The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 21st day of September 2009 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 WORKSHOP - 6:00 P.M.

Call to order.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect the following members of Council were present: Reyna, Baldrige, Dean, Garcia, and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, Assistant City Secretary Caldera, and Fire Chief Irwin were also present.

The Mayor asked Councilman Reyna if he would take charge of modifying the resolutions as the changes were being made. Councilman Reyna politely agreed and took his place at the laptop.

Consider action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Leon Valley, Texas requesting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) consider opening additional and alternative funding options for highway improvements and mass transportation improvements for Bandera Road (S.H. 16) - in City of Leon Valley.

Mayor Riley asked Council if they wanted to repeal any prior resolutions in regards to funding options for highway improvements and mass transportation improvements for Bandera Road (S.H. 16) - in the City of Leon Valley. Council agreed to move forward and not repeal prior resolutions. Council also agreed to work from the actual draft Resolution, rather than work from a PowerPoint.

Council then began to make suggestions in regards to the Resolutions. Councilman Reyna suggested that we keep the Resolutions to one page and keep only one “Whereas”. Councilman Garcia suggested that they input the City of Leon Valley’s Mission Statement.

The Mayor did pass around a document that she received from the MPO showing that Bandera Rd. in Leon Valley had only funding located in the Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) category. Council decided to specifically state that the City be removed from the CDA category and be considered for all transportation funding options available, including enhanced mass transportation.

Mayor Riley recognized resident Al Uvietta. Mr. Uvietta stated that ARMA did comment that the section of Bandera Road that fell within Leon Valley needed an Environmental Impact Study and the CDA did not have the funds to do the study.

A short discussion followed and a motion was made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Garcia, to approve the “Resolution requesting the Texas Department of Transportation, the San Antonio - Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to remove Bandera Road (S.H.16) in the City of Leon Valley from Comprehensive Development Agreements and toll revenue funding options and instead to
Consider additional and alternative funding options for mass transportation and highway improvements”. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried and the resolution was approved.

Consider action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leon Valley in support of the VIA Metropolitan Transit’s SmartWaySA goals.

Council agreed to use the same format as the previous Resolution and to add the City’s Mission Statement.

The Mayor suggested that the City be included in VIA’s long term transportation planning through SmartWAYSA, a multi-modal mass transit plan for high capacity areas; Council agreed.

Councilman Reyna suggested that if they were only going to use positive content then the word “consider” needed to be changed to “utilize” in both resolutions.

A motion was made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Garcia, to amend the Resolution approved earlier in the meeting to change the word “consider” to “utilize” throughout the resolution to now be: “Resolution requesting the Texas Department of Transportation, the San Antonio - Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to remove Bandera Road (S.H.16) in the City of Leon Valley from Comprehensive Development Agreements and toll revenue funding options and instead to utilize additional and alternative funding options for mass transportation and highway improvements” Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Council then agreed to be detailed in their request to ask VIA Metropolitan Transit to include the City in the earliest phase of implementation of the SmartWAYSA multi-modal transit system.

A short discussion followed and a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilwoman Nelson, to approve a “Resolution in support of the VIA Metropolitan Transit’s SmartwaySA Goals, requesting inclusion of the Bandera Road Corridor (S.H. 16) in Leon Valley, Texas as part of its long-range comprehensive transportation plan for Bexar County.” Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried and the resolution was approved.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 8.00 p.m.

Mayor Chris Riley

ATTEST:

Crystal Caldera, Assistant City Secretary

Minutes were approved by majority vote of City Council at the Oct. 5, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting.