

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 10/02-22

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

Date/Time: February 22, 2010/ 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Marquez at 12:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chris J. DeFrancesco
Council Member Marcia Sablan
City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez;

OTHERS: City Attorney Meggin Boranian; City Finance Director, Odi Ortiz; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez; Public Works Director Ben Gallegos; Lorie Adams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-08 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.**

Lorie Adams of Adams Ashby Group provided a brief presentation regarding the grant application for Prop 84 funds, which will support the Maldonado Park Expansion Project to help complete the soccer fields and the proposed River Park Project, along with an additional applied grant for Planning Technical grant for additional funding. Prop 84 grant consist of about 3,509,756 funding dollars for the Maldonado Park Expansion Project, if the city is awarded funding projects that were eliminated from the original proposed Maldonado Park project due to budget purposes, will be included as part of the Maldonado Park Expansion Project. Enclosed in the Council

Agenda Packets is an outline of the Grant Scope and Cost Estimate Form list as follows: new synthetic turf soccer fields, installation of lighting, irrigation, restrooms/showers, and seating/bleachers with shade structures. Prop 84 funding does not require any match funding, application deadline is March 1, 2010.

Council Member Lake requested the review of the MOU agreement between West Hills College (WHC) and the City of Firebaugh as an agenda item, at the next council meeting to review statement of WHC support of measure Q funding to assist in completing the soccer fields at Maldonado Park, with the understanding of their use of the soccer fields for collegiate soccer game, practices and classes for physical education.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 10-09 –A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBUAGH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

Lorie Adams of Adams Ashby Group explained that the City is also proposing a 2nd application in amount of \$4,076,701 for the development of the 31.45 acres River Park Project, which will include nature walking trails for neighborhoods, wildlife viewing areas, interpretive signage, picnic areas, small boat dock, fishing, recreational fields, and a large portion of open space per residents request through public meetings.

Council Member Lowe requested a copy of grant application submittal for review of specifics, design and details of projects.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-08 and Resolution No. 10-09 by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion carries by unanimous consensus vote.

PENDING ITEMS

- The consideration on the removal of the City Clerk’s and City Treasurer’s position at next Election.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Elsa Lopez, Police Chief** – Reported on Officer Orosco’s of a concussion and compressed lumbar, and introduced Mr. Dennis Dong the engineer for the Public Feasibility Project.
- **Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director** – Public Works will no longer accept additional request for tree trimming at this time, since the current list is so lengthy. Attended along with Tony Chavarria a Pump Training Seminar, representatives from the seminar believe that they know what the problem is that the City is having with our pumps and recommend the city hire consultants to address the issue.
- **Odi Ortiz, Finance Director** – Will attend training on March 1st through 3rd in L.A. to receive an economical update, and received a scholarship; therefore the city’s only expenses are for lodging and gas mileage.

COUNCIL ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion carries by unanimous consensus vote, Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.