CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, JUNE 21, 2011

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 21st day of June 2011 at 5:00 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:

CITY COUNCIL WORK SHOP MEETING - 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum is Present
Mayor Riley called the City Council Work Shop Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following City Council Members were present: Hill, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean, and Biever.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Longoria, City Attorney Onion (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), City Secretary Willman, Finance Director Wallace (arrived at 5:43 p.m.) and Police Chief Wallace (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)

Also in attendance: Mr. Al Baldridge and Mr. Stephen Ynostrosa.

2. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.
   A. The City Council of the City of Leon Valley convened in Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property, to Deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property, M&C 06-12-11.
   B. The City Council of the City of Leon Valley convened in Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to Interview the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Candidates for LVEDC Board Member, M&C 06-13-11.
   C. The City Council of the City of Leon Valley reconvened into Open Session at 6:48 p.m. with all City Council Members present, except Council Member Baldridge, to consider any possible actions resulting out of Executive Session.

Mayor Riley announced that the first Executive Session included Council Member Baldridge.

Mayor Riley announced that no action was being taken on the deliberation convened under Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Riley announced that under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, Interview LVEDC Candidates, she would entertain a motion.

Motion by Councilman Reyna seconded by Councilman Dean for the appointment of Mr. Stephen Ynostrosa to the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board as a director. Voting Aye: Reyna, Dean, and Biever. Voting Nay: Hill. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. by Councilman Reyna seconded by Councilman Dean.
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Determine a Quorum is Present, and Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Riley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following City Council Members were present: Hill, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean, and Biever.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Longoria, City Attorney Onion, City Secretary Willman, Community Development Director Flores, Economic Development Director Ryan, Finance Director Wallace, Fire Chief Irwin, Human Resource Director Caldera, Librarian Trent-Miller, and Police Chief Wallace. Others in attendance: Jim Carrillo, Half Associates.

Mayor Riley led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Good Neighbor Award Presentation. Good Neighbor Award to Cathy and Gail Nelson, Leon Valley Community Association, for Swimming Pool Recreational Support for the City of Leon Valley.
Cathy and Gail Nelson received the Good Neighbor Award for their efforts operating the Leon Valley Grass Valley Pool. The Nelsons detailed their joy and history in operating the pool.

Mayor Riley announced that the City is seeking another certified pool operator to keep the City’s pool open beginning the Spring of 2012.

3. Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.
Roy and Judy Stahl, 6838 Forest Crest North. The Stahls informed the Council that they walk every morning and were charged by a pit bull along a home located on Forest Way. They detailed the experience and asked the City Council to ban pit bulls and mixed breeds in Leon Valley. Mr. Stahl opined the pit bull is dangerous and asked the City Council to look into the matter, including staff responses, to the situation. Mayor Riley asked that the City Manager meet with Mr. and Mrs. Stahl and the City’s Animal Control Officer regarding the matter.

Peter Garcia, Garcia Properties, informed the Council that Garcia Properties, a local property owner in Leon Valley, is interested in bringing a bingo business to the City of Leon Valley at a vacant building located at 7200 Bandera. He indicated the property can be re-developed for use for special events and bingo which could benefit charities in Leon Valley. He requested that Council place a local option election for bingo on the next available agenda and next available election ballot.

Motion by Councilman Reyna and second by Council Member Baldridge to approve Consent Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, and 7. Voting in favor: Hill, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean, and Biever. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

4. Consider Approval of the June 7, 2011 Minutes of the Regular and Work Shop City Council Meetings. (Willman)

5. Consider Action on M&C # 06-14-11, Preliminary and Final Acceptance of Public Improvements of the Water Main Extension on Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, CB 4446E, Bandera Retail Subdivision. (Flores) Approved the public improvements water line extension on a B-2 (Retail) zoned property located at 7210 Bandera Road.
6. Consider Action on M&C # 06-15-11, Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount of $7,376 from Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) and Associated Budget Adjustments for the Fire Department EMS Supplies and Equipment Budget. (Fire Chief Irwin) Accepted grant funding in the amount of $7,376 and approved the associated budget adjustments amending the current fiscal year budget to allow for the purchase of EMS supplies and equipment.

7. Consider Action on M&C # 06-16-11, Appointment of Members to City of Leon Valley Boards, Committees, and Commissions; the Bandera Road Site – Community Advisory Group, Capital Facilities Committee, the Earthwise Living Committee, and the Park Commission. (Mayor Riley) The following persons were appointed as follows: Brenda Sarmiento to the Bandera Road Site – Community Advisory Group; Mike K. Davis, Jr. and Steven C. Price, Sr. to the Capital Facilities Committee; Brenda Sarmiento to the Earthwise Living Committee; and Rachel Felkner to the Park Commission.

Regular Agenda

8. Consider Action on M&C # 06-17-11 with Attached Resolution Rejecting Proposals Received for Towing Services. (Police Chief Wallace)

Chief Wallace updated the Council on this agenda item which had been placed on previous agendas for consideration. The City of Leon Valley requested and accepted proposals for towing services to provide incident management towing services from five companies. While City staff was reviewing the proposals to make a recommendation to the Council, the Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3510 effective September 1, 2011. The legislation will, in part, charge the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation with adopting rules for permits or licensing and requires the Commission to adopt requirements for incident management tows. The Police Department recommended that the proposals for towing services be rejected until after the legislation is effective and new requirements are determined.

Councilman Reyna asked that when the matter is brought back before Council to have these options presented: not having any ruling, and having towing companies on a rotation.

Motion by Councilman Reyna seconded by Councilman Dean to approve the Resolution Rejecting the Proposals Received for Towing Services. Voting in favor: Hill, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean, and Biever. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

9. Discuss Leon Creek 17, Huebner Creek, in Regard to Park Plan for Area Along Jeff Loop and El Verde. (Flores/Jim Carrillo, Halff Associates) Community Development Director Kristie Flores introduced this item. It is to present the proposed changes impacting the Leon Creek Channel due to the expansion by Bexar County Flood Control as it flows through the City of Leon Valley.

The work is the collaborative effort including Bexar County Flood Management, Paul Johnson, Forester with the Texas Forest Service, City Engineer Sia Sayyadi, and
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Planner Jim Carrillo of Halfff Associates. Bexar County tasked staff and the City’s consultants to review the area and provide feedback regarding but not limited to the preservation of trees and potential park area that will remain after the creek expansion. Mr. Carrillo created a draft park plan including amenities such as picnic areas and a natural feature amphitheater. The draft plan was presented to the City’s Park Commission on June 13, 2011. Mr. Carrillo presented the draft conceptual plan to the City Council emphasizing that it is a continually evolving work.

There was some Council discussion regarding a request to have neighboring residents who would be impacted informed and involved as the work progresses. It was further noted this effort should be shared with developers with an interest in the City of Leon Valley. A question was raised regarding restroom facilities. City Manager Longoria pointed out that other similar developments lack restroom facilities in order to limit construction costs. Mr. Carrillo estimated the costs to develop the proposed concept could reach $1 million.

10. City Manager’s Report. (Longoria)
   A. Informational Issues. Mr. Longoria discussed a draft letter to the Metropolitan Planning Organization seeking funding for the re-work of the Bandera Road Corridor. The draft letter is accompanied by the Resolution the City Council passed in December 2010 requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation conduct the necessary traffic studies and propose short-term solutions to traffic operations and safety issues along the Bandera Road corridor. Mr. Longoria was tasked with developing the draft letter for the Council’s consideration. The draft letter is in response to a call for projects in the Fall of 2011 through the Transportation Improvement Plan and Proposition 12 of the State of Texas.


   C. Future Agenda Items.
      (1) Update Options to Reconstruct Poss Road Regarding Hike and Bike Trails and Obtain Council Direction on New Proposed Options, July 5, 2011.
      (2) Consider Upcoming Contract Renewals and/or Bidding Processes.
         a. Email Craft for web hosting, web maintenance, email retention, through August 31, 2011.
      (3) Fiesta Dodge Dealership Land Use. Re-scheduling timeframe July 18 – 29, dependent on availability.
      (4) Call Election for Renewal of Street Maintenance Sales Tax by July 19, 2011.
      (5) Zero Waste Policy for City Facilities and City-Sponsored Events, July 19, 2011.
      (6) Budget Workshop Dates:
         07-05-11 City Manager Proposed Budget
         07-19-11 5 p.m. Budget Work Shop
         08-02-11 5 p.m. Budget Work Shop
         08-16-11 Budget Adoption
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11. Citizens to be Heard. There were no citizens to be heard.

12. Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members.
At this time, reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley Council or a City official.
Community Events:
A. Saturday, July 2nd, Next Quarterly Walk and Talk with the Mayor. Meet at City Hall at 8:30 a.m. to walk Jeff Loop and El Verde. (Mayor Riley)
B. Monday, July 4th Parade. Parade starts at 10 a.m. (Mayor Riley)

Councilman Biever announced he attended a TML Workshop on the Liability of Public Officials. He thanked the City Manager for the orientation session for new council members conducted on June 20.

Rose Ryan, Economic Development Director, announced there is a ribbon cutting of the new Volkswagen building at the Ancira-Winton dealership on Bandera Road on Wednesday, July 6 beginning at 3 p.m.

The assembly sang the birthday song to Councilman Dean whose birthday was in the week prior. The Mayor presented him with a small cake and birthday card on behalf of the Council.

Executive Session

13. The City Council of the City of Leon Valley reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.087 (economic development). There was no Executive Session held under this Agenda Item.

14. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. by Councilman Reyna seconded by Councilman Dean.

Mayor Chris Riley

ATTEST:

Janie Willman, City Secretary