

**CITY OF LOS BANOS**  
**ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 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 4:04 p.m.

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

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mallonee, City Manager Pinheiro, Police Chief Brizzee, Finance Director Williams, City Attorney Vaughn, Fire Chief Hurley, Interim Public Works Director Bowersox, Community & Economic Development Director Elms

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Lambert, seconded by LLamas 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, LLamas, 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 and asked those participating in the meeting if they would like to speak and no one came forward. Mayor Faria then asked City Clerk Mallonee if she had received any comments, for which City Clerk Mallonee stated that she received no comments and the public forum was closed.

**WORKSHOP REGARDING THE CITY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN.** Finance Director Williams presented the staff report, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

There was Council Member and staff discussion regarding ARPA and how the funds can be sent on COVID related items only, the Public Opinion Survey conducted and results,

ideas for responding to public health emergency, RAD Card Program, invest in equipment/technology for public safety, invest in parts in qualified census tract, upgrades to City owned property, employee COVID testing program, Homeless Assistance Program, Employee COVID Premium pay, Revenue Replacement, investing in water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, broadband infrastructure, will bring back final spending plan for Council approval, and initial report is due April 30, 2022.

Mayor Faria asked if those participating in the meeting if they would like to speak LAURIE BALATTI proposed that a portion of the ARPA funds go towards building public pickle ball courts in Los Banos; DAYNA VALADAO also proposed that a portion of the ARPA funds go towards building public pickle ball courts in Los Banos; Mayor Faria then asked City Clerk Mallonee if she had received any comments, for which City Clerk Mallonee stated that she received the following comments: CYNDI ROELOFS stated that she would like to see some ARPA funding go to THE ARTS in Los Banos, like a family concert series at Henry Miller Plaza; TOM BALATTI proposed that a portion of the ARPA funds go towards building public pickle ball courts in Los Banos.

Direction given to staff only with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Lambert, seconded by Lewis, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Jones, Lambert, Lewis, LLamas, 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