

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 10/06-28

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

Date/Time: June 28, 2010/ 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Javier Marquez at 12:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Council Member Marcia Sablan
Mayor Pro Tem Chris J. DeFrancesco

OTHERS: City Attorney, Dale Bacigalupi; City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez; City Finance Director, Odi Ortiz; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Baltierra stated that he has filed complaints against the Fire Chief & it is known of their differences in the past, but would like to donate an air conditioning unit to the volunteers of the Fire Department for the building that they are using during the shifts at 1080 P Street. Fire Chief Borboa, Thanked Mr. Baltierra, but stated the air conditioning unit is not needed, since there currently isn't electricity in the building & informed that the volunteers are using the old City Hall as the head quarter, which has two air conditioning units at the time. Fire Chief also added that the new building, if and when they began to operate in it, also has a new air conditioning unit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 10-22 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion passed by consensus vote.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 10-31 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion passed by consensus vote.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. RDA 10-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.**

Motion to approve Res. No. RDA 10-01 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion passed by consensus vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ESTABLISHING AND SETTING FORTH A POLICY FOR AN EMPLOYEE FURLOUGH PLAN AND TO INSTRUCT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE A SALARY ADJUSTMENT INCREASE FOR THE FIREBAUGH MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES/MANAGEMENT.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 10-33 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion passed by consensus vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FIREBAUGH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 10-34 made by Council Member Lake; second by Council Member Lowe, motion passed by consensus vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR POLICE SERVICES.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 10-30 made by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member Lake, motion passed by consensus vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-32 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH OPPOSES SB 1070 ARIZONA’S ANTI-IMMIGRATION LAW.**

Motion failed by 1-2 votes, Marquez- yes, Lowe and Lake – no.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director** – provided updates on future projects: Safe Route to School & Cardella/Indart Street.
- **Fire Chief John Borboa** – Attended OES Meeting in Reedley regarding Countywide Mutual Aid to provide quicker response to other counties when needed.
- **Elsa Lopez, Police Chief** – Officer Ralph Orosco will return to duty July 1, 2010.
- **Odi Ortiz, Finance Director** – Working on Fiscal Year End Reports and preparing for audit.
- **Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager** – Provided update regarding the SolarGen Project.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Council Member Lowe** – Stated his concern regarding hazard of two vacant properties, and asked that public comments be directed to council.
- **Council Member Lake** – Inquired on a credit card expense for Washington DC trip, and why the City paid a consultant and his expenses to the trip. City Manager explained the consultant would have submitted reimbursement for the trip, since it related to city business regarding grant funding.
- **Council Member Marquez** - Stated this consultant also works for the School District and West Hills College, and asked if they also are paying for some the funding, and asked the City Manager to inform Council when he is out of the office on business or vacation. Council Member Lake asked that comments or concerns regarding the City Manger be discussed with him, under closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member Lake; motion passed by consensus vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.