CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, JULY 20, 2010

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 20th day of July, 2010 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:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP – 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Riley called the Special City Council Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Garcia, Reyna, Baldrige, Dean, and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Willman, Chief Accountant Wallace, Community Development Director Flores, Economic Development Director Ryan, Human Resources Director Caldera, Library Director Miller, Fire Chief Irwin, Police Chief Wallace, and Public Works Director Vick.

Discussion on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

City Manager Lambert discussed items added in at the Council’s direction during the July 6, 2010 Special City Council Workshop Meeting.

Texas Municipal Retirement System Regional Manager, City Services, Lorraine Moreno addressed the City Council with specifics about the impact of funding retirement at different rates for current and retired City employees.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative, Chad Johnson, discussed that the health insurance rate of increase proposed for this next fiscal year is predicated by actual losses and claims. The City’s health insurance broker, Kent Scherzinger, addressed the Council, recommending that the city obtain request for proposals. The Human Resources Director Caldera was directed to obtain Requests for Proposals for health insurance coverage.

Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation – Present Proposed Budget

ED Director Rose Ryan, LVED Corporation Board Officers Nancy Marin and Mike McCarley were present. Ms. Marin presented the proposed LVEDC budget. The Council asked if the proposed budget must be approved separately from the City’s proposed budget. City Attorney McKamie (sitting in the audience) informed the Council that considering the adopted by-laws, the City Council should approve the LVEDC proposed budget separately from the City’s proposed budget.

Discussion of Changes to City Council Audio-Visual Equipment

City Manager Lambert briefed the Council on the options regarding changes to the City Council Audio-Visual Equipment.

The Mayor asked that another workshop meeting beginning at 6 p.m. preceding the August 3 regular City Council Meeting be set.
Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 7:16 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that all the members of the City Council were present: Garcia, Reyna, Baldridge, and Dean.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Willman, Chief Accountant Wallace, Community Development Director Flores, Economic Development Director Ryan, Human Resources Director Caldera, Library Director Miller, Fire Chief Irwin, Police Chief Wallace, and City Attorney McKamie were also present.

Mayor Riley recognized two Boy Scouts in attendance and invited them to lead the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award. City Manager Lambert introduced Alex O’Rourke, speaking about Mr. O’Rourke’s tenure with the City of Leon Valley, qualifications, and outstanding service to the City. Mr. O’Rourke addressed the Council thanking his wife and fire personnel who support his absences from the City to obtain professional training and to serve in other areas of Texas during natural disasters and other times of need. He thanked Chief Irwin for his leadership and serving as a mentor. He thanked he Council for signing an MOU to allow him to have an opportunity to work throughout the State as well as supporting the citizens of Leon Valley.

Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.
Councilman Garcia requested that Consent Agenda Items 6 and 7 be removed from the Consent Agenda.
Councilman Reyna requested that Consent Agenda Item 9 be removed from the Consent Agenda.
Council Member Baldridge requested that Consent Agenda Item 4 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Baldridge and second by Councilman Reyna to postpone the approving the minutes until the August 3 agenda due to the length of the document and receipt of the minutes at the dais. Voting in favor of postponement: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried, the minutes will be considered on the August 3 agenda.
5. Consider Action on an Ordinance - a request to Approve an Appointment to the Park Commission (B. Miranda). (Mayor Riley)
   Motion by Councilman Reyna and second by Council Member Nelson to approve Consent Agenda Items 5 and 8 as presented. Voting in favor: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean, and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried, consent agenda items 5 and 8 are approved.

6. Consider Action on M&C # 07-08-10 with attached ordinance, a request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the Infrastructure Improvements for the City of Leon Valley Senior Citizen Center Project at The Leon Valley Community Center and Related Budget Adjustment. (Ryan)
   Motion by Councilman Garcia and second by Councilman Reyna to approve the ordinance. Voting in favor: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean, and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried, the request to authorize the Budget Adjustment is authorized.

7. Consider Action on M&C # 07-09-10 with attached ordinance, a request to Authorize a Budget Adjustment for Reimbursable Expenses Associated with the Bexar County Community Development Block Grant Program – An Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the Infrastructure Improvements for the City Of Leon Valley Senior Citizen Center Project at The Leon Valley Community Center. (Ryan)
   Motion by Councilmember Baldridge and second by Councilman Garcia to approve the ordinance. Voting in favor: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean, and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried, the request to authorize the Budget Adjustment is authorized.

8. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2010. (V. Wallace)
   Motion by Councilman Reyna and second by Council Member Nelson to approve Consent Agenda Items 5 and 8 as presented. Voting in favor: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced the motion carried, consent agenda items 5 and 8 are approved.

9. Consider Action on M&C # 07-10-10 with attached Resolution, a request to Approve a Resolution in support of a Texas Bottle Bill. (Mayor Riley)
   A motion was made by Council Member Baldridge and second by Councilman Dean to Approve the Resolution. Voting in favor: Garcia, Baldridge, Reyna, Dean, and Nelson. Voting against: None. Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried, the Resolution in support of a Texas Bottle Bill is approved.

Discussion Agenda

10. Update on Transportation Issues
    A. Report by Councilman Reyna of Visit with Texas House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Representative Joe Pickett. (Councilman Reyna) – Mr. Reyna reported that he met with Representative
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Pickett. He indicated that until the Council moves in the same direction with specific requests the City will probably not accomplish anything with the little money that TxDot has. He asked the Council to think what it wants to do and the approach it wants to take.

B. Transportation Issues (Mayor Riley) – Mayor Riley reported that she spoke with Sid Martinez at the MPO and there is money available for a traffic study funded through their cycle; it won’t be until March 2011. The proposals will go out and funding will occur several months after that. She reminded the Council about the challenge to reach a unified vision for Bexar County through the MPO as issued by state representatives on June 7.

11. Discuss Air Quality Issues (Mayor Riley) Consider Action on M&C # 07-11-10 with attached resolution – a request to Consider a Resolution in Support of Urging Congress to pass the Bi-partisan Natural Gas Act, America’s Clean, Domestic, and Affordable Urban Transportation Solution; said Resolution Adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors as its Policy on Climate Protection, Energy Independence and the Energy Block Grant. Mayor Riley spoke to natural gas as a possible transition to a cleaner fuel. There was some discussion regarding grant opportunities and the cost effective and performance effective use in City vehicles.

12. Discuss re-scheduling the regular City Council Meetings from October 5, 2010 to October 4, 2010 and from November 2, 2010 to November 1, 2010, due to events in conflict with those meeting dates (October 5 National Night Out in Texas) and to allow for Participation in the November 2, 2010 Joint General, Special, and Bond Election, being conducted by Bexar County Elections. Mayor Riley briefed the Council on the history of doing this previously. This will be on a future agenda for action.

13. City Manager’s Report (Lambert)
   A. Report Arising from Meeting with CPS Representative Jim McAden, CPS Energy, regarding Placement of Towers in Utility Easements; CPS Energy Construction Project Along Evers Road. Mr. Lambert spoke to the tremendous cost required to place utilities underground. There was some discussion about poles that look like trees. This is a possibility. He indicated CPS is getting prices and pictures. Mayor Riley spoke about the large size of the poles. City Attorney McKamie indicated it would create a nuisance only after installation.
   B. Park Bucks Program; Discuss Public Support Program. Citizens can support park development directly by contributing to a Parks Bucks Program. A typical household or business will enroll at the Water Billing Office to have $1 automatically added to their monthly water bill. This money is set aside for park improvements only. The funds generated allow the City to modernize its playground and park equipment. There was brief discussion about how the program might work. The City Manager indicated a program and description will be brought to Council.
   C. Monthly Financial Report for June 2010. There was some discussion about the financial data presented and the improvement in the numbers reflected. Expenditures are all within the proper parameters. There was discussion about the services that are paid for and represented in the monthly financial report.
      1. Librarian’s Monthly Report. Library Director Joyce Trent Miller presented her monthly report to the Council.
14. Citizens to be heard.

15. Announcements by Council Members and Mayor.
   A. Announce Special City Council Workshop Meeting for the FY 2011 Budget on August 3, 2010 at 5 p.m., if needed.
   B. Announce Cancellation of Meeting with Mario Medina, P.E., District Engineer for the San Antonio District of the Texas Department of Transportation previously scheduled for Monday, July 19.
   C. Announce 2010 Resource Recovery Roundtable Meeting on Friday, July 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley (Conference) Activity Center, 6421 Evers Road. Meeting sponsored by the Alamo Area Council of Governments, City of Leon Valley, Bexar County, City of San Antonio, and Keep San Antonio Beautiful.
   D. Report on Dedication of Helotes Police and Fire Station. (Mayor Pro Tem Nelson)
   E. Announce Healthcare Reform Event by the City of Converse.


Chris Riley
Mayor

ATTEST:

Janie Willman
City Secretary

Minutes approved by unanimous vote of the City Council at the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2010