

## 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  
Monday, September 22, 2014

#### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014 at 7:00 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.**

Mayor Riley called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 Bieber.

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr., City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, Human Resources Director Crystal Caldera, Economic Development Director Claudia Mora, Assistant Public Works Director David Dimaline, Police Chief Randall Wallace, Fire Chief Luis Valdez, and Finance Director Vickie Wallace were also present.

#### **Presentation in appreciation for 34 years of service to Lieutenant Victor Reyes, Community Resource Officer.**

This item was rescheduled to the October 13<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council meeting.

#### **Citizens to be heard.**

None

#### **Conduct a Public Hearing and consider action on Ordinance No. 14-019 approving and adopting Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budgets and associated Capital Acquisition Plans. M&C #2014-09-22-01 (M. Longoria, Jr.)**

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr. presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budgets beginning with an overview of the budget process and then moved on to present the budget highlights. Some of those highlights are as follows: the budget is balanced with \$23,000 surplus in the General Fund; a lower tax rate of \$0.575507 per \$100 of valuation, which is a decrease of \$0.007408; revenue from CPS franchise fee, and sales tax have all increased; the City has good financial reserves with an unappropriated fund balance of \$2,792,442 and a committed fund balance of \$900,000. This budget funds the employee compensation, which was a 2013 City Council priority; the addition of a new police officer; new furnishings for the new Fire and Police facilities, which are scheduled to open in FY 2015; and implement a new 800 MHz system for communications. This budget has funds that will "kick start"

the Silo Park with a full size basketball court; funds the FY 2015 swimming pool season; fix Evers Road; fund two Quality of Life Festivals; create a Water & Sewer System Capital Improvement Program; fund new sidewalks; purchase new Library books; and fund the employee's group insurance benefit. Also funded by this budget is the salary market compensation study providing approximately 33 employee adjustments in order to raise salaries to market value; approximately 73 employees receiving, on average, a 3% pay adjustment; and all employees receiving a 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Councilman Benny Martinez requested that, before the expenditure of funds for the Silo Park basketball court, public hearings be held to see if residents of nearby neighborhoods want basketball courts or other amenities. Mayor Riley concurred and suggested perhaps discussing this at a Coffee with the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Carmen Sanchez suggested that any new contracts that would fall into the contractual service category be placed in the City Manager's weekly reports in an effort to keep the Council informed.

Mayor Riley opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

- Olen Yarnell – 7230 Sulky Ln. – asked questions about merit pay; Public Works budget; and General Fund Manager & Council budget.
- Lyn Joseph – 6423 Trotter Ln. – asked about the Hike & Bike Project Construction Plans; sidewalks; and Silo Park.
- Pedro Esquivel – 7207 Forest Meadow – asked questions about the Hike & Bike Project material to be used on the path.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Riley closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Abraham Diaz, seconded by Councilman Paul Bieber, to approve Ordinance No. 14-019 adopting Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budgets and associated Capital Acquisition Plans with the amendment to allocate the \$23,000 surplus fund and move it over to a Quality of Life Fund to enhance the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Movies in the Park, Grandparents Day and other things we need for Quality of Life. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

**Vote to ratify the General Fund Fiscal Year 2015 Budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$80,580 or 1.5861 percent and of that amount, \$11,747 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year. M&C #2014-09-22-02 (M. Longoria, Jr.)**

There was a consensus among members of City Council to ratify the General Fund Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

**Consideration of Ordinance No. 14-020 setting the 2014 Tax Rate for the Maintenance and Operations Fund at \$0.476752 and the Interest and Sinking Fund at \$0.098755 for a total Tax Rate of \$0.575507, which is 2.221855 percent higher than the Effective Tax Rate of \$0.562998. M&C #2014-09-22-03 (M. Longoria, Jr.)**

A motion was made by Councilman Paul Bieber, seconded by Councilman Abraham Diaz, that the Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption of a Tax Rate of \$0.575507, which is effectively a 2.221855 percent increase in the Tax Rate. The Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate portion being

\$0.476752 and the Interest and Sinking Tax Rate portion being \$0.098755 for a total Tax Rate of \$0.575507.

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

Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

**Consideration of Resolution No. 14-023R adopting the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. M&C #2014-09-22-04 (C. Mora)**

Economic Development Director Claudia Mora presented the LVEDC Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget which was developed by using an average of the previous four years' sales tax revenue generated by the 1/8 of one-cent designated sales tax. The Board added an additional \$20,000 citing previous years' and current year's trend of increasing sales tax revenues. In addition, \$200,000 was added to the proposed budget for a grant to LOQ Bandera Road Holdings, LLC, approved by the Board at their meeting of July 23, 2014; and, approved by the City Council at the August 11, 2014 meeting. The total proposed LVEDC Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget is \$440,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Abraham Diaz, seconded by Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, to approve Resolution No. 14-023R adopting the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget as presented. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

**Citizens to be heard.**

None

**Adjournment**

Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

APPROVED

  
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CHRIS RILEY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC  
CITY SECRETARY

