

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 20/12-21

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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:** December 21, 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, Paul Ashby & Don Carr.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

## PRESENTATION

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.**

*Motion to accept Res. No. 20-57 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

## REORGANIZATION

2. **REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL.**

- A. Mayor Lopez to Mayor Valdez
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Valdez to Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins

## CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on December 7, 2020.**
4. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting November 1, and ending on November 30, 2020.**

November 2020	General Warrants	#40402 - #40507	\$ 914,678.28
	Payroll Warrants	#71391 - #71411	\$ 128,733.08
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,043,411.36</b>

5. CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.
6. CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2021 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.

*Motion to accept Consent Calendar with Council Meetings that are scheduled on Holidays to be rescheduled for the following Tuesday if meeting is required by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

#### PUBLIC HEARING

7. RESOLUTION NO. 20-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH - ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FIREBAUGH FLOOD RISK REDUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 20-58 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

8. RESOLUTION NO. 20 – 59 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND AMENDMENT TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OWNER PARTICIPATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER FRESNO AREA FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY BUILDERS, INC. (“MILLER & LUX PROJECT”).

*Motion to accept Res. No. 20-59 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

9. RESOLUTION NO. 20-60 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH’S APPOINTMENT OF CITY MEMBERS TO THE SPECIAL CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD.

*Motion to accept Res. No. 20-60 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

10. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPOINT CITY MEMBERS TO THE FRESNO COG – SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE.

*Mayor Valdez volunteered to serve on the committee, with City Manager Gallegos as the Alternate; motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

#### STAFF REPORTS

- City Attorney James Sanchez – Nothing to report.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – Working with the Auditors.
- City Engineer, Mario Gouveia – there is construction going on the sewer project, crossing at the bridge is complete.
- Fire Chief, John Borboa – Negotiated with Madera County for an increase for Mutual Aid services, & it was approved with a copy filed with the City, effective at midnight Ambulances can refuse to transport people to the hospital, there isn’t enough ambulances to serve everyone during this time.
- Police Chief, Sal Raygoza – toy drive was held today, we ran out of toys, food, & jackets.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano – Nothing to report.

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – It was a great event, the public was happy & we received a lot of compliments, our holiday raffle was a success, it was great to see the kids so happy to win, thanked Freddy & Brady for their help, residents were very grateful. We held open bids for the fire station project, which was a little over budget by half a million, so we are working with CDBG to seek additional funding. The issue is the price of materials that have increase during this pandemic. There is a new charging station at the Senior Center, & we're trying to get a new one at a park for public use. Working with Del Rio residents that were issued Code Enforcement violations, their fees have been reduced about 90% to 95% for the ones that have complied or corrected their violation. There is a new program that offers insurance for home repairs at a price of about \$1.50 a month, if Council is interested in providing to the public. Working with Mike Zavala of COG, on what we want to apply for, so we need to a project we would like to pursue. We had 19 businesses received \$5,000 grant from the County CAREs Act Funding grant.
- **Council Member Lopez** – wanted to inform that Dorice Fannon who served as our City Clerk for several years passed away a few week back, Thank you, to the staff for all they have been doing for this community, they are much appreciated for their hard work.
- **Council Member Perez** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Congratulated the re-elected Council Members, & thanked all of the Department for their help with COVID-19.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Glad to be re-elected for another four years, the City is looking great & thanked all of the staff.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Thanked Police, Fire & Cadet Departments for reaching to the community & educating them about all the different services and things we offer. Met with Steve Hair, house prices are going up, so we scheduled a meeting with Assemblymen Arambula, we have to try to find a way to make purchasing a home affordable for more community.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 6:48 p.m.*