

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 22/07-18

**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: July 18, 2022/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Mayor Brady Jenkins
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Pérez

OTHERS: City Attorney James McCann; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance Director, Pio Martin Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Acct. Tech II, Olga Flores; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia; Gouveia Engineering; Michael Molina, Rayan Gonzalez, Matthew Garcia, Ramon Guerra, Danny Barragan, Terrie Barragan, Morgan Martinez, Nicole Molina, Nicholas Molina, Linda Espinoza, Wanda Breshears, & others.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny and Terrie Barragan asked if the community could help with watering and/or food for the dog pound, or if the city need any help with supplies for the dog pound or needed help with volunteers to clean or provide other services. They also inquired if the city has a budget for the pound. City Manager replied, "Yes, there is budget, we try to have the dogs adopted out & they're provided with an ac unit, water & food, but we do accept donations, we could use collars, blankets for the winter. Any injured dogs are taken to the vet. The city can provide a list of items and food for donations."

PRESENTATION

- WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT was unable to present awards to students since the student were unavailable to attend the meeting. **Item tabled.**
- Officer Jason Perez-Lopez & Public Works Director Michael Molina were sworn-in by Mayor Jenkins.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting June 1 and ending on June 30, 2022.

June 2022	General Warrants	#42880 - #43004	\$ 916,569.58
	Payroll Warrants	#71793 - #71823	\$ 251,031.76
	TOTAL		\$ 1,167,601.34

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING USE OF EMERGENCY REMOTE TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS.**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **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.**

City Manager spoke with Fresno County, they're having difficulty enforcing in Fresno, therefore; the city would need a fulltime code enforcement and one clerk to help with the clerical paperwork. Chief Raygoza said with the current code violations, some structures maybe condemned, and individuals may be displaced. Mr. Guerra asked who owns the trailer parks on "N" St. Staff replied they are owned by private owners. Police Chief reported concerns to the state about trailer park issues but hasn't received a response. Councilmember Valdez stated, "Looks like the city is unable to staff this issue at this time." Councilmember Sablan added, "Any of code enforcement the city can do would be better than doing nothing, and we should ask owners to do some of the repairs." Finance Director added, "Any money collected by the city would have to be reported & a portion would be sent to the state."

Motion to table Ord. No. 21-04 until January 2023 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-34 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDED TO THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – A COPY OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABLE PLAN IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: <http://www.sjrecwa.net/sgma/gsp>**

Motion to approve Res. No. 22-34 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RIVER CLEANUP & OWNERSHIP OR CITY LIMITS OF THE RIVERBANK – UPDATE.**

City Manager reported the city is not allowed to do cleanup called the State and waiting for their response, he will look up the regulation and the requirements regarding the habitat regulations from Fish & Game.

6. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS PAINTING OF THE CURBS IN FRONT OF FIREBAUGH LAS-DELTAS SCHOOLS.**

Mayor Brady Jenkins spoke the Police Chief Raygoza and reached a resolution.

7. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DUNKLE PARK RESTROOMS AND SNACK BAR – UPDATE.**

It was suggested that a public announcement be made on utility bills for public to help keep the restrooms clean & recommended to post a cleaning schedule so public knows. Snack bar recommendation to start a deposit and rental fee for accountability purposes to recover & help maintain damages. Have public works look into fixing the snack bar.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – 14th Street Rehab is completed and came out very good.
- **Fire Chief John Borboa** – 4th of July was a busy day, the received 12 calls, 4 fires with three of the fires related to fireworks. Confiscated illegal fireworks & requested setting fine for illegal fireworks and holding the property owners responsible.
- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – congratulations to Michael as the Public Works Director, comparing number from the first 6 months are the same as current stats. Vandalism and graffiti crimes are up, mostly from the Housing Authority; however, Firebaugh is still one the safest communities in Fresno County.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – closing year-end reports, working on the audit and will begin working on a new water study.
- **Public Works Director, Michael Molina** – Thanks for the opportunity, looking forward to keeping everything safe & nice in our community.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – park restrooms are up, and running & the restroom placement was based on the water, sewer, & electric at the location. Working on projects with Michael and city hall door replacement will be starting soon. History was made by hiring the first female public works maintenance worker, and her work has been very impressive. Working with EDC on projects for potential new businesses and creating new jobs. The New York Times has reached out to us about the levees and the flooding. Ben & Pio will be attending a cannabis convention for further our education.
- **Council Member Lopez** - Congratulations to Michael, and proud moment for us and Sherry.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Nothing to report.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Congratulation to our new employees.
- **City Attorney, James McCann** – studying bi-annual conflict of interest and will be bring any recommendations, if needed.
- **Council Member Brady Jenkins** – wished Michael the best of luck. Attended Measure C, voted in favor to place on the ballot and if it passes the city will get additional funding for roads. From 2006 to current year, how much funding did the city receive and where was it used.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez, motion passes by a 4-0 vote.