

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/06-15

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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:** June 15, 2020/6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Mayor Lopez at 6:06 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 Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 4-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *None, no public comment was submitted/received.*

**PRESENTATION** *None*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

May 2020	General Warrants	#39693 - #39800	\$ 635,241.11
	Payroll Warrants	#71280 - #71298	\$ 120,473.27
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 755,714.38</b>

*Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Perez – Absent.*

## 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.**

*Motion to approve Ord. No. 20-03 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Perez – Absent.*

## NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE 17-CDBG-12016 STATE CONTRACT FOR FUNDING YEAR 2017 OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-23 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Perez – Absent.*

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-24 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO TO CONSOLIDATE AND CANVASS THE ELECTION AND PERMIT THE COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF FRESNO COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY FOR SAID SERVICES.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-24 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 4-0 vote. Perez – Absent.*

✓ **Council Member Perez joined the meeting.**

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FIREBAUGH , CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY BUILDERS, INC. (“CCB”) AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FRESNO INC. (“HFH”).**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-25 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-26 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIREBAUGH MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND APPROVING RELATED SALARY SCHEDULES.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-26 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-27 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIREBAUGH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND APPROVING RELATED SALARY SCHEDULES.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-27, with amendment of adding one sentence regarding the insurance “If Employee chooses a medical plan, other than the four least expensive, employee will pay the difference” by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-28 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO ORDER ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 (PURSUANT TO LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-28 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-29 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-30 with amendment of iPad purchases by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEN CAL BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRACT 6252.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-31 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 4-1 vote. Jenkins – no.*

13. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PLACING A TAX MEASURE FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.**

*Consensus of the Council is to continue as is & not place a measure on the ballot.*

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

*Continue to discuss and leave on the agenda.*

15. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE GREAT PLATES PROGRAM.**

*Consensus of the Council is to continue program through July 10, 2020, with one meal per day for 40 people, not to exceed \$7,000 budget over the next two weeks by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – working with RMA, on a follow-up email I received by Council Member Sablan on discrimination training for city employees, their training is free, but Lozano Smith offers the training too, so we can get an estimate & schedule a date/time, if needed.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – sent two memo's for Council to provide an update on COVID-19 & guidelines re: officer brutality. We have been receiving a lot of complaints about Fireworks going off in town and made one arrest for illegal fireworks.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – working with Susan on the Joint Meeting with the school board, will held on July 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room, I need all agenda items sent to be for the agenda. Council Members Valdez & Sablan asked for the meeting to be held via teleconference. Council Member Sablan thanked Rita for the update on the state water board administration presentation. The Attorneys are working on drafting an agreement, so it will be presented for Council's review at a future meeting.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – construction to finally begin at the VFW. Attended a meeting with representatives of the Madera Hospital, they are still interested in building in the City of Firebaugh, they would like the City to own the building and property, and they would need about a \$20,000 for a grant application. Council would like a presentation regarding the health center.

- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Update on the two cases: open case & appeal case. Hiller Case update for the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of July.

*No closed session.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**16. 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

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 7:42 p.m.*