

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

***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 Pro Tem Faria called the City Council Meeting to order at the hour of 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Police Chief Brizzee.

**ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:** Council Members Tom Faria, Deborah Lewis, Scott Silveira, Elizabeth Stonegrove; Absent: Mayor Michael Villalta

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Vaughn, City Manager Carrigan, City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mallonee, City Treasurer/Accountant I Brazil, Police Chief Brizzee, Fire Chief Marrison, Finance Director Williams, Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin, Information Technology Director Spalding, Assistant Planner II Elms.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Silveira, seconded by Lewis to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council Members present, Villalta absent.

**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 COUNCIL; 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.)** CASSANDRA HELMRICK, Los Banos, stated how happy she is that the new junior high school got passed, spoke regarding the Rotary Crab Fee being held on March 7, 2015 and the VFW Prayer Meeting on February 23, 2015; ERIK LIMON, Allied Waste, Annual Spring Cleanup being held on March 28, 2015; ERNIE ROQUE, Los Banos, announced that on February 21, 2015 there will be a basketball free throw contest for boys and girls sponsored by Knights of Columbus encouraging all to attend; MARK BODLEY, Los Banos, Merced County Mosquito Abatement Member and spoke regarding the annual report that he submitted by letter to the City Council. No one else came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.** Motion by Lewis, seconded by Stonegrove to approve the consent agenda as amended: Check Register for #151561 – #151873 in the Amount of \$1,296,525.51; Minutes for the February 4, 2015 City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council Members present, Villalta absent.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) GRANT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.** Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin presented the staff report, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Informational item only, no action taken.

The City Council took a short recess to go out and inspect the CMAQ vehicles parked out front of City Hall.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CITY OF LOS BANOS HOUSING ELEMENT.** Assistant Planner II Elms, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Mark Niskanen & John Anderson, consultants with JB Anderson, spoke in more detail regarding the services they as they go through the process of preparing the City of Los Banos' 2014-2023 Housing Element.

There was Council Member and staff discussion regarding the timeline for completion and submittal, if it is possible for a perfect housing element to be submitted, and what the 2,473 number of homes actually mean.

Informational item only, no action taken.

**ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES. (ONE REPORT)** Assistant Planner II Elms stated that there will be a public hearing at the February 25, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting to consider a Cottage Food Operation at the residence of 1656 Hemlock Drive for Chris Barreras, APN 431-103-010.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT.** City Manager Carrigan reported that the homeless count was taken and the numbers are up in some areas and down in others, how the Continuum of Care is doing a really good job of counting the homeless; he spoke regarding how the auditors were here a few weeks ago and the City was given a good audit report and he forgot to thank the Finance Staff (Sonya Williams, Kim Tomas, Rosemarie Souto and Martha Brazil) for the great job they do.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

**TOM FARIA:** Spoke regarding the upcoming VFW meeting, Knights of Columbus free throw contest, and hope all had a wonderful Valentine's Day and Presidents Day.

**DEBORAH LEWIS:** Spoke regarding how City staff and Council Members are working with Code Enforcement to continue to raise our quality of life in Los Banos and enhancing our downtown area, thanking City Manager Carrigan and city staff for their efforts.

**SCOTT SILVEIRA:** Spoke regarding the upcoming Spring Clean Up Day being held on March 28, 2015 and how it is a pleasure to work with Erik Limon of Allied Waste and how he has heard nothing but great things about the service he provides on behalf of Allied Waste and the City of Los Banos; how the water situation we are dealing with is getting very interesting, the State Water Resource Board is making decisions that affects lives, farms, families, communities, and encouraged all to get involved and let the elected officials know that we need help with the water situation, noting that Los Banos is a very big agriculture community that relies on water.

**ELIZABETH STONEGROVE:** Nothing further for this evening.

**MAYOR MICHAEL VILLALTA:** Absent

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 8:08 PM.

APPROVED:

/s/ Tom Faria  
Tom Faria, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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