



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

MINUTES

5:30 PM Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Riley	City of Leon Valley	Mayor	Present	
Benny Martinez	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 1	Present	5:34 PM
Josh Stevens	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 2	Present	
Jed Hefner	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 3	Remote	
Rey Orozco	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 4	Present	
Will Bradshaw	City of Leon Valley	Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5	Present	

Mayor Chris Riley called the meeting to order. Councilor Josh Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Chris Riley read the caption for Agenda Item 2.1

City Council went into Executive Session at 5:37 PM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Regarding the appointment of Crystal Caldera as City Manager and Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters: To Receive Legal Advice Regarding the Contract between the City of Leon Valley and Crystal Caldera (M&C # 2022-01-05-4639)

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:01 PM.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISSUES DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

No action.

REGULAR AGENDA I

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement and Appointing a City Manager for the City of Leon Valley, Texas Pursuant to Authority Under the City Charter Sections 1 and 5 (M&C # 2022-01-11-4631)

Those who spoke: Evan Bohl; Erick Matta; and Mayor read email from Justin Pulliam.

Motion made by Councilor Josh Stevens to authorize and direct the Mayor to enter into the agreement with Crystal Caldera in accordance with the City Charter. Councilor Benny Martinez seconded.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
SECONDER:	Benny Martinez, Council Place 1
AYES:	Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Those who spoke: Bania Ruiz; Evan Bohl; Jessie DeHoyos; and Erick Matta.

Crystal Caldera ACM/HR Director read email from: Barry Smyth

Councilor Josh Stevens read email from:

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Announcements were made.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Gilbert Perales, City Manager said his farewell.

Upcoming Important Events:

- a. **Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in Council Chambers.**
- b. **City Offices and Municipal Court Closure in observance of Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 17, 2022.**
- c. **Annual Town Hall Meeting - Saturday, January 22, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Leon Valley Conference Center.**
- d. **May 07, 2022 General Election Filing Period, begins Wednesday, January 19, 2022 and ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, February 18, 2022.**
- e. **Miscellaneous other events and announcements.**

An Update on the Town Hall meeting (M&C # 2022-01-06-4640)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Will Bradshaw to adopt. Councilor Rey Orozco seconded.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
SECONDER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES:	Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

Consideration of the Following City Council Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting- December 7, 2021 6:00 PM
- b. Special Meeting- December 8, 2021 6:00 PM

Acceptance of Boards, Commissions and Committee Minutes:

- a. 09-28-2021 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes
- b. 10-12-2021 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes Part 1
- c. 10-12-2021 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes Part 2
- d. 10-26-2021 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leon Valley ordering and establishing procedures for a General Election in the City of Leon Valley, Texas to Elect Three Council Members: (Places 2, 4 and for the Office of the Mayor) by the Qualified Voters of the City of Leon Valley; Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Joint Election Agreement with the Bexar County Elections Administrator for the Conduct of Said Elections, and Providing Details Relating to the Conduct of Holding the Election, Authorizing the Use of the Leon Valley City Council Chambers and the Leon Valley Conference Center on the 2nd Day of May, 2020, for Election Day Voting, and the Use of the Leon Valley Conference Center, located at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238, for Early Voting (April 25, 2022 Through May 03, 2022)

Discusión y posible acción sobre una Resolución del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Leon Valley ordenando y estableciendo procedimientos para una Elección General en la Ciudad de Leon Valley, Texas, para elegir tres miembros del Consejo: (Posiciones 2, 4 y el cargo de Alcalde) por parte de los votantes habilitados de la Ciudad de Leon Valley; autorizando al Administrador de la Ciudad a firmar un Acuerdo de Elección Conjunto con el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Bexar para la celebración de dichas elecciones, y proporcionando detalles relativos a la celebración de la elección, autorizando el uso de las Cámaras del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Leon Valley y el Centro de Conferencias de Leon Valley el segundo día de mayo de 2020 para la votación del día de elección y el uso del Centro de Conferencias de Leon Valley, ubicado en 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238, para la votación anticipada (del 25 de abril de 2022 hasta el 3 de mayo de 2022, inclusive) (M&C # 2022-01-11-4632 S. Passailaigue)

PRESENTATION**Presentation of Community Partnership Opportunities with Culturingua Group (M&C # 2022-01-11-4633 W. Cox)**

Those who spoke: Evan Bohl; Matthew Hodde

RESULT: PRESENTED

ORDINANCES**Discussion and Final Action on an Ordinance Granting a Zone Change to Patrick Christiansen on Approximately 10 Acres Generally Located at 7213 Huebner Road from R-1, Single Family to PD, Planned Development District with R-6, Garden House Base Zoning (1st Reading and Public Hearing was held on December 21, 2021) (M&C # 2022-01-03-4600 B. Melland)**

Motion made by Councilor Benny Martinez to postpone until the traffic study is complete. Councilor Will Bradshaw have seconded.

Councilor Benny Martinez withdrew his motion. Councilor Will Bradshaw withdrew his second.

Those who spoke: Deborah D'Agostino; Evan Bohl; and James Brandenburg; Pat Martinez; and Larry Proffitt

Councilor Will Bradshaw read email from: Cathy Lewis

Councilor Josh Stevens read email from Hilda Gomez

Motion made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to approve as presented. Councilor Rey Orozco seconded.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
SECONDER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES:	Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

REGULAR AGENDA II**Presentation and Discussion of an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment from the General Fund Reserve Ratifying Emergency Sewer Repair Expenses at the Fire Department and for Emergency Repairs to the Traffic Signal System at Huebner and Evers Roads (1st Read as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2022-01-11-4597 M. Moritz)**

RESULT:	TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION	Next: 1/18/2022 5:30 PM
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Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on Amending the Communication Policy (M&C # 2022-01-11-4634 Councilor Jed Hefner and Councilor Josh Stevens)

Direction was given to staff.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Granting a Variance to the San Antonio Aquarium for Section 3.05.005(b) of the City Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Construction of a Chain-Link and Corrugated Metal Vision Proof Fence at 6320 Bandera Road (M&C # 2022-01-11-4638 M. Moritz)

Those who spoke: Evan Bohl; and Pat Martinez

Motion made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to approve as presented. Councilor Josh Stevens seconded.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
SECONDER:	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
AYES:	Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on a Request for Funding Related to the American Rescue Plan by Kathy Hill, President of the Leon Valley Historical Society Board of Directors (M&C # 2022-01-18-4635 Mayor Chris Riley)

Those who spoke were: Kathy Hill; Erick Matta; and Evan Bohl

Motion made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item until the January 18, 2022 meeting in order to allow the city attorney to bring back some advice. Councilor Josh Stevens seconded.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/18/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4	
SECONDER:	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2	
AYES:	Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw	

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Councilor Rey Orozco read email from Tina Chasan.

Those who spoke: Evan Bohl

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO ADD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**Attachment (M&C # 2022-01-11-4636)**

Councilor Jed Hefner asked to add an item regarding refund of water deposit.

Councilor Josh Stevens requested that an item be added to the first meeting in February to discuss an audio/visual equipment at the Conference Center budget adjustment. Councilor Will Bradshaw seconded the request in accordance with the City Charter.


RESULT: PRESENTED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 10:31 PM.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 18th of January, 2022.

APPROVED


CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY



On March 23, 2021, the Leon Valley City Council unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13, amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Section 1.04.001 (d) (2) saying that “All written comments shall be included in the meeting minutes.”

The Presiding Chair, the Mayor, has sole discretion on the appropriateness of which comments are and are not allowed.

The following comments have been reviewed and approved as “appropriate” to be included in the January 11, 2022 Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

citizens to be heard. 11/01/2022

I would appreciate at crystal could read my letter. please read at first citizens to be heard.

I have contacted city staff in regular occasions regarding not hearing the council meetings and planning and zoning meetings from time to time.

as people cannot attend the meeting all the time we rely on the webcam.

it would be appreciated if counsellors, staff, citizens and visitors and city manager

please use the microphone. it's very hard to hear what you're saying at the meeting or ask people to speak closer in the microphone.

if possible if someone could check all the microphones are turned on. and turn up. would it be possible to have a microphone speakers close to the webcam so that people could hear. and I think that would resolve that issue.

another thing I would like to point out.

I have noticed senior members of staff, counsellors, citizens, and Mr Blackmore have been disrespectful and rude towards the mayor this is disgusting and rude and should be ashamed of yourselves.

on several occasions. at the meetings. it seems that people do not understand

that mayor riley is the mayor of the city. elected by the people. I have never seen anything like this before.

I have never seen the mayor. be disrespectful or rude to anybody. she is caring, kind, and thoughtful who always puts others before herself. and wants to help everybody she can.

she is a lady and she does not deserve this kind of treatment. from anybody. the mayor gives an opportunity for everyone to speak at the meeting but two counsellors interrupts when she is speaking sometimes.

please let the mayor speak or talk. she is the head of the meeting. she does not interrupt you when you are talking. please look back on previous meetings to see what I am talking about.

I hope you take all the information on board and we all move forward

I would like to take this opportunity and wishing you a Happy New Year and stay safe.

Respectfully barry smyth

From: [cathy lewis](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Mayor Riley](#)
Cc: [Benny Martinez](#); [Rey Orozco](#); [Josh Stevens](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Jed Hefner](#)
Subject: Proposed housing development on Huebner Road
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 8:07:13 PM

Greetings;

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night. Because I care for my elderly Mother and Grandbaby and due to current covid surge it is prudent for me to watch meeting from home.

I am against such a large housing development until a traffic solution is place prior to adding the 90 homes/cars to an already congested area. Minimally, a plan should be in place for traffic simultaneously to housing unit going up.

Creating bigger problem and then putting in the fix, just seems backwards. I don't understand the city planning a disaster they need to fix and not being proactive.

A possible compromise-

- Simply not making current traffic situation worse. Which will be result as stands.
- Maybe less homes, not built on top of each othe?
- Scrap the dog park as that size will be a joke and a mess or do not open proposed dog park to public thereby preventing over use.
- Fire safety issues should not be given variance or pass, as we may be sorry for such a grant down the road, as Mr. Stevens pointed out in separate email, once a variance given we are stuck with the consequences. These particular variances discussed will involve the safety of our community and children.
- Make egress safety a priority, and remember there is a grade school very close!
- Widening street may be an partial fix along with traffic light? But whatever the fix, it should go in place prior to more traffic added!

The above are in no particular order.

I understand the developer needs to get most bang for his buck however, their financial goals should not be our city's goal.

I am sure there are other ideas for compromise, but as it stands and from what I heard at both the Planning/zoning and City Council meetings, I am against this large of a housing development without traffic fixes in place first. Once a solution in place it may be a good thing.

Please be proactive with our safety.

Thank you for all you do,

Cathy Lewis

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From: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
To: [Will Bradshaw](#)
Cc: [Mayor Riley](#); [Gilbert Perales](#); [Crystal Caldera](#)
Subject: FW: Citizen to be heard, about church zoning, please read... (ALL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL HAVE BEEN BLIND COPIED)
Date: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:01:35 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning and Happy New Year!

Mayor Riley asked that I forward the email below to you.

I have also printed this email and will give it to Mayor Riley at the January 11, 2022 City Council meeting to be read during Citizens to be Heard .

Have a great day.

Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC

City Secretary

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From: Mayor Riley <mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Saundra Passailaigue <s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Cc: Crystal Caldera <c.caldera@leonvalleytexas.gov>; Gilbert Perales <g.perales@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Subject: Fw: Citizen to be heard, about church zoning, please read...

Please forward to council after the holidays. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Riley

Mayor, City of Leon Valley
6400 El Verde Rd.
Leon Valley, TX. 78238
(210) 618-2092 - (cell)
(210) 684-1391, Ext. 218

From: zroscoe1 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 12:43 AM
To: Mayor Riley
Subject: Citizen to be heard, about church zoning, please read...

To whom it concerns,

Dear mayor and conicl,

I would like to say I'm for changing the zoning law for 200 ft for the church due to it will bring money (but not the only reason) into leon valley but it is to give not the church peace but the bank that is loaning the money. The bank don't see or care its a church it cared about it self but for the church to grow it needs 200 ft rezone so the bank can loan the money cause if rezone then the church values in the banks eyes its more valuable and less risk no matter who its for banks are just a risk assessment analysis and return for there money for there trustees and if 200ft holds back growth then your not doing your job! Give the bank and church what they need so they can bring more money into leon valley! In all my years of living I have never heard a church take 4 years to get approve to grow in a community where it will bring more people to God and yet the devil keeps fighting him by using you mayor as his pawn to stop this and yet if you think otherwise your wrong but you go and say I'm protecting a housing community that the church serves and others but you shouldn't say that cause if you were then you would stop alot of stuff in the past since your the leader but you work for all tax payers and citizens of leon valley to make it better and grow and do what we want not you or 4 people but for thousands and 4 people and you or zoning shouldn't say build up or change your vision, when have you asked what's your vision for the community? Ask the church how this will help everyone and I'm sure they will say how can it hurt when its only about God and love and his people who will always serve him! It would be different if this was a business but

From: [Justin Pulliam](#)
To: [Mayor Riley](#); [Benny Martinez](#); [Josh Stevens](#); [Jed Hefner](#); [Rey Orozco](#); [Will Bradshaw](#)
Cc: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Citizens to Be Heard-1/11/2022 (First CTBH)
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:22:53 PM

This letter is from Justin Pulliam of Fort Bend County, Texas.

Greetings Honorable Mayor Riley and Councilmen:

I support the appointment of Dr. Crystal Caldera to the position of City Manager for a term of 4 years. Dr. Caldera has proven herself as a dedicated employee to the city. Not only will her long-established career at Leon Valley lead to stability for the city, but also it means residents are getting a highly effective administrator who knows the ins-and-outs of the city government. The proposed contract is much friendlier to the taxpayers when compared to previous city manager contracts. Dr. Caldera appears unafraid to make the hard but necessary decisions for the city. She is attentive to constitutional and legal compliance, which should reduce conflict and the amount of money wasted on legal services. I hope you will make every effort to promptly execute the contract.

Thank you for your consideration of my public comments.

From: [Tina Chasan](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Citizens to be heard
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:49:00 PM

I would like to encourage Councilor Orasco, the city liaison and city secretary to reschedule the date for the first CPAC meeting until February. Since we only meet a few times a year, putting the first meeting in February shouldn't be a problem. I ask this because of the high covid rate we are experiencing. Dr. Fauci has stated that we should be expecting a crest in two weeks and then the covid rate should start to come back down.

So please consider this as I personally continue to hibernate at home.

Respectfully

Tina Chasan