

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/08-16

**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: August 16, 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 Jessica Mejorado; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Bethany Matos, Associate Dean of West Hills College-North District Center; Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco's Office, Mathew Garcia, Hector Marin, Nicole Molina, Amanda Speakes & others.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

July 2021	General Warrants	#41330 - #41484	\$ 1,797,180.56
	Payroll Warrants	#71548 - #71565	\$ 133,499.52
	TOTAL		\$ 1,930,680.08

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF HELM CANAL & VALLE DEL SOL PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO GRAHAM CONTRACTORS, INC.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-32, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote. Valdez – Abstained.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE GREYSTONE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR & MATERIAL BOND FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-33, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE GREYSTONE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 3, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR & MATERIAL BOND FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-34, by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO CLOSE EXISTING CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS ENSURING CITY BANKING PROCESSES.**

Motion to approve of Res. No. 21-35, with amendment on name change of Mayor F. Valdez to Council Member M. Sablan, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

7. **FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO AND THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

Fresno County to receive 80% of tax sharing portion with City receiving 20% first year, every year after County is reduced by 10% & City will be increased by 10% until the City receives 100%.

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

8. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING ALLOCATION.**

City Manager recommends the following expenditures for the ARP Funding:

- 1) One-time Bonus - Stipends for City employees & six Volunteer Fire Departments. Est. \$2,000 to \$6,000 per employees at a \$2 rate for worked hours only.
- 2) SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment for the Fire Department. Est. cost \$80,000.
- 3) Backup generator for PD & Fire Department Building. Est. cost \$400,000.
- 4) AC unit at the New Police Dept. Est. cost \$200,000.
- 5) New water line for new development. Est. cost \$200,000.
- 6) Assistance for local Utility Residents for outstanding bills. Est. cost \$60,000.
- 7) Local Business Grants funds. Est. cost \$200,000.

Council Member Sablan recommended an additional \$500 to every employee that has been vaccinated, with a set deadline of October 31, 2021 to get the vaccine.

Informational Item only!

STAFF REPORTS

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Working with the auditors, will attend Jury Duty for possibly two weeks, but will make sure Ben gets everything he needs.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – I've received several Public Request Act of the past few weeks, and working on grants as well as other paperwork processing for different issues.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – about 200 kids participated in the PAL Soccer program, the season just finished, officer in charge did a great job. Will research info on in person meetings, & bring it results back. Crime is really low, Officers are doing a great job, and we're having more issues on speeding & DUI cases.
- **City Attorney, Jessica Mejorado** – nothing to report, just wanted to introduced myself.
- **Bethany Matos, Associate Dean of North District Center** – Fall Semester will begin today, August 16, 2021. Thursday, we will hold a resource fair, West Hills College President will be present, there is a program for vaccinated students, in which the will receive \$200 after November, once the submit their proof of vaccination. I have an open public policy, for anyone that would like to have a tour or discuss something with me.
- **Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco's Office** – Nice to see the annexation go through, excited to see the City of Firebaugh is leading in vaccinated residents, Fowler is the only city with a higher rate.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – the order of the tables & chairs were cancelled, the grant already closed, so we can use any of that funding to purchase from another company, it has to be from the company we listed in the grant. Have a meeting with Provost & Pritchard, and Habitat for Humanity regarding their project, the members of the Senate, Assembly and Congress are supportive of the project. Spoke with Paul Ashby, we haven't received any news on the Maldonado Park or Swimming Pool Grant. I guess, no letter of rejection is still good news. We have several grants going on, I'm working with Mr. Gamino & representatives from the Youth Empowerment Grant to discuss a five year lease of the senior center, we have a meeting set for Thursday.
- **Council Member Lopez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Perez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Thanked Rita for educating us that speakers no longer have to identify themselves.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.