

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/02-01

**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: February 1, 2021/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Valdez at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Mayor Freddy Valdez
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
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, Fernando Campa, Joyce Dale of Senator Anna Caballero's Office & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Perez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 3-0 vote. No reply from Perez, & Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESENTATION None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on January 19, 2021.**

Motion to accept Minutes by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote. No reply from Lopez.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-05 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM- CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ROUND 1 (CDBG-CV1) STANDARD AGREEMENT TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM- CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ROUND 2 AND 3 NOFA DATED DECEMBER 18, 2020.**

Open Hearing at 6:05 pm – No Comment given – Close Hearing at 6:06 pm.

Motion to accept Res. No. 21-05 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote. No reply from Lopez.

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 21-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AMENDED PAY SCHEDULE FOR POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS.

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-04 with amendment to Exhibit A, to change the proposed rate of \$17.50 to \$20.00 on assigned patrol shift rate, , by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- City Attorney James Sanchez – two items, 1) 2021 Brown Act update book will be provided to Council, 2) Webinar being offered for AB1234 between 9am-11am on Thursday, February 11, 2021.
- Finance Director, Pio Martin – Working with the Auditors, they may be submitting the draft this week, will bring to council at Tuesday's special meeting. This month, there will be an increase to utility rates, Will start working on the budget, so please submit items that are needed or wanted for the next budget.
- City Engineer, Mario Gouveia – Update on sewer project, weather caused a halt last week, but it is still on schedule.
- Fire Chief, John Borboa – taking care of citizens and responding to calls.
- Police Chief, Sal Raygoza – Received an email link regarding app for COVID-19 Cases, we are good compared to other cities on cases in the city. Officers are doing a great job.
- Mrs. Dale of Senator Anna Caballero' Office – Senator is concerned about how the city is doing on covid-19 vaccinations. Council Member Sablan replied with the help of Mark Benjamin & Mr. Pacheco offices, we've been able to provide the vaccines to local farmworkers. We are working on obtaining a freezer & thermometer to create a local vaccine site in Mendota to be equally shared between Firebaugh & Mendota. Mr. Benjamin stated there is still a shortage on vaccines for Fresno County & with a second doses needed, we have to conserve what we currently have to be able to provide the individuals that received their first shot, so it causes an issue to provide to others that need their first vaccine. Mrs. Dale, added, the Senator is willing to refuse to take a vaccine shot until the farmworkers receive their vaccines first.
- City Manager, Ben Gallegos – Sewer line project is going smooth, with no complaints. 8th Street is going to bid for sidewalks, curb & gutter project. VFW is on scheduled for completion in April. Hoping to be starting the Fire Station project in three weeks. Thanked Public Works Department for doing an awesome job, there was no real flooding in the street, did have two trees come down & we offered to help but they owners had to sign a waiver for damage, if city employees helped with the removal of the tree on their property. There is sand bags available for anyone that is interested.
- Council Member Lopez – thanked the staff for the good job everyone is doing, Police, Fire, Public Works Departments and City Hall staff.
- Council Member Sablan – I also like to thank everyone & Ben for trimming the Rose Garden, it looks really good.
- Council Member Perez – nothing to report, but would agree with Council Members Lopez & Sablan & thank everyone.
- Council Member Jenkins – Nothing to report, also agreed with the Council Members & thanked staff.
- Council Member Valdez – Echoed what the previous Council Members said, and thanked the staff, the daily operations doesn't function without all of you guys, you are all greatly appreciated. Working with COG on housing opportunities & resources. As well as with transportation to get a charging station, & signed a letter of support. COVID-19 cases are on the rise with 30 new cases in the week, we must lead by example to keep the number down.
- Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano – Please complete your Form 700, it's time again, you can provide a hard copy or complete on the website. For those of you that would like to attend the training provided by Lozano Smith, email mail me or you can register yourself, I emailed you the information last week.

CLOSED SESSION *None*

ADJOURNMENT *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 6:57 p.m.*