

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 20/12-07

**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: December 7, 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 6:03 pm
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, Paul Ashby & Don Carr.

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 4-0 vote.

PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on November 16, 2020.

Motion to accept minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

- Council Member Jenkins joins the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-52 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, ORDERING THE ANNEXATION OF TRACTS 6257, 6313, AND 6314 INTO THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT OF ANNUAL LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR SAID TRACTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE DIAGRAM AND NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT WITH THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-52 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 20-53 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUBMITTING A CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS CONTINUING FROM THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, THEREBY COINCIDING WITH THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD APPROVAL OF TDA FUNDS APPORTIONMENT AND TDA CLAIMS PROCESS.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-53 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 20-56 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE GREYSTONE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR & MATERIAL BOND FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS”.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-56 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS – MALDONADO PARK.

Receive public comment & the consensuses of the Council to direct staff to proceed with grant Application.

6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS – AQUATIC CENTER.

Receive public comment & the consensuses of the Council to direct staff to proceed with grant Application.

- *Motion to enter to Successor Agency Matters by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS:

7. RESOLUTION NO. 20-54 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH RSG, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-54 by Successor Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 20-55 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-54 by Successor Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

9. HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY SENATE BILL 341 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.

Information item only. Council review and city file Housing Successor Agency Annual Report FY 19-20.

- *Motion to enter to City Council Matters by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – CAREs funding Grant for small businesses, about 60 applicants applied, 46 applicants qualified for \$5,000, 10 applicants qualified for \$10,000, & 4 applicants didn't qualified. There will be free COVID testing on Thursday at the Senior Center. City will be accepting bids on Friday for the Fire Station grant. The City raffle will be held on December 17, 2020, the girls working the front window are doing a great job at informing the public. City Hall staff has been cut in half and they will alternate work schedule, one week working from home and the other working in the office, due to some employees possible being exposed to COVID. Will there be a quorum for the 2nd Council Meeting in December. All of Council replied they plan to attend.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Working with the Auditors, reports have been filed with the State, they will not be coming in to the office. I would like to continue and encourage residents & businesses to pay bills online, we currently are not charging the 3% online transaction fee for credit card payments and would like to continue that. I also want to try to email billing statements or provide electronic statements.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Some of the officers & dispatchers have test positive or been exposed to COVID, so staffing has been challenging, there has been some burglaries, vandalisms but some arrest have been made (individuals from out of town) and we have seen crime go down so hopefully we have found the individuals that were involved. Council Member Valdez asked is Police Chief Raygoza has a plan or how can the Council help their department through this difficult time. Chief Raygoza stated he's been using reserve to help, so he may go over their budget. There is one potential position available in January.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Nothing to report.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Contract will be starting on the Poso Canal Project.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Sablan** – The Health Commission & Rotary will still have the annual Christmas Dinner, but as a drive thru, volunteers will be working in shifts, volunteers can show up before noon to help with the distribution. I signed up for the League of Cities app to streamline, if you were exposed or not to someone that tested positive for COVID.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Last Thursday, we held the last COVID Community meeting, we have an upwards of about 30 new cases, we watching to see what the Governor will do & seen CAL Fire did a mask up ad, I would like to see our Council do something similar. I will attending a training Lozano Smith is offering. Please spread the word about the City raffle.
- **Council Member Perez** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 6:59 p.m.