

## CITY OF LEON VALLEY



### CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Leon Valley City Council Chambers  
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238  
Tuesday, September 02, 2014

### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business.

#### **Call to order, Determine a Quorum is Present.**

Mayor Riley called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Riley and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Councilmen Ricardo Ruiz, Carmen Sanchez, Abraham Diaz, Benny Martinez and Paul Biever.

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr., City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, Human Resources Director Crystal Caldera, Economic Development Director Claudia Mora, Public Works Director Melinda Moritz, Community Development Director Kristie Flores, Police Chief Randall Wallace and Fire Chief Luis Valdez were also present.

#### **Discussion and possible action concerning a proposal to amend the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) deleting the Category 7 Hike & Bike project (\$933,000) slated for FY 2015 and replacing it with the preferred Evers Road Rehabilitation project (\$933,000 in FY 2015). At the Request of Mayor Chris Riley**

Mayor Riley presented the item and introduced Alamo Area MPO Director, Sid Martinez, who gave a presentation and a timeline on the Hike & Bike Trail Project beginning with March 2011 to present date. Mr. Martinez also included options for the City of Leon Valley to "delete" a project and submit a request to the MPO with a written notice requesting a project replacement. Although, said Mr. Martinez, "transfers aren't specifically allowed."

Mayor Riley called up citizens that had signed up to speak on this item.

- Al Uvietta – 6923 Sunlight Dr. – asked "who authorized the Mayor to go to the MPO on behalf of the City Council?"
- Olen Yarnell – 7230 Sulky Ln. – passed on speaking at this time.
- Sharon Hendricks – 6015 Aids – passed on speaking at this time.

- Lyn Joseph – 6423 Trotter Ln. – passed on speaking at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, seconded by Councilman Benny Martinez, to delete the Hike & Bike Trail Project and add the Evers Road Project.

Mayor Riley requested a call vote to which the City Council replied: Councilman Ruiz – Nay; Councilman Sanchez – Aye; Councilman Diaz – Nay; Councilman Martinez – Aye; and Councilman Biever – Nay.

The City Council voted two (2) for and three (3) opposed. Mayor Riley announced that the motion failed.

**Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Tax Rate of \$0.575507/\$100 valuation which is \$0.007408 lower than last year's Tax Rate of \$0.582915 and exceeds the Effective Tax Rate of \$0.562998 by 2.221855%. M&C #2014-09-02-01 (V. Wallace)**

Finance Director Vickie Wallace presented this item beginning by saying that last year the City of Leon Valley Property Tax Rate was \$0.582915. This year the City of Leon Valley is proposing a Property Tax Rate of \$0.575507 which is \$0.007408 lower than last year's tax rate; the Property Tax Code, Chapter 26 requires a governing body to conduct two public hearings if the proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate, whichever is lower. The 2014 proposed Tax Rate of \$0.575507 exceeds the Effective Tax Rate of \$0.562998 by 2.221855%; and the 2014 Tax Rate is for the calendar year 2014 and is based on property values as of January 1, 2014. It funds the General Fund and Debt Service Fund budgets for FY 2015.

Mayor Riley opened the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Riley closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Ms. Wallace concluded the presentation by informing the City Council, staff and guest that this is the first public hearing to consider that increase. The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2014 at Council Chambers, City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas. The vote on the Proposed Tax Rate will be on September 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers, City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

**A workshop will be conducted on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budgets. During the workshop the City Manager will present a PowerPoint Presentation on the following Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budgets: M&C #2014-09-02-02 (M. Longoria)**

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| a) Administration       | f) Economic Development |
| b) Police               | g) Special Events       |
| c) Fire                 | h) Parks                |
| d) Public Works         | i) Library              |
| e) Development Services |                         |

City Manager, Longoria, Jr. began his presentation stating that there are three (3) areas of focus with this proposed budget which are: 1) quality of life; 2) economic development; and 3) core services which are Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works and Administrative services.

Mr. Longoria presented the following Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: a proposed tax rate of \$0.575507 per \$100 of valuation for FY 2015; tax components are as follows: \$0.476752 for Maintenance and Operations (no change from FY 2014) and \$0.098755 for Interest and Sinking Fund Debt Service. (This is a decrease of \$0.007408 for Debt Service). Mr. Longoria gave the highlights of this budget beginning with revenue: property taxes \$3,316,280; sales tax \$2,124,190; franchise fees \$840,098; licenses, permits, fees and fines \$997,375 and grants \$160,637; Mr. Longoria proceeded to go into a detailed presentation on departmental expenditures concluding with an overview of the Capital expenditures.

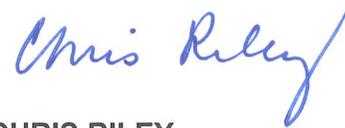
This was followed by a lengthy discussion.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

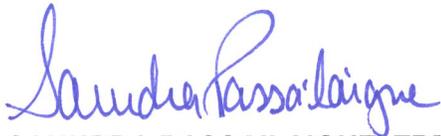
**These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014.**

APPROVED



**CHRIS RILEY  
MAYOR**

ATTEST:



**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC  
CITY SECRETARY**

