

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,
TEXAS, MAY 20, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Special City Council Workshop on the 20th day of May 2008 at 6:00 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:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Reyna and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, HR Officer/Assistant City Secretary Caldera were also present.

Canvass of the results of Leon Valley General Election of May 10, 2008.

City Secretary Feutz presented the results of the May 10, 2008 General Election as follows:

MAYOR

Rick Rangel
Election Day 63
Early Votes 150
Late Mail Votes 0
TOTAL 213

Chris Riley
Election Day 166
Early Votes 392
Late Mail Votes 1
TOTAL 559

COUNCIL PLACE 2

Art Reyna
Election Day 171
Early Votes 429
Late Mail Votes 0
TOTAL 600

COUNCIL PLACE 4

Jack Dean
Election Day 148
Early Votes 411
Late Mail Votes 0
TOTAL 559

TOTAL EARLY VOTES	<u>552</u>
TOTAL ELECTION DAY VOTES	<u>235</u>
TOTAL PROVISIONAL VOTES	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LATE MAIL VOTES	<u>1</u>
TOTAL VOTERS	<u>788</u>

After reviewing the precinct tallies for both early voting and election day voting and reviewing the Ivotronic total tapes from Election Day, Mayor Riley, Councilman Reyna, and Councilmember Nelson accepted the results as presented and signed the Official Canvass Statement for the May 10, 2008 Leon Valley General Election.

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City Secretary Feutz reported that judges at all election day and early voting sites commented on the positive responses from voters regarding voting one ballot for all elections. She also reported that the judges did not report any complaints about voting at sites this year which were different from previous years' voting sites.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to adjourn. Mayor Riley announced the special meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the all members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldrige Dean and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, HR Officer/Assistant City Secretary Caldera, Fire Chief Irwin, Assistant Fire Chief Lee, Police Chief Wallace, Public Works Director Vick, Assistant Public Works Director Stolz, Code Enforcement Officer Tijerina, City Engineer Sia Sayyadi, and City Attorney McKamie were also present.

Mayor Riley asked Councilman Manea to lead the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Installation of elected members of City Council by Orlando L. Garcia, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas - San Antonio Division: Mayor Chris Riley, Council Place No. 2 Art Reyna, and Council Place No. 4 Jack Dean.

Mayor Riley welcomed Judge Garcia and asked Councilmember Dean to do the honors of introducing Judge Garcia. Councilmember Dean provided biographical information to the audience and praised Judge Garcia for his work.

Judge Garcia thanked Mayor Riley for inviting him to the ceremony and then gave the oaths of office to Mayor Chris Riley, Councilman Art Reyna, and Councilman Jack Dean and congratulated each on the beginning of their new terms of office. After all signatures were affixed to the oaths of office, Mayor Riley again thanked Judge Garcia for his assistance.

Presentation of Certificates of Election (Mayor Riley/Mayor Pro Tem Reyna).

Mayor Pro Tem Reyna presented the Certificate of Election to Mayor Chris Riley and Mayor Chris Riley presented Certificates of Election to Councilmen Reyna and Dean. Each thanked the voters for their support and received congratulations from the audience and the Council.

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 requests, Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

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City Manager Lambert stated that in response to the Council's request for more active code enforcement, a full time, certified Code Enforcement Officer had been hired. He introduced Edward Tijerina, the new Code Enforcement Officer, and provided information on Mr. Tijerina's past work experience in Code Enforcement and law enforcement. Council welcomed Mr. Tijerina.

Chief Irwin provided a short report of the successful 4th Annual Health and Safety Fair reporting that they had about 300 visitors for the event.

Resident Pedro Esquivel congratulated Council on a successful election and asked for action to remove about a dozen trash bags at the curb near a duplex at 6917 Forest Meadow that have been there for about three months.

Trade and Market Committee Chair Nita Lange congratulated Council on a successful election and provided them with a copy of the calendar for the next Trade and Market Day to be held on June 14, 2008. She reminded everyone that there would be no Trade and Market Days in July or August.

Resident Al Baldrige addressed Council to report on the successful Huebner-Onion Homestead and Stagecoach Stop afternoon event with the San Antonio Conservation Society and the Historical Society of Leon Valley. He reported that the signs in front of the property were unveiled which show that the site is on the Texas and National registries of historic sites.

Seeing no one else to come before Council for Citizens to be Heard, Mayor Riley asked Council for a motion from Council on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Consider approval of the minutes for the Special City Council Meeting of May 5, 2008, the Workshop and Regular Meetings of May 6, 2008, and the Special City Council Meeting of May 15, 2008 (Feutz).

Consider M&C # 05-05-08 with attached Ordinance - approval of the Street Maintenance Tax Fund Budget for FY 2008 and approval of a budget adjustment for the General Fund (Vick).

Consider an ordinance to appoint a member to the Business Alliance Committee (Mayor Riley).

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

Regular Agenda

Consider M&C # 05-06-08 - a request to reject bids for a 100-114 foot platform quint fire apparatus and to provide direction on additional purchase activities (Chief Irwin).

Fire Chief Irwin addressed Council asking Council to consider rejecting all bids submitted for the purchase of a 100-144 foot platform quintuple fire apparatus and related equipment. He reminded everyone that funds were allocated in the FY 08 budget in the amount of \$90,000 for

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the first debt payment for the vehicle, which was projected to cost \$1,000,000. He explained that two vendors submitted three bids which were opened on March 18, 2008. He provided an analysis of the three bids and stated the bid which provided the City with the most advantageous/best value was the lowest bid, an E-One Cyclone II chassis with a Bronto Skylift 114-foot articulating platform aerial, but he informed Council that the bidder had taken "total exception to the published specifications." He stated that the other two bids were over the \$1,000,000 price limit and with the E-One bid taking total exception from the specifications, and after getting advice from the City Attorney, he was asking Council to reject all three bids. Chief Irwin explained the options to continue with the purchase process: alter the vehicle specifications and rebid the project or purchase the E-One Bronto Skylift apparatus through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) contract. He also stated that using the HGAC would incur a \$2,000 charge to use the HGAC, but would save about 3-6 months over altering the specifications and putting the project out for bids again.

Following Council discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna to authorize the City Manager, or his designees, to enter into negotiations with HGAC to purchase the 114' E-One Cyclone II Bronto Skylift Quint Platform as bid (\$988,000). City McKamie stated that the motion was adequate for tonight to move forward with the purchase as in the motion, and that the additional \$12,000 for the HGAC use and other equipment should be within the purview of the City Manager, but the contract would come back to Council for final approval. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion on proposed changes to City Code for consolidation of rules to include existing and new rules as recommended by the Park Commission (Park Commissioner Uvietta).

Park Commission Vice Chair Al Uvietta addressed Council stating that recent Raymond Rimkus Park improvements, the trail grant award, additional parkland acquisition and increasing popularity of the natural area and trail have increased the numbers of park visitors. He asked Council to consider approving all operating rules in a single City Code Chapter for Parks and Recreation to standardize and clarify rules for visitors, staff and enforcement personnel. Mr. Uvietta asked that the rules be primarily be considered for safety, utility, accessibility, and to ensure a pleasant park experience for all visitors. He stated that the Park Commission recommended the consolidation of rules apply to the expanded trail system, drainage areas, the natural area, the Raymond Rimkus Park, and the expanded park system for the City.

Councilmember Nelson asked that the rules address swimming, floating, rafting and boating in the Huebner Creek. She also recommended that the City's Noise Ordinances be reviewed.

Councilmembers expressed concerns on where citizens would be allowed to skateboard in the City, if not in the drainage areas, and not on the tennis courts, where would it be safe and not disturb others. Councilmember Baldrige asked that the new rules address "destruction" of park property.

City Attorney McKamie recommended the Park Commission review the regulations for the Park, the City Attorney's office could assist in the formatting of the revised park regulations. He also stated that there are limitations on the liability to the City when a skateboard area is part of the parkland versus allowing skateboard use in drainage ditches that are not part of the parkland.

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Mayor Riley stated that the park regulations' issue would go back to the Park Commission for review and recommendations and a public hearing would be part of the approval process.

Resident Pedro Esquivel asked that any changes to park regulations be enforced consistently. He also asked that Council be mindful that park visitors are unloading their vehicles on Evers Road, as there is no loading space near the Poss Road path into the park and parking is very limited. He stated that the practice of unloading on Evers Road blocks a traffic lane and is a traffic hazard.

Discussion continued on the concerns for safety and noise from any skateboard park area. Mr. Sayyadi informed Council that there are ways to building in deterrents for skateboards into benches and sidewalks that Council may wish to consider in the future.

Discussion on traffic concerns on Wurzbach Road between Evers and Bandera Road (SIA Engineering, Inc.)

Mr. Lambert addressed Council stating that in response to a request from Councilman Manea for a review, he had asked City Engineer Sia Sayyadi to investigate traffic concerns on Wurzbach Road between Evers and Bandera Road. Councilman Manea stated that traffic on Wurzbach Road and the vehicles exiting the businesses along Evers are creating a dangerous situation.

Mr. Sayyadi reported that during heavy traffic, the center turn lane was being used as a high speed driving traffic lane. He also stated that vehicles in the main driving lane were granting right-of-way to exiting vehicles from numerous locations and since the clear vision is blocked, and it was causing accidents on Wurzbach Road.

He proposed the installation of barricades to deter drivers from using the turn lane as a drive lane. He also recommended traffic button markers to guide the turn lane into the driveways.

Mr. Sayyadi presented photos of options for Council to consider. He reported that the number of accidents is increasing between Evers and Bandera Road on Wurzbach during rush hours. He described how drivers don't have a clear vision to exit the businesses because of traffic using the middle turn lane as a thru traffic lane. He reported on an increased number of traffic citations given by Leon Valley Police to promote safety along Wurzbach. Suggestions included barricades, raised medians, traffic buttons, or raised curbs with xeriscape plantings along Wurzbach.

Councilmembers agreed that once the Bandera Road construction is completed, they hoped that the Wurzbach Road traffic congestion would lessen. Mr. Lambert asked that the City Engineer give Council a copy of this traffic recommendations and that the City should go ahead and buy the barricades as a temporary measure to help prevent further accidents along Wurzbach Road.

Council asked that proposals and cost estimates be brought back to Council for their consideration.

City Manager's report (Lambert).

A. Financial Report for April 2008.

City Manager Lambert presented an overview of the revenues and expenses for the

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month of April 2008. He reported that sales tax is down but ad valorem taxes collection had been good. He stated that he expected franchise fees to be reduced as the economy hardens and he reported that Conference Center rentals are up, but income from Hotel/Motel Taxes was lower than expected.

B. AIA preliminary visit dates and schedule.

Mr. Lambert reported that the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Project Director, James Sherrell and the AIA's Director for the SDAT, Erin Simmons, will be visiting the City for two and one-half days next month. He reported that there will be a dinner with the representatives, the Steering Committee, and City Council on June 18th at 6:30 p.m. and meetings most of the day Thursday for the Project Manager to collect information before he invites other members of the AIA to be part of the SDAT for Leon Valley. He also announced that there would be a public meeting on Thursday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Conference Center for the citizens of Leon Valley to learn more about the SDAT program.

Mr. Lambert also reminded Council of two special City Council meetings with executive sessions planned for 8:45 a.m. on May 29 and May 30, 2008 for interviews for an Economic Development Director.

He also reminded Council of their Special City Council Workshop to be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The City Manager informed Council that on June 3, 2008, a workshop will be held prior to the regular City Council meeting. At 6:00 p.m., Engineer Sia Sayyadi will present information on the El Verde drainage channels and the Ridge detention pond and the residents along El Verde/Aids/Jeff Loop will receive a special notice of this workshop. He also stated that the public hearing on the trail grant will be held during the regular meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. that night.

Mr. Lambert also announced that the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization would be holding meetings on the Walkable Community program beginning with a walk-about on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing with further discussion on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The City Manager also reviewed dates for the return of the City of San Antonio's Park and Recreations Department to present the results of the Crystal Hills Park, a joint park project of the cities of San Antonio and Leon Valley, on June 26, 2008 at 7 pm at City Hall and a presentation of the Park Master Plan for the public to comment on July 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

C. Trap, Neuter, and Release program - report on request by the City Veterinarian to withdraw the program from consideration.

City Manager Lambert announced that the City Veterinarian had submitted a letter informing the City of his request to have the Trap, Neuter, and Release program for feral cats removed from consideration. Mr. Lambert reported that Dr. Meier could not get the information from the Animal Welfare Society as requested by the City Attorney at the last meeting.

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Citizens to be heard.

No one appeared.

Announcements by Councilmembers and Mayor.

Councilmember Dean again thanked Judge Garcia and thanked Council for agreeing to have Judge Garcia come to swear in the elected members of Council.

Councilmember Baldrige commented on the successful Historical Society of Leon Valley's dedication ceremony on Sunday and thanked everyone for their assistance. She also announced that the Northwest Seniors would be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on May 28, 2008. She also congratulated those elected to serve another two years on Council.

Councilman Manea stated that he could not make the Sunday afternoon Historical Society event, as he was volunteering with the Rotary Club out of town. He also congratulated those re-elected to serve again on Council.

Mayor Riley informed Council that several voters had given favorable recommendations to continue voting at the Kinman House in the future. City Secretary Feutz stated that the size of the facility might not allow early voting at the Kinman House in the Fall, but she would check with the Bexar County Elections Administrator. Councilmember Baldrige suggested that the Leon Valley Community Center might be a better site for heavier voting periods.

Mayor Riley thanked the voters for their support and welcomed the opportunity to work again for the City and with the seated Council.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Baldrige, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Riley
Mayor

Marie Feutz
City Secretary

Approved by vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of June 3, 2008