

MEETING MINUTES

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

**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 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: June 1, 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 Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None, No comments were submitted. City Manager Gallegos added, that Cen Cal asked to be placed on the agenda but didn't submit information.

PRESENTATION

- Division of Drinking Water, State Water Resources Control Board discussed Administrative Program and appointing an Administrator, which would help as a funding source with the Las Deltas Water District. City Attorney would work on an agreement, if Council is interested in participating, to address the concerns of the City's liability as an Administrator.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on May 18, 2020.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council special meeting on May 22, 2020.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 20-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODES – FIRST READING.**

Motion to approve to waive the first reading of Ord. No. 20-03 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES (APNs 008-042-13T, 008-051-06T, 008-051-08T, 008-052-01T, 008-052-15T).**

Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-21 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR SPECIFIC UTILITY PURPOSES (APNs 008-042-18T & 008-042-27T).**

Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-22 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

6. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Discussion whether to return & resume City Council Meeting at the Community Center or to continue with Zoom and provide information to public to participate in the meeting.

Informational Item only

7. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE 2020 CANTALOUPE ROUND-UP.**

Consensus of the Council, is to not cancel the event but consider delaying the event to a later date.

Informational Item only, item continued to future agendas to discuss.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – FY 2020/21 STREET & GRANT FUND BUDGETS – PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION.**

➤ **Street Revenue and Expense**

- Fund 013 - Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), will rehab roadway on Helm Canal Road, between Poplar & Birch Dr., and do sealing at various locations in the K-Hovnanian subdivision.
- Fund 028 - Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund, will be performing walkway repair on 8th Street, from “P” St to Hwy 33, and fund a match of 11.47% with Fund 128. City Match of \$35,000 for Construction on 8th St. of sidewalk with additional cost coming from Fund 128. Preliminary Engineering work for repaving of Cardella St. from Landucci Dr. to Morris Kyle is \$30,000 (line item 4102 & Construction Engineering of \$30,000 on line item 4103).
- Fund 035 - Measure C, will fund construction to repave Cardella St., (\$390,000 line item 4101), estimated total cost is \$488,000, & shared funding will come from Fund 028 Transportation Development Act (TDA).

- **Open Grants:** Fund 078 – Highway 33, Fund 124 – VFW and Sewer Replacement, Fund 127 – Pedestrian Walkway – Poso Canal near the River Park and Maldonado Park entrance at Zozaya Street and Father Craig, Fund 128 – Pedestrian Walkway – 8th Street from “P” Street to Highway 33, Fund 129 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement, Fund 131 – Waterline Replacement – Various location in the area of Zozaya Street, “T” Street, Mendoza and Logue Street, Fund 132 – Multi-Benefit Flood Management Project, Fund 133 – Cares Act Airport

3-06-0346-008-2020, Fund 134 – Tobacco Grant Program – Firebaugh-Las Deltas School District; Three year grant.

Informational Item only

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – COVID-19 update, an email was sent to Council Member regarding number of cases, a new executive order will be released, and the City will follow the State & Health Department guidelines. Firebaugh has done a great job maintaining at 19 cases for a long time, with only one active case. The department has confiscated a large amount of methamphetamine in town, and assisted Mendota with a similar drug bust, DUI 's are also up, not sure if it's the stimulus checks or where there coming from that is causing the spike.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Today was the first day of the Great Plates Delivery Program, Don Pepe's & Blue Flame are participating in the program, the food looks delicious. Greystone Estates is building their homes, the City is painting wall to match, we're hoping the homeowners in the area, will make repairs to their homes. Friday, will be a walk-through for the solar project.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Received & working on Public Request Acts', Election Office will not accept candidate filing for the November Election, due to COVID-19, so they will file at City Hall. It will be the first time the City will accept filing, but Election Office will offer training.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Update on the open cases, and appeal case.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Staff to open City Hall on Monday, Plexiglas has been places, as of July 1st, all fees & charges will be re-implemented again, because it has costly to the city.
- **Council Member Sablan** – asked where the city purchased the Plexiglas, because it's expensive & she is looking to purchase some for the Children's Corner? City Manager Gallegos, replied the City paid \$270 for two 3x3 pieces from Firebaugh Towing. Would like to have the State Water Administrator Program on the next agenda.
- **Mayor Lopez** – Asked with the Elections coming in November, would council want to discuss placing the tax on the ballot for cannabis businesses? Mr. Moses Stites was very helpful & sent drivers to do deliveries for the Great Plates Program. Inquired about an update on the River Camp this year. Council Member Sablan stated, she is on the board and they're planning to go forward with the event, but will limit 15 local kids per week. A woman from Mendota asked Mayor Lopez for help to provide hand sanitizer for people attending church, so she is working on purchasing them bulk & is seeking donations. The Church is looking to schedule & resume masses on June 13th.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter Close Session @ 7:29 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

9. **Government Code Section 54957.6.**
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED & UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES
City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos
Employee Organizations: Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions

Motion to enter Open Session @ 7:34 pm, by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *No Action Taken*

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion adjourn by unanimous .vote at 7:35 p.m.*