

## MEETING MINUTES

### The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 10/07-19

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** July 19, 2010/ 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Javier Marquez at 6:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Javier Marquez  
Mayor Pro Tem Chris J. DeFrancesco  
Council Member Rod Lake  
Council Member Jim Lowe  
Council Member Marcia Sablan 7:04 p.m.

#### ABSENT:

**OTHERS:** City Attorney, Meggin Boranian; City Manager, Jose Antonio Ramirez; City Finance Director; Odi Ortiz; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Elsa Lopez, Public Works Director Ben Gallegos, Fire Chief Borboa, City Engineer Mario Gouveia, City Planner Karl Schoettler, Mary Van Pelt; David Flores, Dave Iadarola, Lydia Lowe, Felipe Cortez; Sara Bautista; Kristia Breged: Lulu Lopez; Cesar & Simei Gomez..

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lake.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

David Iadarola provided a presentation regarding Encore Energy Services Project.

Cesar Gamez, 1502 Saipan introduced himself and his family to the public and Council. Mr. Gamez is a new preacher in the City of Firebaugh.

#### PRESENTATION

A brief presentation by Ralph Kachadourian, City Planner from the City of Sanger and Director of the Central California Chapter of the American Planning Association to Present an Outstanding Planning Project award for the 2030 Firebaugh General Plan. City of Firebaugh received Best Practices Award and the 2030 Firebaugh General Plan has been submitted to compete for State Awards, City Planner Karl Schoettler has been very successful in receiving awards for his work in the past and will hopeful be successful at the State level.

Ted Edminster provided a presentation regarding different 457 Retirement Plans offers than those of CalPers.

- *City Manager Jose Antonio Ramirez requested that Agenda Item #6 be discussed before Consent Calendar Item.*

*Motion to approve City Manager's request was passed by consensus vote from the City Council.*

#### 6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRANK F. PARKER MEMORIAL PARK.

*Motion to approve Frank F. Parker Memorial Park Project by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member DeFrancesco, motion passed by consensus vote.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on June 28, 2010.**

- 2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting June 1, and ending on June 30, 2010.**

June, 2010	General Warrants	#23863 – #24072	\$	776,172.23
	Payroll Warrants	#58440 – #58552	\$	209,512.44
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$	<b>985,684.67</b>

*Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda item #1 & #2 by Council Member Lowe; second by Council Member DeFrancesco, motion passed by consensus vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 3. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359, OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ZONE OF PARTICULAR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY- SECOND READING.**

*Public Hearing opened at 7:13 p.m. – No public comment given – Hearing Closed at 7:14 p.m.*

*Motion to approve Ord. No. 10-01 by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member DeFrancesco; motion passed by consensus vote.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 4. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-35 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 10-35 by Council Member DeFrancesco, second by Council Member Lowe; motion passed by consensus vote.*

- 5. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-36 – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING (FMAAA) FY 2010-11.**

*Motion to approve Res. No. 10-36 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lowe; motion passed by consensus vote.*

- 7. **NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FRESNO CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT [SRTSL-5224(12)].**

*Motion to approve Notice to Award of Contract (Base Bid Project) to Fresno Concrete Construction by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by consensus vote.*

**8. REVIEW AND CONSIDER A WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATE STUDY BE COMPLETED BY TUCKFIELD & ASSOCIATES.**

*Motion to approve Completion of Water/Waste Water Rate Study by Council Member Lowe, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by consensus vote.*

**PENDING ITEMS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director** – Reported the order for Tables and Chairs has been placed for the Community Center. Been working with City Engineer Mario Gouveia on City projects this week.
- **John Borboa, Fire Chief** - fireworks confiscated this year than ever before. Participated in natural gas drill with Panoche Energy on Thursday 10:30 am. Oil Drill scheduled in Mendota for next month.
- **Elsa Lopez, Police Chief** – Nothing to report.
- **Odi Ortiz, Finance Director** – Working on Fiscal Year End Reports and preparing for audit.
- **Mario Gouveia, City Engineer** - Reported on current projects; water replacement at Cardella to be completed in September, reported on San Joaquin River Project, recycled rubber grant material will be placed at the Dunkle Park and Parker Park. Bids will be held on July 28, 2010 for the Downtown sidewalks/ramps project & “O” Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.
- **Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager** – Provided update regarding the SolarGen Project. Tuesday-Friday free math classes will be offered at West Hills. Girls Scouts Meeting will be held- Monday 5 to 6 pm at Community Center. Carnival tickets sold at City Hall. During the Festival-Kerman, Dos Palos, and Mendota Cops will assist our Police Department in patrolling. July 2<sup>st</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm AB1234 training will be offered at the Community Center. A presentation was given at the Firebaugh Coalition regarding the Brownfields Assessment. The City Manager is currently working on grant to bring a bio-diesel plant through HUD Strategic.

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

- **Council Member Lake** – Inquired on any problems with the City Manager’s Car, due to a maintenance Invoice, City Manager replied it was just a routine maintenance service and purchase new tires. Council Member recommended future tire purchase is bought locally to assist our community.
- **Council Member DeFrancesco** – Inquired about the status of the RFQ for Auditor Services, he has informed that staff is finalizing the RFQ and will post soon. Suggested clean up of trash in the alley behind the La Fiesta Market.
- **Council Member Lowe** – Stated his concern regarding the garbage behind the grocery store.
- **Council Member Sablan** - Economic Fair last Thursday at the Downtown Market, but didn’t see announcement and was concerned about their location. City Manager Ramirez stated location was changed to Pizza Factory. Sablan also reported damage to the rubber mat area at the Maldonado Park.
- **Council Member Marquez** - Stated the PAL has a nice Soccer Program, but would like have additional events for an older age group and maybe some more activity, recommended that the Council consider creating a budget for a part-time Recreation Director organize events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member DeFrancesco; motion passed by consensus vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.*