

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/08-03

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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:** August 3, 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, Acct Tech I, Olga Flores; & City Engineer Mario Gouveia.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

**PRESENTATION** *None*

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on July 20, 2020.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** *None*

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-38 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM –CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ROUND 2 (CDBG-CV1) NOFA DATED JUNE 5, 2020.

*Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-38 with amendments by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING TEMPORARY COVID-19 WORKPLACE SAFETY POLICY.**

*Motion to accept Resolution No. 20-39 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – there will be COVID19 testing in Mendota, we will post information in multiple locations. A lot of construction going on in town, including the previously occupied First 5 childcare building went down. Participated in a webinar for Prop 68, city will resubmit for the Maldonado project, max available funds is \$8.5 million, contacted the school to notify them, we hope they will reapply, deadline is December 14, 2020. Projects must be completed by 2025. Council Member Sablan asked if staff would help people register for the COVID19 testing held in Mendota. City Manager Gallegos replied, “Yes, he will inform Anita. Vanessa reported that several people are falling behind on their utility bills.”
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – nothing.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – an email was sent out to provide an update of the number of COVID-19 cases, there’s been a problem with spreading among Multi-family apartments & carpooling labor vehicles. The COVID19 Enforcement Officer will continue to do outreach & Fresno County Health Department will be assisting.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Last week there’s been high call volume increase with Fire, Medical & vehicle accidents, we had five vehicle accidents this week alone.
- **City Engineering Mario Gouveia** – nothing to report.
- **City Planner, Karl Schoettler** – nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Reported on the recent California Case regarding retirement, In 21013, Governor Brown modified the retirement system, the concern is, will future modifications be allowed? Ruling is yes, but they must be reasonable and it must maintain the integrity of increase.
- **Council Member Valdez** – working on a Public Announcement, we Firebaugh to set the example, & stop the spread of COVID19, we’re doing a good job working together to stop the spread, so we want to create the Public Announcement & get the information out there.
- **Council Member Sablan** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Salvation Army will be handing out Coats for Kids, started Wednesday with the meals, which was a disaster, so we made a time change, new hours is 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Wednesday.
- **Mr. Gevork Boyadjian of Firebaugh Development Corp.** – Received a Letter of denial regarding his proposed business operation, he stated, he was told Police Chief Raygoza to attend this meeting to discuss with Council as part of the appeal process. City Attorney Sanchez, informed Mr. Boyadjian, he will be able to appeal to Council regarding this matter, but not at this meeting, because it is not an agenda item. Therefore, Council will not be able to discuss, & this item will be at the next meeting, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSED SESSION**                      *None*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 6:53 p.m.*