

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/04-20

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**PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 11 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20,  
EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 12, 2020**

City Council Meeting held via teleconferencing

**\*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (b)(2), all action taken during this teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call vote.**

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

**Date/Time:** April 20, 2020/6:00 p.m.

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

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

**ABSENT:**

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Sablan led pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on April 6, 2020.**
- WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1, and ending on March 31, 2020.**

March 2020	General Warrants	#39470 - #39607	\$ 656,332.58
	Payroll Warrants	#71242 - #71260	\$ 274,080.63
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 930,413.21</b>

*Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## PUBLIC HEARING

*Nothing*

## NEW BUSINESS

3. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROPOSAL REGARDING THE SAN JOAQUIN VILLAS PROJECT.**

*Informational Item only*

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TOMA-TEK ON LOWERING THE UTILITY USERS TAX (UT) FOR INDUSTRIAL USERS.**

*Informational Item only*

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE LAS DELTAS WATER SYSTEM.**

*Informational Item only*

## STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Crime rate is low & everyone is obeying the order, working on getting a new order out by Friday. The COVID-19 Officer is doing a great job. The Order is focused on sanitation and social distancing for businesses. All employees are required to wear facial masks, 6 people allowed for every 1,000 square feet in the business, with only two people per basket. Council Member Sablan inquired about businesses coming from out of town with no mask or gloves. Chief replied the Code Enforcement Officer will contact them & will work the business owners to ask for their cooperation.
- **Fire Chief John Borboa** – Nothing to report.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

*Motion to enter Close Session @ 6:57 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

## CLOSED SESSION

6. **Government Code Section 54957.6.**  
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES  
City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos  
Employee Organizations: Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions
7. **Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9.**  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
Pending Litigation: One (1) Case. Title is Cal. Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in Matter, et al. (Stanislaus Superior Court Case No. CV-20-001720).

*Motion to enter Open Session @ 7:57 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

*City Council reviewed the documents & the City Attorney has been given the authority to enter into a joint defense agreement in the above-noted litigation.*

## ADJOURNMENT

*Motion adjourn by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 8:06 p.m.*