
The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 15th day of February, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP – 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order.

Mayor Riley called the Special City Council Workshop Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Garcia, Baldridge, Dean, and Nelson. Councilman Reyna had prior business and attended the workshop shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Interim City Manager Brummett, Human Resources Director Caldera, Fire Chief Irwin, and Police Chief Wallace, were also present.

Discussion of Texas Department of Transportation Operational Improvement Plan to Improve Traffic Flow on the Bandera Road Corridor (State Highway 16) in the City of Leon Valley. (Brummett, Texas Department of Transportation Representatives).

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Clay Smith, briefed the City Council on an SH 16 “Superstreet” Concept. Mr. Smith expressed to Council that TxDot reviewed SH 16 from Wurzbach to Guilbeau.

Group discussion continued with additional TxDot representatives Rick Castaneda and Mario Medina. The discussion centered on the review of the SH 16 “Superstreet” concept and the favorable results that were yielded from that initial review. Mr. Smith suggested that City Council make a request to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be placed on their long range plan. He continued by stating that being placed on the long range plan would aid TxDot in the continuation of additional studies on the SH 16 “Superstreet” Concept.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Riley thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Mecina, and Mr. Castaneda for their information. A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Nelson, to adjourn the meeting. Upon Vote, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Garcia, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean, and Nelson.

Interim City Manager Brummett, Human Resources Director Caldera, Development Director Flores, Grant Writer Word, Fire Chief Irwin, and Police Chief Wallace, were also present.
Employee Retirement Recognition, Fire Captain Jeff Bailey.

Mayor Riley presented Fire Captain, Jeff Bailey with a Proclamation expressing the City’s appreciation for his 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Leon Valley Fire Department.

Captain Bailey thanked the Council and staff for the recognition. He acknowledged his family and thanked his fellow colleagues and the community for the support he received during his years of service.

Presentation of Employee of the Month Award.

Interim City Manager Brummett introduced Firefighters Jason Prado, Michael Poston, Kory Paulini, and Fire Captain Oscar Valdez as February 2011 Employees of the Month. Mr. Brummett cited that these individuals went above the call duty on February 4, 2011, during icy weather conditions. These firefighters assisted with sanding Evers Road, working approximately four and half hours to help make the community a safer place to drive.

Citizens to be Heard and Time for Objections to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Riley asked Councilmembers if they wished for anything on the Consent Agenda to be removed for further discussion. Hearing no requests, Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Seeing no one come forward for the “Citizens to be heard” portion of the meeting, Mayor Riley asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

Consider approval of the Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of:
A. January 28, 2011
B. January 29, 2011
C. February 05, 2011

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 1, 2011.

Consider Action on M&C # 02-01-11 Making Board, Committee, and Commission Appointments by Minute Order.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Dean, to approve the full Consent Agenda, as listed above. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried and that all Consent Agenda items were approved.

Action Agenda

Consider Action on M&C # 02-02-11 with attached Ordinance Authorizing the City Council to Enter into Contract Negotiations, and to Execute a Contract for the Employment of a City Manager.

Mayor Riley suggested that Council move this agenda item to follow the completion of the discussion agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilwoman Baldridge, to move this agenda item to follow the Executive Session. Upon Vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Consider Action on M&C # 02-03-11 with Attached Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager or His Designee to File an Application with Bexar County Project Year 2011 Community Development Block Grant.

Grant Writer Kathryn Word requested that the City of Leon Valley apply for the Bexar County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for facility improvements to the Senior Citizen Community Center. She stated that the application would include kitchen, floor, and exterior improvements to the facility. Ms. Word continued by stating that she is requesting in the application a total of $133,424.92 for these improvements. She continued by assuring Council that the CDBG application does not require a local monetary match. It does, however, function as a re-imbursement program.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwomen Baldridge, seconded by Councilman Garcia, to submit the grant as presented by Ms Word. Upon Vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Consider Action on M&C # 02-04-11 – a Request to consider Expanding the 200-foot Notification Circle for Zoning Case #0210-385, to a Distance as Specified by the Mayor and City Council.

Development Director Flores expressed to Council that expanding the notification circle could include San Antonio residences. She continued by stating additional costs may be associated, depending on the size of the expansion and the number of residences included in that expansion.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilwomen Baldridge, seconded by Councilwoman Nelson; to use the same parameters as in the prior instances that the city expanded the notification circle. Upon Vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion of a Lion’s Roar Newsletter Contribution and Content Policy.

Development Director Flores presented a draft Resolution for guidelines on the Lion’s Roar Newsletter Contribution and Content Policy.

The Mayor expressed the need to identify who will hold the title as Editor. She continued by stating that Councilmembers should not be allowed to write an article in the Lion’s Roar at least 120 days prior to elections and personal pictures, unless featuring a city function, should not be allowed.

Councilwoman Baldridge also reiterated the need to identify the Editor and for the policy to include that no “derogatory or unfavorable comments about other members of Council or any other public official” be added to the policy.
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The Mayor asked if any members of the audience had additional comments. Resident Mr. Al Baldridge expressed his concern that a letter to the Editor had not been allowed to run in response to an article written by a Councilmember. Resident Al Uvietta expressed similar concerns as Mr. Baldridge and added that the Lion’s Roar should not reflect political agendas.

Councilman Reyna expressed his concerns on additional cost and space limitations if the city decided to add letters to the Editor in the Lion’s Roar.

Development Director Flores thanked Council for the additional recommendations and stated that she would bring back both the Resolution and the Policy on a later date.

City Manager’s Report (Interim City Manager, Brummett)

A. Informational Issues.
   Notified Council that the exterior painting of City Hall would begin this week.
   That the trial agreement with American Textile Recycling services to allow one recycling donation box is still being reviewed and the location of the box is still being determined.

B. Monthly Departmental Reports.
   Expressed the need for changes in the staff’s Monthly Report.


Citizens to be Heard.

Resident Pete Esquivel wanted to express his support on the Senior Center upgrades. Further, based on his own use of the facility he did express the need for children changing stations in the facility restrooms.

Mayor Riley introduced Boy Scout Robert Elizondo from troop 405, a 7th grader from St. Luke’s Catholic School.

Mayor announced the following community events:
   A. Pet Rabies Vaccination Clinic, February 19, 2011, 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Leon Valley Community Center at 6427 Evers Road.
   B. The 22nd annual Earthwise Living Day, February 26, 2011, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Leon Valley Community Center at 6427 Evers Road.
   C. The 3rd Annual Volksmarch, March 12, 2011, beginning at 8a.m.

Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.

The Mayor announced at 8:27 p.m. that the City Council of the City of Leon Valley would adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.074.

The Council reconvened into open session at 9:06 p.m.

Consider Action on M&C # 02-02-11 with attached Ordinance Authorizing the City Council to Enter into Contract Negotiations, and to Execute a Contract for the Employment of a City Manager.
A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilman Dean to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to continue gathering background information on a short list of candidates.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Mayor

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Human Resources Director

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