

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 10/02-01

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: February 1, 2010/ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Marquez at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Javier Marquez
Mayor Pro Tem Chris J. DeFrancesco
Council Member Jim Lowe
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Council Member Rod Lake

OTHERS: City Attorney, Meggin Boranian; City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez ; City Finance Director, Odi Ortiz; City Clerk Priscilla Meza; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez; Public Works Director Ben Gallegos; Jack Minnite; David Flores; Matt Flood;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Chris DeFrancesco.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Pierce, address council regarding rental of the Rodeo Grounds and Community Building on March 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th, including overnight use and request a waiver of fees for Ministry Clinic.

PRESENTATION

None

GRANT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on January 11, 2010.**

Motion to approve minutes of January 11, 2010 with an amendment to Agenda Item # 9, adding to the General Plan that all applicants are required to complete all permits with Core of Engineers and Fish & Game

regarding any proposed projects along the river made by Council Member DeFrancesco; second by Council Member Lowe, motion passed by unanimous consensus vote.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on January 20, 2010.

Motion to approve minutes made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by unanimous consensus vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 10-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR “GET CONNECTED!” AND A CALL TO ACTION.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-05 made by Council Member Sablan; second by Mayor Pro Tem DeFrancesco. Motion passed by consensus vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 10-06 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CHANGING THE SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-65 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Mayor Marquez. Motion passed by roll call vote, Lowe=yes, Marquez=yes, DeFrancesco=yes, Sablan-no.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 10-07 –A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING UPDATING THE DESIGNATION OF PERSONS ON SIGNATURE CARDS OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS USED BY THE CITY WHICH AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF CITY WARRANTS AND PAYROLL CHECKS.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-07 and add Council Member Lowe to the Signature card made by Mayor Pro Tem DeFrancesco; second by Council Member Sablan. Motion passed by consensus vote.

4. THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH MID-YEAR BUGET REVIEW.

Finance Director Odi Ortiz provided a presentation and addressed all questions regarding the Mid-year budget review.

Motion to approve Mid-year budget review with recommended adjustments and review of distributing the elected officials medical expenses from various funding accounts to be on the next agenda made by Mayor Pro Tem DeFrancesco; second by Mayor Marquez, motion carries by 3-1 vote.

PENDING ITEMS

- The consideration on the removal of the City Clerk’s and City Treasurer’s position at next Election.
- Council request staff to establish a rate scale and policy for the use of the Electric Reader Board.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Elsa Lopez, Police Chief** – Reported that an Officer was responding to a burglary in progress, and ended in an accident, he was hospitalize for his injuries of a concussion and compressed lumbar.
- **Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director** – San Joaquin River Repair project began, Public Works Crew had done an excellent job trimming trees on Cardella St. and will continue to trimming trees for the residents on the existing list. Working with Mario to address curbs, gutters, and overlays of the roads, we have three loads of asphalt chippings for alley repairs.
- **Odi Ortiz, Finance Director** – Preparing next year’s fiscal year budget.
- **Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk** – Request the return of agenda binders and submittal of agenda items earlier to meet the Thursday agenda delivery to City Council Members.
- **Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager** – Working with Queen Gil on visa for the technician appeal; however was informed that the appeal cannot be appealed, so will have to apply for a different type of visa. Tax sharing agreement with Fresno County regarding sales tax is expired. Hacienda Villa Agreement for RDA Funding issue with zoning, it should be zoned as R-3, but they are zoned as an R-2, the difference is the square footage of the lot size, it will be need to be added to the General Plan and require a zone change. Attend a check presentation for Westside Institute Technology, Congressman Costa was in attendance. Working with P.G. & E. regarding the Ell Plant at 13th Street.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Council Member Lowe** – Inquired if a Proteus representative has a key to the Senior Center, or how she is getting in to the building.
- **Mayor Marquez** – Inquired about the Street Sweeper and ability to sweep curbs when there are parked cars at the street curbs.

**Motion to enter to closed session with five minute break at 9:33 pm by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member DeFrancesco.*

CLOSED SESSION

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

Owner or Designative Rep.	City Negotiator Jose Antonio Ramirez				
APN	008-010-22	008-010-23	008-010-24	008-074-16	008-020-61

- *Motion to enter open session at 10:30 pm by consensus vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Lowe; second by Mayor Pro Tem DeFrancesco, motion carries by unanimous consensus vote, Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.