

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 6, 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.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Villalta called the City Council Meeting to order at the hour of 4:06 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Police Chief Brizzee 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 Chief Brizzee, 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 received three (3) comments by email regarding Agenda Item 7 – COVID-19 Status Update. No other comments were received or read into the record and the public forum was closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.** Motion by Lewis, seconded by Johnson-Santos to approve the consent agenda as follows: Check Register for #221317 – #221978 in the Amount of \$1,808,813.09; Third Quarter Investment Report for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year; Minutes for the April 15, 2020 City Council Meeting; Request to Advertise Vacancy for the City of Los Banos' Representative on the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee, Appointment of

Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to Sit on the Committee to Review, Interview and Recommend Appointment to the City Council at the June 6, 2020 City Council Meeting; City Council Resolution No. 6205 – Approving a Side Letter/Memorandum of Understanding Contract Extension through September 30, 2020 by and between the City of Los Banos and the Los Banos Fire Fighters Association; City Council Resolution No. 6206 – Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with J.B. Anderson Land Use Planning for Presidential Estates East Project and Budget Amendment to Increase Expenditures in the Amount of \$16,754.70 in Association with the Project; City Council Resolution No. 6207 – Amending the Fiscal Year Budget by Increasing Revenues in the Amount of \$458,000 and Expenditures in the Amount of \$292,000 as it Pertains to the Building Department Budget; City Council Resolution No. 6208 – Accepting Grant Deeds for a Parcel Dedication of Approximately 362 Square Feet Along with a 5 Foot Wall Easement Dedication and a Parcel Abandonment of Approximately 24 Square Feet Along with a 5 Foot Wall Easement Abandonment at the Southwest Corner of Cardoza Road and Barley Lane and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Associated Documents in Connection with Tract No. 2017-01 Villages VII, Phase 1, Unit 2 (Anderson Homes, Inc.). The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Johnson-Santos, Jones, Lewis, Villalta; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

**COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE.** Dr. Yu from Memorial Hospital Los Banos spoke regarding the COVID-19 situation in Los Banos and Merced County as a whole, which included a Powerpoint presentation.

City Manager Terrazas spoke in more detail about the Governor's plan and steps towards the slow re-opening of the economy. Certain types of businesses that could provide curb-side services would be eligible for reopening while other types of businesses will need to remain closed. City staff is waiting for clarification on these allowances.

A COVID-19 testing site available to all residents was opened at the Merced County Fairgrounds. Currently, this testing site does not offer antibody testing. Testing is done by appointment only.

City Clerk Mallonee read three (3) letters into the public record from: Phil McMurray wrote in opposition to the restrictions put in place by the City of Los Banos related to Covid-19 encouraging the City Council to open up the City again; Mark Vierra wrote in in opposition to the restriction put in place in the City of Los Banos; Jennifer Correia & Graciano Rubio spoke regarding their business, CrossFit ValleyView, and the business protocols they have created so that they are able to open up as soon as allowed.

**SHORT TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES SURROUNDING COVID-19.** Finance Director Williams presented the staff report, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Community & Economic Development Director Elms spoke regarding a four-point economic recovery plan created with assistance from Chabin Concepts, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

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

**CITY MANAGER REPORT.** No report

**REPORT/UPDATE ON MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (MCAG) AND MEASURE V COMMITTEE.** Mayor Villalta stated that Pioneer Trail project is continuing to move forward. Staff is working on a project study review and a contract will be presented for Council's approval at a later date. The expansion of the Billy Wright land fill is still in discussion. CalTrans continues to work on the synchronization of the stoplights on Highway 152 to aid in traffic concerns through Los Banos.

**BRETT JONES:** No report.

**DEBORAH LEWIS:** No report.

**TOM FARIA:** No report.

**DARONICA JOHNSON-SANTOS:** No report.

**MAYOR MICHAEL VILLALTA:** Mayor Villalta stated that Americans are unique in every way and this weekend proved the point. There was no May Day Fair this past week, but the City was able to bring May Day fair food to town so the community could still enjoy. Those proceeds was raised in order to help nonprofit organizations.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael Villalta  
Michael Villalta, Mayor

ATTEST:

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