

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 20/01-06

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

Date/Time: January 6, 2020/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Sablan at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Mayor Elsa Lopez
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez
Council Member Felipe Pérez
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Council Member Brady Jenkins

OTHERS: City Attorney Jim Sanchez; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Wanda Breshears, & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Perez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESENTATION None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on December 16, 2019.

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

**Council Member Sablan left the room to abstain from agenda item #2.*

PUBLIC HEARING

2. ORDINANCE NO. 19-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359, OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ZONE OF PARTICULAR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY – SECOND READING.

Open hearing time at 6:03 pm – No comment given - Closing hearing time at 6:04 pm

Motion to approve Ord. No. 19-07 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 3-0 vote, Sablan – Abstain.

**Council Member Sablan re-entered the room for all other agenda items.*

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION AND POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

Open hearing time at 6:06 pm – Fire Chief Borboa stated it would be a good 100 year present to the department. Resident asked, about a start date for construction to begin. City Manager Gallegos replied, “The City is planning on applying for CDBG Grant to fund the project, so we don’t have a construction date, unless the City gets awarded.” - Closing hearing time at 6:08 pm.

No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO A NEW FIRE STATION.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-01, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH CLAUDIA SOLIS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-02, with the negotiation between Claudia Solis & City Manager on details of the not to exceed limit and days of attendance for special events for the contract, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Solar Project has started, you'll see them working in different areas. West Hills College should start construction soon, we had both Chief attend the kick-off meeting. They did say, there will be a lot of vibration & noise, because they're going to have to dig deep due to the clay ground in Firebaugh. I did get a reminder notice for the 700 Forms. We will start negotiations next month, so we will have a closed session next month. Pio & I are working with Jim on new payroll laws. Council Sablan stated the Louie's are selling the old doors that lead to their basement from the street curbs, if the city could find a place for them to be used, & save a little of history from the Miller Lux era.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Reported the sewer & water rates are going up, sewer rate changes this month & the water rates will change in February, rates will continue to increase over the next 3 years based on the approved five year rate study completed by Tuckfield. Auditor called and said they should be done by the end of January & will present in February.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Form 700 are due, so all Council Members and Departments will be contacted to complete, they can be completed online, if you need to reset your password, you can contact me or FPPC. Individuals that served on COG Boards will be required to fill out a Form 700 for each board you served on. If you complete online, make sure you select all of the boxes to avoid a fine for not complying. Our new Municipal Code System is available to use on our City website, the City should be receiving the hard copies in the next few weeks. It is user friendly and much easier to read and access, anyone can print the section they want to review.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Working with Pere on the lighting, cabinets and other designs for the Fire Station.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Hope to provide the data for the month of December in February, showing how many DUI's, citations, and additional information were issued. It's been quite the past month, we have the lowest crime rate compared to other cities. Mayor Lopez asked about the incident of guns being confiscated. Chief Raygoza replied, "yes, that happened last night, but Officers were very fortunate to see the guns before anything devastating happened, the guns were confiscated from the individuals, which were from the Salinas area & visiting family in here.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – will be working on policies to be added to the Employee Personnel Policy Handbook, due to new laws that became effective January 1, 2020.
- **Council Member Perez** – Provided an update on the 2020 Census, the volunteers started outreach by going door to door and it has helped educate people that didn't know What the Census was or the purpose of it. The information provide to them has helped them learning the importance for participating in the census.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote at 6:45 p.m.