

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 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: Tom Faria, Joe Sousa, Elizabeth Stone Mike Villalta, Tommy Jones; **ABSENT:** None.

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, Redevelopment Director Post, and Information Technology Director Spalding.

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

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.

JESSE GARCIA, Morgan Hill, spoke on behalf of all veterans regarding veterans parades throughout the area, inquired as to why Los Banos does not have any parades in honor of the veterans, offered his assistance, and encouraged the City Council to have a Veterans Parade in November; JOHN WHALA, Los Banos, spoke regarding the Second Annual Wine Stroll being held on August 6, 2010 with local merchants and the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce participating in the event; NED RYAN, Los Banos and President of Habitat for Humanity Westside Merced County, gave an update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program that they are participating in with the City of Los Banos and thanked the Redevelopment Department and the City Council for giving them the opportunity; RHONDA LOWE, Los Banos, spoke on behalf of Merced County Community Action Agency Meals on Wheels program for homebound seniors throughout Merced County, an opportunity to donate while dining out during the month of September, spoke as the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce President and encouraged local citizens to participate in services and activities; GREG HOSTETLER, Los Banos, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak tonight, spoke of it being a real positive

thing to hire locally, the City heading in a great direction, acknowledged the work Habitat for Humanity is doing in the community, concerns for using out of town contractors and consultants, high unemployment, job creation being essential for the health of the community, and having additional ideas for creating and maintaining more jobs in our community; KEITH SNOW, Los Banos, spoke regarding his concerns with City contractors, working with merchants, how he is not a liar and wants to be Mayor, wants to create jobs, is a man of his word, will be the best public servant, creating activities for children, how the recall election efforts should have been done correctly, and how the kids are our future. No one else came forward to speak 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 #123005 - #123168 in the Amount of \$1,328,721.29; City Council / Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2010, April 7, 2010, April 21, 2010; City Council Resolution No. 5257 – Approving the Acceptance of a \$35,000 Grant Awarded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Relating to the Enforcement of Alcohol Related Crimes Through the ABC Grant and Amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget by Increasing the Appropriation Amount of the State Grant Revenue Fund Account for Revenues in the Amount of \$35,000. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council / Redevelopment Agency Members present.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UPDATE. Redevelopment Agency Director Post spoke of working busily for the completion of the Los Banos Community Center, giving many tours, the opening of the center for recreational activities on September 1, 2010, the first event being held by the NAACP for the annual Freedom Fund Banquet on August 7, 2010, the Grand Opening of the center to be held on September 17, 2010, encouraged all who would like to see the Community Center to contact the Redevelopment Agency, thanked Mr. Ned Ryan for speaking about what Habitat for Humanity is doing with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds, spoke regarding what the City has been doing with the NSP funds, the Incubator Project, First Time Homebuyer Program, and the Small Business Loan Program.

ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES (Two Reports). Planning Director Fitzgerald reported that there would be two public hearings held at the Planning Commission Meeting on July 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a vendors permit to allow the operation of a mobile taco truck to vend on private property at 531 Mercey Springs Road in the General Commercial Zoning District, applicant: Leonardo Oliva dba: El Grullense, Jal. and to consider recommendations from the Sign Committee regarding Article 28 and consider recommending approval of a comprehensive Zoning Map update to the Los Banos City Council.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT. City Manager Rath thanked Mr. Ned Ryan and Habitat for Humanity for all they have done for the community of Los Banos, spoke regarding the staffing and management of the Building Department, hiring local contractors and how the City hires and uses many local businesses, the general bidding process for larger projects, and a 5% differential going to the local bidder.

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TOM FARIA: Spoke of how great it is to see the City and Habitat for Humanity working together to get people into homes and thanked everyone for the kind words regarding his 25th wedding anniversary.

JOE SOUSA: Spoke regarding the blood drive being held on July 28, 2010 at In Shape City and encouraged all to participate, the Los Banos High School Band Foundation selling tri-tip dinner tickets for an August 27, 2010 fundraiser for their competitions, thanked Mr. Ned Ryan and Habitat for Humanity for the work they do, thanked the Redevelopment Agency for making it all happen, having visited the Community Center this week and his amazement of the value in the building, commended the Public Works Department and Redevelopment Agency staff for the great job they are doing, and looking forward to the grand opening.

ELIZABETH STONE: Thanked Mr. Ned Ryan and Habitat for Humanity for all they are doing with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, spoke regarding the March of Dimes event being held on September 11, 2010, and encouraged all to participate and donate.

MIKE VILLALTA: Requested Mr. Ned Ryan to bring those who are working on the Habitat for Humanity homes to a City Council Meeting so that they can be recognized for the work they are doing, asked Ms. Rhonda Lowe how senior citizens can contact her to get their name on the Meals on Wheels list, offered his assistance and support to Mr. Garcia who spoke at the public forum about having a veterans parade in Los Banos, and hopes for the wine stroll to be a success again this year.

MAYOR TOMMY JONES: Thanked Ned Ryan and Habitat for Humanity for all they do for the community, spoke regarding the NAACP Dinner on August 6, 2010 being the first event at the Community Center and how everyone around town is so excited about the Community Center, the Wine Stroll event downtown also on August 6, 2010, requested the Police Chief to give an update on gang prevention at the next meeting, the need to continue to work on the graffiti problem, an idea to get a complete map of the City and get service clubs and churches to adopt a portion of the City and keep the graffiti clean and out of the area, the possibility of getting cameras in strategic areas and set examples to show that the City is not going to put up with the graffiti.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by the affirmative action of all City Council/Redevelopment Agency Members present.

APPROVED:

/s/ Tommy Jones
Tommy Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

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