

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Cates called the Planning Commission Meeting to order at the hour of 4:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Uhley.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT: Planning Commission Members John Cates, Thomas Higby III, and Katherine Uhley were present remotely via the GoToMeeting web based application; Rob Robinson and Susan Toscano absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Community & Economic Development Director Stacy Elms, Planning Commission Secretary Sandra Benetti, and Associate Planner Rudy Luquin were present remotely via the GoToMeeting web based application.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion by Uhley, seconded by Higby to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Planning Commissioners present; Robinson and Toscano absent.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ACTION MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2020. Motion by Uhley, seconded by Higby to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all Planning Commissioners present; Robinson and Toscano absent.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE PLANNING COMMISSION 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.

Chairperson Cates opened the public forum. Secretary Benetti confirmed that no public comments were received, and Chairperson Cates closed the public forum.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PERMIT #2020-03 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING VEHICLE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR YOHANNA ACOSTA DBA

BOTANAS EL CACHANILLA LOCATED WITHIN THE HIGHWAY-COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AT 330 W. PACHECO BLVD., MORE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 027-152-040. Associate Planner Luquin presented the staff report, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Chairperson Cates recessed the meeting at the hour of 4:18 p.m. for five minutes to receive public comment via email.

The meeting resumed at 4:24 p.m.

Chairperson Cates opened the public hearing.

Secretary Benetti confirmed that no public comments were received for this public hearing item.

Chairperson Cates closed the public hearing.

Motion by Higby, seconded by Uhley to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-17 – Approving a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Section 15311, Accessory Structures, and Approving Mobile Food Vendor Permit #2020-03 for the Operation of a Mobile Food Vending Unit to Vend on Private Property Located at 330 W. Pacheco Blvd., More Specifically Identified as Assessor's Parcel Number: 027-152-040. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Cates, Higby, Uhley; NOES: none; ABSENT: Robinson and Toscano.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT.

Community & Economic Development Director Elms congratulated Chairperson Cates on adding a new baby to his family, spoke of how the City just approved Temporary Outdoor Dining process at the last City Council meeting so restaurants can expand their seating capacity which have been limited due to COVID restrictions set by the state, staff just received notification from the California Department of Housing & Community Development that our CDBG NOFA grant contract has been issued to help with Code Enforcement services, how there are new exciting things happening in our community including a drive-in movie theater at the fairgrounds, how folks are able to be resourceful and think outside of the box, and staff will be applying for grant funding for business assistance as the City is eligible for about \$157,000 to provide assistance to those businesses who have been impacted by the pandemic.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS.

CATES: Spoke of how his eldest daughter just delivered his first grandchild yesterday whom they named Steven, how his daughter and the new baby are doing well and it has been a crazy and surreal experience to become a grandfather, thanked staff for their work, and inquired if there are any plans to go back to meeting in person.

Community & Economic Development Director Elms responded that staff doesn't have a way to live stream the meetings and social distancing makes it very difficult, how

GoToMeeting has been more efficient for us in regards to presentations, how she is hoping to get back into meeting in the Council Chambers soon although staff has not been given a date yet, how we'll probably have to continue this way until the Governor extends meeting limits to greater than 10 people, and thanked everyone for their patience as this has been a challenge for all of us.

HIGBY: No report.

ROBINSON: Absent.

TOSCANO: Absent.

UHLEY: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ John Cates

John Cates, Planning Commission Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Sandra Benetti

Sandra Benetti, Planning Technician