

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 21/12-20

**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: December 20, 2021/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Valdez at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Felipe Pérez
Council Member Elsa Lopez

ABSENT: Mayor Freddy Valdez

OTHERS: City Attorney James Sanchez; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; City Planner, Karl Schoettler; Michael Sigala, Oscar Sablan, Randy Hatch, Hector Marin, Thom Black, Anthony, Maurine's, Wesley Smith of RSG, Joseph of Mid-Valley, Melissa Knight, & 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 Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT *None*

PRESENTATION:

- ❖ Michael Sigala of Sigala Inc. – Accessory Dwelling Unit Program (ADU) Downtown Mixed-Use Concept

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL.

- A. Mayor *New Mayor Jenkins*
- B. Mayor Pro Temp *New Mayor Pro Temp Felipe Perez*

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on December 6, 2021.

3. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting November 1 and ending on November 30, 2021.**

November 2021	General Warrants	#42047 - #42186	\$ 1,104,696.90
	Payroll Warrants	#71622 - #71648	\$ 188,730.78
	TOTAL		\$ 1,293,427.68

4. **CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

5. **CITY OF FIREBAUGH 2022 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REPEALING SECTIONS 9-1.1, 9-1.2, 9-1.3, AND 9-1.4 OF CHAPTER 9 [TRAILERS AND TRAILER PARKS] OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, REPLACING THE HEADING OF CHAPTER 9 WITH THE TITLE “MOBILE HOME PARKS ACT”, AND ADDING SECTIONS 9-1.1 THROUGH 9-1.11 RELATING TO THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF ENFORCING THE MOBILE HOME PARKS ACT AND SPECIAL OCCUPANCY PARKS ACT OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE – SECOND READING.**

Opening hearing at 6:50 pm – City Staff is not able to take on the full responsibilities and duties, since the city only has a part-time code enforcement department. Fresno County was contacted and asked by the city to provide services for the duties and responsibilities as a City consultant or agreement. Fresno County suggested reapproaching them in six-months, since they are just implementing ordinance for Fresno. The city will be responsible for collecting fees during the code enforcement process but most of the fees will still be forwarded to the State, so only a small portion will be kept by the city & it will not cover all operational expenses. Residents in the mobile parks are concerned they may be relocated or displaced. Oscar Sablan added no one wants to displace the residents but we don't want to lose anyone to a fire or structure issue because it's not safe to live in some of them. City Manager suggested notifying the State of any complaints or safety issues in the meantime. Council requested staff have a meeting with the managers of the park facilities to start addressing any safety concerns.– Close hearing at 7:00 pm

Motion to table item for two months by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADDING SECTIONS 13-2.20 of CHAPTER 13 AND SECTIONS 25-24 AND 25-21.9.1 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – SECOND READING.**

Opening hearing at 7:06 pm – no comment given – Close hearing at 7:06 pm

Motion to approve Ord. No. 21-06 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 21-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND ELEMENT 7, LLC – FIRST READING.**

Opening hearing at 7:12 pm – no comment given – Close hearing at 7:13 pm

Motion to waive the first reading of Ord. No. 21-07 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-45 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES WITH LOZANO SMITH AS CITY ATTORNEY(S) & AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-45 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

- ❖ *Motion to move into Successor Agency by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS:

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-46 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH RSG, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-23.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-46 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FIREBAUGH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 21-47 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

12. **HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY SENATE BILL 341 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21.**

Information item only

- ❖ *Motion to move into City Business by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Officers will have a toy & food drive, also jacket will be given if needed at the High School parking lot due to the rain this weekend.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – The school district would like to hold a joint meeting with city council, so please provide available dates in February for the joint meeting.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – we'll be trying a new texting service, individuals will be able submit services request, report issues, and receive a response regarding city services. The program is a two-year pilot program, staff will promote so the public is aware of it, after the two years, if there isn't enough response, we will not continue it, program will start on January 10, 2022.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – nothing to report.

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – the city didn't get awarded for the Maldonado Park or the Aquatic Center, so we will continue to apply. The equipment at the community center isn't properly working so service is scheduled for next Tuesday to try to resolve the issue, once it is operating correctly, the meeting will be held via WebEx, not Zoom . Ceasar Sierras is our new employee, he's worked with city before. Application for the CDBG Funds for local business is simple, Workforce Connection will assist us the grant. Working with the school on the food distribution.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – nothing to report
- **Council Member Lopez** – nothing to report
- **Council Member Sablan** – nothing to report
- **Council Member Perez** - nothing to report.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Parade was a success.
- **Council Member Valdez** – “the Police Chief, Officer b. Ortiz and I attended the breakfast at the prison in Mendota & we discussed the opportunity for some training.”

❖ *Motion to enter closed session@ 7:51 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

13. **Government Code Section 54957**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager.

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Attorney.

❖ *Motion to enter open session @ 8:52 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

City Manager received a positive evaluation, a contract will be prepared for an extension and placed on a future agenda for Council's approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passes by a 5-0 vote.