

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Special City Council Meeting on the 19th day of February 2008 at 6:30 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 MEETING - 6:30 P.M.

Call to order.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Reyna, Baldrige, Dean and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, Assistant City Secretary Caldera, and City Accountant Wallace were also present.

Convene into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" to seek advice from the City Attorney to discuss contemplated litigation regarding a requested agreement from the City of San Antonio for detention service charges.

Mayor Riley announced that Council would convene at 6:30 p.m. into executive session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" to seek advice from the City Attorney to discuss contemplated litigation regarding a requested agreement from the City of San Antonio for detention service charges.

Councilman Manea joined the Executive Session discussion at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Riley reconvened the Council into open session at 7:05 p.m. and stated that no action would be taken from Executive Session discussion.

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Regular City Council Meeting on the 19th of February 2008 at 7:05 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:

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

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldrige, Dean and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, Assistant City Secretary Caldera, Fire Chief Irwin, Public Works Director Vick, Public Works Assistant Director Stolz, Finance Director Wallace, Police Chief Wallace, Assistant Development Director Flores, and City Attorney Alternate Frank Onion were also present

Mayor Riley asked Councilman Jack Dean to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Presentations to Green Bin Instant Winners

Mayor Riley announced another winner in the Green Bin Instant Win program: the Ramones family. Mayor Riley noted that the family was not present and offered her congratulations to the family and encouraged everyone to participate in the City's recycling program.

Proclamation declaring the week of February 24 - March 1, 2008 as "Clean Up, Fix-up, and Paint-up Week. Items for disposal must be curbside by 7:00 a.m., Monday, March 3 2008.

Mayor Riley read the proclamation aloud and presented a copy of the proclamation to Public Works Director Byron Vick.

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 from that agenda for further discussion; hearing no one, she then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Resident Richard Hartman, of 6931 Sunlight, addressed Council with his concerns of graffiti still present on his fence. Police Chief Wallace addressed Council stating that the staff member working with the graffiti cleanup had a family emergency and that the graffiti would be cleaned as soon as possible.

Mayor Riley asked if anyone else would like to address the Council at that time, seeing no one else Mayor Riley asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Consider approval of minutes of the City Council Workshop and Regular City Council Meeting of February 5, 2008 (Caldera).

Consider M&C # 02-10-08 with attached ordinance - a request to approve budget adjustment to the General Fund for the Library to allow acceptance of the Lone Star Grant monies.

Consider M&C # 02-11-08 with attached ordinance a request to approve a budget adjustment to the Enterprise Fund to account for the purchase of materials and installation of new water service in support of the EPA/water plume project (\$13,550) (Stolz).

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing on Texas Trail Grant proposed trails (Stolz)

Assistant Public Works Director Fred Stolz introduced Park Commissioner Al Uvietta who

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presented an overview of the proposed Texas Trail Grant trail expansion of 3,150 feet of trail additions which would extend the Raymond Rimkus Park trail system along Huebner Creek to the Forest Oaks Subdivision providing connectivity with the Library and Community Center. Mr. Uvietta described how the trail system would connect residential areas with the Raymond Rimkus trails and with the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Primitive Trail, and with the trail system at the northeast juncture of the Natural Area trail head, Sun Valley and Seneca Subdivisions.

Mayor Riley opened the Public Hearing at 7:27p.m.

Resident Karl Turner, from 7611 Forest Pine, stated her concerns of any disruption of wildlife, easy access to homes that could result in an increase in crime, and destroying the quality of the neighborhood.

Brenda Mataya, from 6122 Saddlebow, stated her concerns of safety and increased dog barking.

Vivian Pankey of 6136 Stirrup Lane addressed Council expressing her concerns that the park trails behind the homes could result in an increase in crime and graffiti behind her home. She expressed her concern that the City did not ask the residents who border the trail before the trail was planned.

David Fitzgerald, of 6102 Saddlebow Lane, asked Council if lights will be provided along the trail. Mr. Uvietta responded that all the rules that apply in the park will also apply on this trail. Mr. Fitzgerald also echoed his neighbors' concerns of safety.

Bobby and Maria Sanford, of 6110 Saddlebow Lane, commended the City in obtaining the grant and posed several questions for Council to consider before a final decision is made on the trail. Mr. Sanford asked if any studies done to see how the addition of the trail behind the homes in his subdivision would affect property values of those homes. Mr. Sanford expressed his concern about safety issues and asked if gates would be installed to close off the trail after dark and if lighting would be installed to keep the area safe. He also asked how Police Officers and EMS would access the trail areas with the entryways being blocked to motorized vehicles. Mr. Sanford also asked if rails would be installed for pedestrian safety along the trail. He expressed his concern about excessive dog barking when people walked behind the residences and questioned how that will be handled by the City. Mrs. Sanford expressed her concerns about visitors to the park trails and where those visitors will park while visiting the trails..

Socorro Nelson, from 6135 Stirrup Lane, stated her concerns for increased trash, crime and vehicle access when the trails are installed and stated that she was not in favor for the proposed trails and recommended that the money be spent on street repairs.

Hearing no one else, Mayor Riley closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Riley thanked everyone for addressing Council and stated that there will be additional public hearings on the subject at which time all of their concerns and questions will be addressed.

Resident Charles Nelson addressed Council stating that there is a slope so water can flow into the ditch that leave an increase liability for someone to fall down or a handicap person to more

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readily slide down the ditch.

Following Council discussion, a final plan for the trail plan was asked to be laid out for the next public hearing so that the concerns of residents could be addressed and Council asked the Police Department to look at increasing the Neighborhood Watch program around the trail area. City Manager Lambert stated that he would ask the Police and Public Works Departments to return with plans to address citizen concerns such as barking dogs, trash, security, vehicle access, graffiti, parking, safety by the ditch, ecological protection and noise. He added that a visualization of the route would be ready for the second public hearing on this subject..

Consider M&C # 02-06-08 with attached Ordinance - request to amend Leon Valley City Code, Chapter 27 "miscellaneous", by creating a new section 27.600 "Failure To Remove Graffiti" and prescribing penalties of no less than fifty (\$50) dollars or more that five hundred (\$500) dollars. This amendment will require property owners or tenants to remove graffiti form their property. This item was tabled by Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of February 5, 2008 (Flores).

Assistant Development Director Flores presented to Council the proposed ordinance that would regulate graffiti.. She stated that the purpose of the ordinance was to address graffiti removal concerns from the community and City Council. She explained that the ordinance would provide regulations and a process for abatement of graffiti from private property and includes an Anti-Graffiti Action plan, which will allow staff to create an anti-graffiti program. Ms. Flores stated that it was not the intention of the ordinance to penalize the general public, but rather to abate graffiti on properties in the City. She presented details on the abatement process, penalties, and explained how staff will work with residents to help improve the appearance of our neighborhoods who have been targeted with graffiti.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Baldrige, seconded by Councilman Reyna, to approve M&C # 02-06-08 with its attached ordinance. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion on amendment to City Code Chapter 26 "Traffic and Parking" creating a new Section 26.1066 "Block Party" and prescribing penalties of no less that fifty (\$50) or more the (\$500) dollars. (Chief Wallace)

Chief Wallace presented the proposed ordinance which would regulate block parties in the City. Chief Wallace provided information on the provisions of the proposed regulations for block parties which included: a block party could be allowed only within a single family residential area with a permit which would be posted in a conspicuous location, application can be made by a resident or by a homeowners association, if the neighborhood is governed by a mandatory homeowners association. He continued by stating that 70% of the residents within the block affected must sign a nonobjection petition, which is turned in with application, and if the block party will be on a corner, the area of nonobjection shall include the adjacent blocks of the intersecting streets and the location must be a local street and not interfere with a bus route.

Councilman Reyna provided information on how the issues of block party regulations arose in response to citizen requests.

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Mayor Riley asked that this item be placed on the next regular City Council Agenda for formal consideration by Council.

Discussion stormwater management program and fees in preparation for future public hearings on same (Stolz)

Assistant Public Works Director Stolz introduced Stormwater Management Advisory Committee Chair, Bob Tome who explained that the City was enacting a Storm Water Management Fee system based on factors that influence runoff, including the size of the land parcel, the pollutants present, the land use and the amount of impervious surface on the property. Mr. Tome reviewed the program with Council and stated that the next steps will be approval from TCEQ , a public hearing, and then, formal adoption by Council of an ordinance.

Mayor Riley expressed her concerns that the program did not include a cistern system. Mr. Tome stated that a cistern program is needed, but not under this particular program.

The Mayor requested that a one page summary be created of the proposed fees and the program to be used as hand-outs at the public hearing.

Discussion on Appointment of AIA Steering Committee Members.

Mayor Riley opened up the discussion by asking City Council if they would like to introduce their own appointment.

Councilman Reyna stated that he would like to know more from the individuals running the AIA grant, in order to determine how many people to place on the committee.

City Manager Lanny Lambert stated that the AIA group suggested a committee of 15 to 25 people.

City Council wanted clarification of the tasks for this committee, City Manager Lambert stated that he would make an inquiry to the AIA group for the information. Mayor Riley asked that this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

City Manager's report.

City Accountant Wallace provided a review of the revenue and expenses for the City for the month of January 2008.

Citizens to be heard.

None

Announcements.

Councilmember Nelson reminded everyone of the Earthwise Living Day to be held February 23, 2008 at the Leon Valley Community Center.

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Mayor Riley reminded everyone again about the Earthwise Living Day activities and reminded everyone that there will be a special City Council meeting held on March 18, 2008 with the Zoning Commission.

Resident Gail Nelson and his son, Travis, addressed Council stating his spouse, Councilmember Nelson, had missed a scouting awards program held earlier in the evening. He presented Councilmember Nelson with achievement patches from the Boys Scouts' organization.

Adjourn.

Hearing no other business or comments, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Chris Riley
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz
City Secretary

*Minutes approved by unanimous vote of Leon Valley City Council at the March 4, 2008
Regular City Council Meeting.*