

MEETING MINUTES

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

**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 21, 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 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; Karl Schoettler, City Planner; Bethany Matos, Associate Dean of West Hills College-North District Center; Pedro Garcia of West Hills College Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco's Office, Raquel Tabares, Silvia Renteria & others.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on June 7, 2021.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting May 1, and ending on May 31, 2021.**

May 2021	General Warrants	#41121 - #41224	\$ 872,139.71
	Payroll Warrants	#71509 - #71525	<u>\$ 132,983.20</u>
	TOTAL		\$ 1,005,122.91

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 4-0 vote. Sablan – No reply

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-24 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTANT FOR THE PROVISION OF PLANNING SERVICES.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-24 with correction of fees on Exhibit A to \$100, \$105, & \$110, by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT OF ANNUAL LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-25, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-26 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 22.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-26, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-27 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-27, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Bethany Matos, Associate Dean of North District Center** – West Hills College (WHC) held Falcon day June 15, 2021, it is an open event for new students to enroll, or apply for financial aid, counseling/advising, & other student support program for Fall Registration. The construction is still in progress on the new campus building, were all looking forward to it being completed. Pedro Garcia, Academic Advising Specialist, introduced himself, he is a local resident, graduated from Firebaugh High School, continued & graduated with his Bachelors' degree from Fresno Pacific, & future his education to earn his Master Degree. Mr. Garcia has returned to Firebaugh & is looking to request more student involvement, to push them to experience things outside of their comfort zone. WHC & is planning on holding a movie night in July, there will be education booths available & it will be free to the public. Mr. Garcia has been working closely with Mayor Valdez.
- **Mario Gouveia, City Engineer** – 8th St. Update, there's been a lot of activity on the project, it should be completed by the end of the week.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – I've been researching the requested information from the last meeting on business License fees.

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – I'm sure, the public has seen the posting about a suspicious vehicle prowling around town, and we believe we have an idea who it is.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – 8th St. & Sewer Project were under budget & completed, extra funds from the VFW project were used to purchase tables & chairs, & I 'm excited about renting it. We will do maintenance on manholes to preserve the length of service. We received from a few residents, the use of the Senior Center for Funeral services, so it will be a small group allowed to use it. The River Camp will begin soon, there will be another Vaccination Event, and 115 people received the COVID shot at our last mini vaccine carnival event. Will be on Vacation June 25th thru 28th.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – we are finalizing expenditures for the final funds received from COVID Funding.
- **Council Member Lopez** – apologized for not attending the last meeting, I attended a Funeral for Louie Vallejo, and he served our community as an officer for several years back in the 80's.
- **Council Member Sablan** – The COVID 19 Vaccine Carnival was very successful, & asked staff to contact or work with State officials on Code Enforcement matters in our mobile home/park facilities. The City Manager is working with our City Attorney to address the concern.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – spoke with the Police Chief on the Mobile home Code Enforcement concerns, the Chief contacted Fresno Co, & inquired how they are handling the situation, no one has replied, so staff will reach out them again.
- **Council Member Valdez** – I attended Falcon Day Event at West Hills College, it was a great event & it was an important event, to make available to local residents and encourage them to further the opportunities.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Summer time is coming and the volume of calls for fires & Vehicle accidents have doubled, there was a doubled fatality on Sunday, Father's Day. The walls will go up at the new Fire Station this week.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.