tracks across Dunkle Park and prohibiting any vehicles.

Motion to enter into Closed Session after a five minute break by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member Lake, Motion carries at 9:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

5. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.

Re: Hacienda Villa Apartments on Storey Road – APN# 007-302-28

Owner Rep. Property Negotiator Jack Riley
Designative Rep. City Negotiator Jose Antonio Ramirez

6. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.

Re: APN # 007-110-38

Designative Rep. City Negotiator Jose Antonio Ramirez

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter into Opened Session by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member Lake, Motion carries at 10:28 p.m.

No action taken

- **Council Member Lake requested an update regarding City Manager Accident at next Council Meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member Lake; motion carried by consensus vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.