

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2020**

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

***SPECIAL NOTE:** This meeting was held by teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9: ONE POTENTIAL CASE. *This closed session item was held prior to the City Council Meeting at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Villalta asked the City Clerk if she had received any comments by email, for which City Clerk Mallonee stated she had not. Mayor Villalta stated that no reportable action was taken during this closed session item.*

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Villalta called the City Council Meeting to order at the hour of 5:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Police Commander Reyna led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: *Participating by teleconference:* Council Members Tom Faria, Daronica Johnson-Santos, Brett Jones, Deborah Lewis, Mayor Michael Villalta.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: *Participating by teleconference:* City Manager Terrazas, City Attorney Vaughn, Police Commander Reyna, Fire Chief Hurley, Community & Economic Development Director Elms; *Present in the Council Chambers:* City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mallonee, Finance Director Williams.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Faria, seconded by Johnson-Santos to approve the City Council Meeting agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Faria, Johnson-Santos, Jones, Lewis, Villalta; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS 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. Mayor Villalta asked the City Clerk if she had received any comments by email, for which City Clerk Mallonee stated she had not and the public forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Lewis, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda as follows: Check Register for #220949 - #221169 in the Amount of \$1,096,636.52; Minutes for the March 13, 2020 Adjourned City Council Meeting; Minutes for the March 18, 2020 City Council Meeting; City Council Resolution No. 6191 – Approving the Public Safety Dispatcher / Community Services Officer Recruitment Incentive Pilot Program and a Revised Budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year as it Pertains to Measure H Funds Associated with the Program; City Council Resolution No. 6192 – Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of One (1) New 2020/2021 Full-Size Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV); Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Issue the Purchase Order to Santos Ford in the Amount of \$42,099; City Council Resolution No. 6193 – Approving the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Proposed Project List for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; City Council Resolution No. 6194 – Accepting the “Congestion Mitigation Air Quality – Construction Infill Sidewalk Improvements” Federal-Aid Project No. CML-5160(027) as Complete and Authorizing the Filing of a Notice of Completion with the Merced County Recorder; City Council Resolution No. 6195 – Approving and Adopting Final Tract Map No. 2015-01 Southpointe at Regency Park Phase 1 and Accompanying Subdivision Improvement Agreement (Stonefield Home Inc.); City Council Resolution No. 6196 – Approving and Adopting Final Tract Map No. 2015-01 Southpointe at Regency Park Phase 2 and Accompanying Subdivision Improvement Agreement (Stonefield Home Inc.); City Council Resolution No. 6197 – Approving and Adopting Final Tract Map No. 2015-01 Southpointe at Regency Park Phase 3 and Accompanying Subdivision Improvement Agreement (Stonefield Home Inc.); Ordinance No. 1181 – Adding Article 46 to Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Los Banos Municipal Code Relating to Reasonable Accommodation; Ordinance No. 1182 – Amending Title 9 Chapter 3 of the Los Banos Municipal Code Regarding Emergency Shelters, Supportive and Transitional Housing and Single Room Occupancy Units. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Johnson-Santos, Jones, Lewis, Villalta; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES (No Report).

CITY MANAGER REPORT – COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE. City Manager Terrazas stated that the City has been highly engaged in the City’s COVID-19 Response Plan and that the City has declared a local emergency. He further spoke to the City’s Emergency Operations Center and how it is being led by Fire Chief Hurley and Police Chief Brizzee. The team meets on a daily basis and is engaged with County and community stakeholders. City Manager Terrazas spoke to the current hospital operations, the continued closure of City facilities including parks to maintain consistency with the governor’s orders, and how information is being pushed out to the public via social media posts. There have been informational banners and billboards placed around the City to encourage the community to stay home. Staff is spending a significant amount of time and effort to do the best they can for the community.

REPORT/UPDATE ON MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (MCAG) AND MEASURE V COMMITTEE. Mayor Villalta stated that last week the California Department of Transportation approved the STIP funding and the language as establishing Pioneer Road as the next project. He will be contacting Merced County Board of Supervisor Scott Silveira on this topic

TOM FARIA: Council Member Faria encouraged all to stay home and stay safe.

DEBORAH LEWIS: Council Member Lewis thanked the medical staff not just in Los Banos, but in the entire United States as they are working tireless hours to save lives. She thanked the essential food businesses that are still open to provide takeout meals for people and local retailers that provide the hours that are set aside for our seniors. The City needs to work with local businesses who use shopping carts to make sure they are cleaned. She inquired about the possibility of quickly moving an ordinance forward requiring the washing of carts for which City Attorney Vaughn stated that the Council should be cautious about what it speaks of during this portion of the agenda but that this request may be invoked as a part of the emergency proclamation. She reminded all to be safe and mindful of the social distancing/sheltering in place order.

DARONICA JOHNSON-SANTOS: Council Member Johnson-Santos acknowledged our health care workers for the great work they are doing and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

BRETT JONES: No report

MAYOR MICHAEL VILLALTA: Mayor Villalta spoke to the shelter in place order and how people should only go out when necessary. He thanked the staff for all their hard work and further spoke to how we are very fortunate to have the hospital staff. They are preparing as best they can but nothing they do will be enough if we do not shelter in place.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael Villalta
Michael Villalta, Mayor

ATTEST:

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