

CITY OF LOS BANOS
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2021

***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.*

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Faria called the City Council Meeting to order at the hour of 4:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Lambert.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Brett Jones, Ken Lambert, Deborah Lewis, Mayor Tom Faria; Absent: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mallonee, City Manager Terrazas, Finance Director Williams, City Attorney Vaughn

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Lewis, seconded by Lambert to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative action of all City Council Members present. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Jones, Lambert, Lewis, Mayor Faria; 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 Faria opened the public forum. City Clerk Mallonee stated that no public comment was received by email, therefore the public forum was closed.

CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 2 VACANCY AND MAKE A SELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 6307 – APPROVING AN APPOINTEE TO THE LOS BANOS CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE THE REMAINING TERM OF THE DISTRICT 2 SEAT ON THE LOS BANOS CITY COUNCIL. City Attorney Vaughn presented the staff report which included an overview of the interview process and the voting process. City Attorney Vaughn noted that two candidates had recently dropped out: Clarence “Rob” Robinson and Sonia Vasquez, which left the following four candidates: Gene Lieb, Refugio M. LLamas, Elias Reyes Jr. and Eric F. Ramirez. The City Council by consensus agreed to the interview and voting process as presented by the City Attorney.

City Clerk Mallonee put each of the four names in a “hat” and the interviews were conducted in this order: Gene Lieb, Eric Ramirez, Refugio M. LLamas, Elias Reyes.

After the interviews each Council Member submitted their two choices as follows:

- Council Member Jones – Refugio M. LLamas & Elias Reyes Jr.
- Council Member Lambert – Refugio M. LLamas & Elias Reyes Jr.
- Council Member Lewis – Refugio M. LLamas & Elias Reyes Jr.
- Mayor Faria – Refugio M. LLamas & Elias Reyes Jr.

The results put forth Refugio M. LLamas & Elias Reyes Jr. through to the second round of voting as follows:

Council Member Jones – Refugio M. LLamas
Council Member Lambert – Refugio M. LLamas
Council Member Lewis – Refugio M. LLamas
Mayor Faria – Elias Reyes Jr.

The vote determined that Refugio M. LLamas had the majority of the votes.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Lewis to adopt City Council Resolution No. 6307 – Approving an Appointee, Refugio M. LLamas, to the Los Banos City Council to Serve the Remaining Term of the District 2 Seat on the Los Banos City Council. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Jones, Lambert, Lewis, Mayor Faria; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Lewis, seconded by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Jones, Lambert, Lewis, Mayor Faria; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

/s/ Manuel Thomas Faria III
Manuel Thomas Faria III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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