

# SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/03-19

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**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** March 19, 2020/3:30 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

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

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Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at City Hall, in the Deputy City Clerk's office, during normal business hours.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## PUBLIC HEARING

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19).**

**Recommended Action:** Council receives public comment & approves Res. No. 20-14.

## ADJOURNMENT

### **Certification of posting the Agenda**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Firebaugh and that I posted this agenda on the bulletin boards at City Hall, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. by Rita Lozano Deputy City Clerk.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630 and Firebaugh Municipal Code section 2-11.6 empowers the City Council to proclaim a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, as empowered by Firebaugh Municipal Code section 2-11.6, the City's Director of Emergency Services has requested that the City Council proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed and considered the request from the Director of Emergency Services, dated March 18, 2020, and the findings stated therein, which request is incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City have arisen within the City caused by the threatened spread of COVID-19, and the conditions warrant and necessitate proclaiming the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Firebaugh resolves as follows:

1. Proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City.
2. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the City.
3. The City Manager is delegated all necessary authority to address labor and personnel matters, including but not limited to, employee leave bank and usage.
4. The need for continuing this local emergency shall be reviewed as required by Government Code section 8630, and the City Council shall proclaim the termination of this local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Firebaugh held on March 19, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Elsa Lopez, Mayor

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Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk

**A REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-11.6 of the City of Firebaugh Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City to request the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Firebaugh (“City”) does hereby find as follows:

1. That international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARSCoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

2. That while the complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not yet fully understood, reported symptoms and illnesses from COVID-19 range from mild to severe, including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and illnesses resulting in death; and

3. That the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that certain populations face elevated risk and widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time and other critical infrastructure may also be affected; and

4. That, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

5. That, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

6. That, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

7. That, on or before March 4, 2020, the City actively began planning and implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

8. That, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General of the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

9. That, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

10. That, as of March 15, 2020, the Fresno County Department of Public Health had reported two confirmed cases of COVID-19 (travel-related) within Fresno County; and

11. That, on March 15, 2020, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

12. That the City intends to continue to implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19, and take appropriate actions to protect the public health and safety, and to aid the regional healthcare and government community in responding to COVID-19 during this local, state, and national public health emergency; and

13. That the above described events are creating conditions of extreme peril and such conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby requested that the City Council of the City of Firebaugh proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as a result of COVID-19, and authorize the Director of Emergency Services for the City to issue rules and regulations following such proclamation as empowered by Firebaugh Municipal Code section 2-11.6.

**Dated: March 19, 2020**

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**Director of Emergency Service  
for the City of Firebaugh**