

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/08-17

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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 17, 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, & City Engineer Mario Gouveia.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; 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 August 3, 2020.**

2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting July 1, and ending on July 31, 2020.**

July 2020	General Warrants	#39920 - #40054	\$ 785,163.50
	Payroll Warrants	#71318 - #71339	\$ 159,651.08
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 944,814.58</b>

3. **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 Consent Calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## PUBLIC HEARING

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 4. THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ON THE ENGIE SERVICES U.S., INC. – SOLAR PROJECT.

*Informational item only*

## STAFF REPORTS

- City Manager, Ben Gallegos – League of Cities Conference is October 7<sup>th</sup> – Oct 9<sup>th</sup> via zoom \$50 fee, contact Rita if you would like to be registered. VFW is on tract but they are waiting on PG&E for gas line work. Hearing good things about the chances of funding for Fire Station grant, hope we get awarded. Fresno County Election Office contacted us about the vacant City Clerk & Treasurer's position, they asked if the City would like to change to appointing the position instead of as an elected positions.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – nothing.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano – nothing to report.
- City Attorney James Sanchez – Contacted County Election Office to discuss the fund saving by removing the Clerk & Treasurer's off the ballot, but we don't have time to complete the process to make them appointed position before this year's election.
- Fire Chief, John Borboa – We have been slammed with all three multiple calls (Fire, Medical & vehicle accidents) at the same time, but we have managed to keep up. We will be increasing the amount of funds from Madera Co Mutual Aid Agreement & with Fresno's in January, if possible.
- City Engineering Mario Gouveia – working on the design of CDBG sewer project at 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Council Member Sablan – participated in the South San Joaquin Valley for the CARES Act, it looks like we are doing everything we need to do to receive funds.
- Council Member Valdez – School started distance learning, & Children's Corner will be opening soon.
- Council Member Jenkins – nothing to report.
- Council Member Perez – nothing to report.
- Council Member Lopez – has the City submitted bill for the Great Plates Program for reimbursement? Staff replied, we are waiting for password from Sal to login to submit the bill.

## CLOSED SESSION

None

## ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 6:21 p.m.*