

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 7, 2010**

***ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict action taken for agenda items presented to the City Council. For greater detail of this meeting refer to the electronic media (CD and/or audio) kept as a permanent record.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jones called the City Council / Redevelopment Agency Meeting to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Police Chief Brizzee led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**PRESENT:** Joe Sousa, Mike Villalta, Tommy Jones; **ABSENT:** Tom Faria, Elizabeth Stone

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Vaughn, City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mallonee, City Treasurer/Accountant II Brazil, City Manager Rath, Fire Chief Guintini, Police Chief Brizzee, Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin, Planning Director Fitzgerald, and Information Technology Director Spalding.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Sousa, seconded by Villalta to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council / Redevelopment Agency Members present, Faria and Stone absent.

**PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO A FIVE (5) MINUTE PRESENTATION. DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE POSTED ON THE COUNCIL CHAMBER INFORMATIONAL TABLE.**

RHONDA LOWE, Los Banos, newly elected Los Banos Chamber of Commerce President, spoke regarding what she plans to do this year as Chamber President and spoke to what the purpose of the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce is, and thanked the City Council for their support in the past and hopes to continue our partnership; KEITH SNOW, Los Banos, spoke regarding his notice in the newspaper, the area he wants to work on is the kids, how he wants to be Mayor of Los Banos and what he will do to change the City, he is a member of the City Sign Committee and attended the last meeting, how the City spends too much money, how he attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the fairgrounds, we need more fire fighters and more police officers, and how he wants to volunteer for the City. No one else came forward and the public forum was closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.** Motion by Sousa, seconded by Villalta to approve the consent agenda as follows: Check Register for #122606 - #123004 in the Amount of \$4,206,981.22; Public Works Capital Project Report

for July 2010; City of Los Banos and Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) Agreement for School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011; City Council Resolution No. 5252 – Approving the Purchase of a Home Located at 427 Somerset Avenue with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funding; City Council Resolution No. 5253 – Approving the Purchase of a Home Located at 2238 San Luis Street with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funding; City Council Resolution No. 5254 – Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Assessments for Weed Abatement within the City of Los Banos; City Council Resolution No. 5255 – Fixing the Public Employer’s Contribution Under the Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA). The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council / Redevelopment Agency Members present, Faria and Stone absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICTS 1-7 AND 9-19; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5256 – CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS NO. 1-7 AND 9-19 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.** Mayor Jones stated that this item is being continued to the August 4, 2010.

Public Works/City Engineer Fachin presented the staff report.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. KEITH SNOW, Los Banos, stated that he spoke to Mr. Fachin earlier today and feels that this is too much money for landscaping, the City needs to hire more workers to do our work, less consultants, how the City is spending a lot of money and not watching how they spend money, how if he does get elected mayor he would drop the contract for landscaping so we have money in the city, how the City shouldn’t hide nothing and to watch what you do before you make a choice.

Motion by Villalta, seconded by Sousa to continue this public hearing item to the August 4, 2010 Meeting, The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council / Redevelopment Agency Members present, Faria and Stone absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE MERCED COUNTY MILLIKEN MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ONE (1) VACANCY.** Motion by Jones, seconded by Sousa to recommend appointment of Jessie Stoddard to the Milliken Museum Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council / Redevelopment Agency Members present, Faria and Stone absent.

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UPDATE.** No report

**ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES (No Report).**

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.** No report

**CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBER REPORTS.**

**MIKE VILLALTA:** Congratulated Rhonda Lowe on being the newest Los Banos Chamber of Commerce President, he spoke to how fantastic the fireworks display was with a number of people in and around the fairgrounds, it was a fun and safe show provided by the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce and the Patriots Club, and encouraged all to tell the Chamber members and Patriots Club members thank you for the show.

**TOM FARIA:** Absent

**JOE SOUSA:** Wished a happy birthday to Ron Ingram and would appreciate it if anybody who knows Ron to send him a birthday card and wish him well, on a much sadder note he sent out his condolences Steven Menefee's family on his recent passing, congratulated Rhonda Lowe on becoming Chamber of Commerce President how he knows she will do a great job, he spoke of being out of town on family matters and apologizes for not getting back to those who contacted him sooner, and the calls he has received complimenting the City on the sidewalk work being done on I Street and thanked the Public Works Department for the great job they do.

**ELIZABETH STONE:** Absent

**MAYOR TOMMY JONES:** Spoke regarding how great the fireworks were and thanked the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce, praying for the Menefee Family, spoke to the great job City Manager Rath is doing and the many phone calls he has received from other city managers and mayors on how we are able to keep the city afloat and thanked the City Manager for doing a great job.

Council Member Sousa spoke to an emails he received regarding the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program and how we were able to spend all of funds and have been contacted by other agencies to find out how we were so successful with the program and commended the Redevelopment Agency staff for the great job they did, and thanked Habitat for Humanity for all they have done in the community.

Mayor Jones stated how extremely happy he was to take a tour of the Los Banos Community Center with a few kids and how excited they were to see it and how it is really looking beautiful.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Tommy Jones  
Tommy Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lucille L. Mallonee  
Lucille L. Mallonee, City Clerk