

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/06-07

**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: June 7, 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 6:05 pm
Council Member Felipe Pérez
ABSENT: Council Member Elsa Lopez

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; Mario Gouveia, City Engineer; Bethany Matos, Associate Dean of West Hills College-North District Center; Matter Lear; May Chung, Martha Zarate, Fernando Campa & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *George Conklin led pledge of Allegiance.*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT *None*

PRESENTATION *None*

❖ *Motion to enter closed session at 5:40 pm, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez motion passes by a 3-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

1. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Designative Rep. City Negotiator Ben Gallegos - Re: APN 008-132-13 (1300 "O" Street)

❖ *Council Member Sablan joined the meeting at 6:05 pm.*

❖ *Motion to enter open session at 6:28 pm by Consensus of the Council; motion passes by a 4-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION *Nothing to report.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on May 17, 2021.

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAILERS, AMENDING SECTION 3-12.2 RELATING TO TOBACCO PROHIBITIONS ON CITY PROPERTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 1-5.5.11 RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES AND FINES – SECOND READING.**

Open Hearing at 6:31 pm – Staff recommended an amendment to the Ordinance of the 600 ft. to 250 ft. to avoid eliminating several businesses from being impacted because they're with the 600 ft. from school, parks, & churches – Hearing closed at 6:33 pm

Motion to approve of Ord. 21-03 with the amendment of 250 feet, instead of 600 ft., by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FY 2021/2022 LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT (RMRA) CREATED BY SENATE BILL 1: ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE WITH THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THE PROJECT LIST AND ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FY 2021/2022 RMRA FUNDING.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-23 by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND THE VFW POST # 7380.**

Motion to approve lease agreement with the City Manager to negotiate rental fee, agreement should have a tier system for types of organizations' or rental purposes, but rental prices not required to be included & a payment waiver to the City of Firebaugh for the first two months & possible third month which will be determined by the City Manager,, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.
- **Mario Gouveia, City Engineer** – City has 2 projects both are on 8th St., which is a little confusing, concrete will be poured soon.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – nothing to report.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Crime rate is increasing around the Valley, but we've been able to keep it down, we had a carjacking but we were able to make an arrest this afternoon. Soccer will be held for the kids this summer through PAL.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – We've had a Mutual Aid Contract with Fresno County, for several years, through negotiation with them, they've agreed to pay us double for our services. There was a structure fire a few months ago in Mendota, & we had to respond because CalFire was already out on a call, this has happened a few times in the past.
- **Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco's Office** – Thanked the City for the invite for the VFW event. The City will host a COVID 19 Vaccine Carnival on June 11th & 12th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Dunkle Park. Chief Raygoza has done outreach, by, having his department go door to door to inform the local residents, Thank you!
- **Council Member Valdez** – thanked City of Mendota Mayor Rolando Castro for joining our meetings and participating in our VFW event.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – within the next few weeks I should have a final budget, there's a few items that need to be added. We will need to upgrade our scanner, sever & software, the term of the contract is 3 years, the server change will no longer require any backups, it will be stored in a cloud base (\$1800 per month) with Software change at \$760 a month. The scanner will help the building department, so they no longer have to store the big plans & it will much easier to look up when it's needed, est. for the new scanner is \$8,000, if council agrees with the recommendations, a budget amendment will be made to include the purchases.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – I agree with Pio on the scanner, it makes things so much easier to look up & store big maps. The move "Muscle Draggers" is being made in Firebaugh, so "O" St between 11th St & 12th St will be closed for filming. The Film makers are planning on bring the cars used in the film to the City a month, I would like them to come during the festival. Chief Borboa has been doing an excellent job negotiating on the Mutual Aid Contracts, both Madera & Fresno County have agreed to pay more for our services. Council Member Sablan was asked to contact Jeremiah Mock, he's been trying to contact Council Member Sablan to do a story about Firebaugh's smoke-free multi-family Ordinance. Mayor Valdez & City Manager will have a meeting with Valadao to see what items qualify under the relief funding grant, so the City can plan a budget on where to spend funding.
- **Council Member Sablan** – The City will host a COVID 19 Vaccine Carnival on June 11th & 12th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Dunkle Park.
- **Council Member Perez** – Thanks to all of you for the great changes being made & things that are helping to make the community better, everyone is doing a great job.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – thanked everyone for their work & making this a great community, I agree with giving the staff the adequate equipment they need to do their job better.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: FY 2020/21 STREETS & GRANTS FUND PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

Finance Director Pio Martin: Preliminary Street & Grant Fund Budgets

Some of the Street Revenue will be used to pay salaries, match grants funds to complete projects (whether on engineer design, road or alley rehab, or paving) or to make needed equipment purchases, but not much has been changed from the previous years.

City has several open grants: Highway 33, Pedestrian Walkway – Poso Canal near the River Park and Maldonado Park entrance at Zozaya Street and Father Craig, Pedestrian Walkway – 8th Street from "P" Street to Highway 33, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement, Waterline Replacement – Various location in the area of Zozaya Street, "T" Street, Mendoza and Logue Street, Multi-Benefit Flood Management Project, Cares Act Airport 3-06-0346-008-2020, Tobacco Grant Program – Firebaugh-Las Deltas School District; (3 year) grant, STPL-5224(025) 8th Street from P Street to Highway 33 pavement work, 20-CDBG-12000 – Fire Station, CML-5224(026) Saipan Alley, CML-5224(027) J Street, 20-CDBG-CVI-00030 – Food Bank / Hot Meal, Local Early Action Planning (LEAP), & Prop. 64 Public Health & Safety Grant (BSCC)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 4-0 vote.