

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/04-19

**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: April 19, 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
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Felipe Pérez 6:02 pm

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins

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 Planner Karl Schoettler, Jackson Minasian, Firebaugh Canal Company, Lauren Layne, Attorney Representing Britton Family & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Sablan led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 3-0 vote.

❖ Council Members Perez joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on April 5 2021.**
- WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1, and ending on March 31, 2021.**

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| March 2021 | General Warrants | #40861 - #40983 | \$ 1,294,079.11 |
| | Payroll Warrants | #71473 - #71489 | \$ 129,933.37 |
| | TOTAL | | \$ 1,424,012.48 |

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Open Hearing at 6:19 pm – Lauren Layne, Attorney representative of the Britton Family, when we learned that Britton’s would lose their water provider, Firebaugh Canal Company Water District, the family became against being annexed. Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission, (LAFCo”, will need the CEQA to be redone to correct the Britton Parcel, from the original CEQA, showing their property will not be included in the annexation. Jackson Minasian, on behalf of the Firebaugh Canal Co, thanked City staff, who were all willing to listen & amend the requested actions, because of the District’s water supply to existing farmers. We are grateful, but this may not be the end, due to LAFCo, may request, as far as changes or amendments. – Hearing closed at 6:36 pm

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2021-01 AS REVISED AND THE ASSOCIATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-14 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359, OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND CONDITIONAL USES IN THE URBAN RESERVE ZONE AND THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS – FIRST READING.**

Motion to waive the first reading of Ord. 21-01 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-15 - A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REQUESTING THE FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT AND FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF TERRITORY.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-15 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359 OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF USES OF THE ZONE OF PARTICULAR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY- FIRST READING.**

Motion to waive the first reading of Ord. 21-02 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-16, approving the BSCC Grant and authoring the City Manager to execute documents enter into a MOU agreement between PAL & the City of Firebaugh by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-17 by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-18 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

10. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER THE 2021 ANNUAL CANTALOUPE ROUND UP.

Council is in support of the event but stated their concerns: Obligation City would have with Paul Maurer, if carnival had to be cancelled, & the change of the dates, because of school's are in session & the Fresno Fair begins in October.

Council directs staff to contact the Fresno County Health Department, for regulations/guidelines, to comply with COVID precautions, in order to have the Annual Round-up. Council also, approves changing the date from July 29 thru Aug. 1 to September 30 thru October 3, 2021 with Paul Maurer Shows.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – there is no such thing as “Fire Season” any more, it seems to be year around now. Car accidents have increase, on Ave 7 & Nees Ave, we are going to an accident at least once a week. News of the cadets, we had three there that graduated out of the cadet program, with one cadet is taking an EMT Class in Madera, one cadet has successfully completed the EMT class, as well as completed his national registry test & another that just got accepted to the Fresno City Fire Academy, starting in June. “If I wouldn’t have started this program 25 years ago, I don’t think this city would’ve had a viable Volunteer Fire Department, because 75% of our members came out that program, including the assist Chief & one of our Captain’s”.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – working hard to clean lots, with dry grass or other fire hazardous items, so we’re contacting property owners.
- **Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco’s Office** – Fresno County Health Utility assistance Program is coming up, the City Manager aware since he attend the zoom meeting. Clovis is holding their rodeo & Coalinga is going to have the festival, so Fresno County Health will use these events to set guideline for other events.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – An emailed was sent to Council Members to get their input about going back to in person meeting at Community Center, I’m still waiting for a few more response before I provide the results.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – still attending the court case, we should have about a week & half remaining. David Overstreet of AIMS, was in an accident, so we have Chester Wells filling in. Working on the agenda, hoping to have the 1st draft 1st meeting of June & approving the final the 2nd meeting of June.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – We have about two weeks left, Council Member Lopez was in court today, and we feel comfortable with Mr. Wells representing the City.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Clean-up event is next week, the vaccine event was successful, so we are planning another one next week. All of the projects are on schedule, the Fire Station project passed the compaction test. VFW is almost complete, 7th Street is paved on the Sewer line project, & housing is going up fast, lumber has increase but it hasn’t slowed the project. Opening bid for KHov street slurry will go to bid soon, then we will work on Cardella. I attended Court last week, hopefully it goes well.
- **Council Member Lopez** – nothing to report, still hoping start holding in person Council Meetings.
- **Council Member Sablan** – thanked everyone that helped out at the last Friday at vaccine event.
- **Council Member Perez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – thanked staff for the hard work with the Court case, assisting & giving back to the community, a special thanks to the Police & Fire departments for their services to the community. The 1st Autism Walk is this Saturday, starts at 10:00 am, there may be another one, but we don’t have the details.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 4-0 vote at 7:05 p.m.