

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/10-04

**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: October 4, 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
Council Member Elsa Lopez

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney James Sanchez; 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; Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco's Office, Linda Espinoza, Anthony Catalan, Linda DeFrancesco, Nicole Molina, Hector Marin, Silvia Renteria, Vero, Carmen, Sizemore & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Jenkins led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda with item # 5 to be discussed prior to Item #4 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on September 20, 2021.**

Motion to approve minutes with typo correction of allegoric to allergic by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. **RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH MANDATING EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER VACCINATIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THE WORKPLACE AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY.**

Motion failed, no motion made.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING USE OF EMERGENCY REMOTE TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-40 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 3-2 vote. Jenkins and Lopez – No.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Fire Chief John Borboa** - two days before the meeting Whitehurst Chapel honored the Firebaugh Fire Department for a 100 of service to the City of Firebaugh. On the vaccine mandated, 16 out of 24 of the fire department members are volunteers. Not all members are willing to get the vaccine, so the mandate will leave the department unable to service the community.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – the 12th of October will be a Night Out for PD.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Cardella Pavement Construction will be funded by the Pavement Management Program.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – The Fresno Fair will start on Oct. 6, 2021, Oct. 17th is the City of Firebaugh and Mendota “Day at the Races” event, please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide you with passes. We are planning on holding a special meeting Oct. 7, 2021, please email what time works best, so we have a quorum.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – nothing to report.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – nothing to report.
- **Mr. Mark Benjamin of Board of Supervisor Brain Pacheco’s Office** – I listened on the Las Deltas meeting last week, looks like Provost and Pritchard will be assisting, they’ve worked on other projects and are a good resource. COVID cases have gone up from what it was, but they should start to come down again, 65 cases in the last 35 days, which is down from the previous weeks.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Provost & Pritchard is a great company to work with for the Las Deltas project, the state did tell the Public that they are still going to be responsible for all of the repairs, it was a great meeting and the provided a lot info. The Carnival was a fun safe event, I want to thank the Police Dept., Staff, Fire Dept., and public, we received a lot of great compliments. Paul Maurer stated that you will be moving the carnival to September for all future events, if the City is unwilling to change our date, we will have to look for some other company to provide the carnival. Working with Caltrans on several projects, the Beautification, street light, bike lanes, and crosswalks, it was a great meeting, they were asking for our input. The Mayor & I attended the League of Cities Conference, we learned the importance of communication between the City Manager position and the Council Members, which is very helpful. There were some great speakers, preconstruction for Cardella Rehab will be held.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Not much, since everything I suggested gets shot down.
- **Council Member Perez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Carnival was a great event.

➤ **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.

➤ **Council Member Valdez** – learned a lot of great thing at the League of Cities Conference, & it was a very safe event. The things that we do as council members are not easy, but we have to check are egos at the door to do what is best for the community.

❖ ***Motion to enter closed session at 6:32 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.***

CLOSED SESSION

4. **Government Code Section 54957(b).**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Attorney.

5. **Government Code Section 54957.6.**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED & UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos

Employee Organizations: Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions

❖ ***Motion to enter open session at 8:20 pm by Consensus of the Council, motion passed by 5-0 vote.***

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.