



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
Leon Valley City Council Chambers  
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

**MINUTES**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Chris Riley	City of Leon Valley	Mayor	Present
David Edwards	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 1	Present
Josh Stevens	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 2	Present
Jed Hefner	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 3	Present
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 welcomed everyone and then announced a quorum of City Council was present.

Mayor Riley asked Councilor Will Bradshaw to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The City Council Shall Meet In Executive Session To Discuss The Following:**

Mayor Chris Riley read the captions for Agenda Items 2.1; 2.2; and 2.3 out loud; and then the Council went into Executive Session at 5:32 PM

**Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: To Discuss Crystal Hill Park – Update on Status of Permeable Parking Lot (with Oscar Renda Construction) or Other Alternatives to Construction of this Parking Lot**

**Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on Legal Matters: To Receive Legal Advice from the City Attorney on the Rule 11 Agreement with the San Antonio Aquarium**

**Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters: To Receive Legal Advice with Respect to Red-Light Camera Contract with Verra Mobility**

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND TAKE ACTION ON ISSUES DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY**

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:52 PM

There was no action was taken on Agenda Item 2.1

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to approve the Rule 11 agreement with the San Antonio Aquarium. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**SECONDER:** Rey Orozco, Council Place 4  
**AYES:** David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to draft a letter to State Legislators, signed by all members of the Leon Valley City Council, in support of HB1209. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Jed Hefner, Council Place 3  
**SECONDER:** Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5  
**AYES:** David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentation from the NW San Antonio Chamber of Commerce (Rose Ryan, Board Member, NW San Antonio Chamber of Commerce)**

Rose Ryan, Board Member, NW San Antonio Chamber of Commerce gave a brief presentation. Board Members Gail Tribble and Benny Martinez were also present.

**RESULT: PRESENTED**

**Presentation of an Economic Development - Update (William Cox, Business Relations Specialist)**

William Cox, Business Relations Specialist presented an update on Economic Development.

**RESULT: PRESENTED**

**Presentation of the 2021 Swimming Pool Season Opening Plan of Action (David Dimaline, Assistant Public Works Director)**

David Dimaline, Assistant Public Works Director presented a plan of action for the 2021 Swimming Pool Season in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines.

Councilor Rey Orozco read an e-mail that was submitted by: Ann Sawyer (Leon Valley)

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley): Jack Miller (Leon Valley)

**RESULT:        PRESENTED**

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to move Agenda Item 4.8 up on the agenda to discuss at this time due to the amount of interested citizens present this evening. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

**RESULT:        APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**        Josh Stevens, Council Place 2  
**SECONDER:**    Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5  
**AYES:**         David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on a Proposed Amendment to Chapter 3, Animal Control, Prohibiting Retail Sale of Canine's and Feline's by Pet Stores, Unless the Canine or Feline was Obtained from a City or County Animal Shelter, Animal Control Agency, or Rescue Organization Licensed by the City of Leon Valley (Brandon Melland, Planning & Zoning Director)**

Mayor Chris Riley explained that she placed this item on the agenda last week after hearing concern on the issue.

Brandon Melland, Planning & Zoning Director presented this item at the request of the Mayor. Staff prepared this presentation for discussion and direction regarding additional regulation of pet shops in Leon Valley regarding the retail sale of canine’s and felines.

In October of 2020, the City of San Antonio passed Ordinance 2020-10-29-0772 which most notably states the following: *A pet shop shall not sell, lease, offer for sale, trade, give away or otherwise transfer a cat or dog, unless the cat or dog was obtained from a city or county animal shelter, an animal control agency, or an animal rescue organization licensed by the department.*

The City of Leon Valley Animal Control Ordinance, which was last updated in 2020, does not currently regulate Pet Stores. If the Council desired to enact similar regulations as the City of San Antonio regarding pet shops, amendment to the City’s Animal Control Ordinance would be necessary; with associated additional enforcement by the City’s code enforcement officers which are a part of the City’s Police department.

Councilor David Edwards read an e-mail submitted by: Jason Duhamell, owner Texas Puppy Store

Councilor Will Bradshaw read an e-mail submitted by: Tina Chasan (Leon Valley)

Councilor Rey Orozco read an e-mail submitted by: Jaime Trueba (Petland Leon Valley) and David Moreno (Petland Vineyard)

Those who spoke on this item were: Evan Bohl (Leon Valley); Laura Zamora (Leon Valley resident/Manager of Petland Leon Valley); Jamie Stewart (San Antonio resident/Petland Leon Valley employee); Kimberly Bohl (Leon Valley) who gave the rest of her time to Evan Bohl (Leon Valley); David Moreno (owner/Petland Leon Valley); Erick Matta (Leon Valley); and Benny Martinez (Leon Valley)

**RESULT: PRESENTED**

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to table this item indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Josh Stevens, Council Place 2  
**SECONDER:** Jed Hefner, Council Place 3  
**AYES:** David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**Presentation and Direction on Options for the 4th of July Event (M. Mendoza, Special Events Coordinator)**

Maribel Mendoza, Special Events Coordinator gave a brief presentation on the upcoming 4th of July Event. Ms. Mendoza presented options for City Council consideration and is seeking direction.

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley); Benny Martinez (Leon Valley); and Jack Miller (Leon Valley)

Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director requested port-a-potties.

David Gonzalez, LVPD Chief of Police requested more money be placed in the budget for staffing if the Council is planning to have 10,000 visitors to the event.

**RESULT: PRESENTED**

**Presentation of a 2021 Winter Weather Event - FEMA/TDEM Grant (William Cox, Business Relations Director)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 5/4/2021 5:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3	
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw	

**Presentation of Marshall Elevated Storage Tank Logos (Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

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**Quarterly Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report Ending March 31, 2021 (F. Messick, Assistant Finance Director)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

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<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw	

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Chris Riley read an e-mail submitted by: Gilda Ybarra (Leon Valley)

Councilor Josh Stevens read an e-mail submitted by: Loretta Hodde (Leon Valley)

Councilor Jed Hefner read an e-mail submitted by: Bob Page (Richwood, TX)

Those who spoke at this time were: Jack Miller (Leon Valley); Kimberly Bohl (Leon Valley) who gave her remaining time to Evan Bohl (Leon Valley)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor David Edwards thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilor Josh Stevens also thanked everyone for coming; and reminded everyone to “Go Vote”.
- Councilor Jed Hefner passed.
- Councilor Rey Orozco also passed.
- Councilor Will Bradshaw spoke about a fire in Grass Valley and thanked the LVFD and LVPD for their quick response; reminded everyone that early voting is going on through Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>; and reminded everyone to “Go Vote”.
- Mayor Chris Riley thanked the League of Women Voters for the candidates forum; thanked The Echo for live streaming the candidates forum; thanked Benny Martinez for providing microphones for the forum; thanked John Hoyt for cleaning up the park; spoke about a contract that the City of San Antonio has to create a trail head for Crystal Hills Park; reminded everyone of the events Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: there is the Evers Road Clean-up with the Audie Murphy Veterans Post at 7:30 AM; planting of fifty (50) trees at the Silo Park at 9:00 AM; and the Ribbon Cutting for Salon Twenty-Four and Just Skin at 1:00 PM; lastly, Mayor Riley announced that COVID vaccines were available at St. John’s Baptist Church.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager Crystal Caldera supplemented the report informing everyone that there is a new look to the City Manager's Report which may be found on the City's website and out on the table and asked for feedback; Stage II Water Restrictions are in effect and that details would be sent out on social media; that there is a Stormwater Workshop being suggested by Public Works Director Moritz - more information to come; and lastly that policy changes have been made due to last weekend's event in Grass Valley.

### **Upcoming Important Events:**

- Tuesday, May 04, 2021, at 6:00 PM, Regular City Council Meeting in Council Chambers.
- Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 8:00 AM, Audie L. Murphy Memorial Parkway Clean-up on Evers road - Sponsored by American Legion Post 336 Leon Valley, meeting place is the Leon Valley Public Library.
- Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Early Voting for the General Election, (Leon Valley site - Conference Center).
- Friday, April 30, 2021, beginning at dusk, Movies in the Park featuring Disney's Onward, at Raymond Rimkus Park.
- Saturday, May 01, 2021, from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, General Election, (Leon Valley site - Conference Center).
- Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

**RESULT:       PRESENTED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.1; 8.2; and 8.4 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

**RESULT:       ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Jed Hefner, Council Place 3  
**SECONDER:**   Rey Orozco, Council Place 4  
**AYES:**        David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**Consideration of the Following City Council Minutes:**

- a.   **Special Meeting- March 23, 2021 5:30 PM**
- b.   **Regular Meeting- April 6, 2021 5:30 PM**
- c.   **Special Meeting- April 7, 2021 5:30 PM**
- d.   **Workshop- April 10, 2021 9:00 AM**

**Acceptance of Committee/Commission/Board Minutes:**

- a.   **10-08-2020 Park Commission Minutes**
- b.   **03-15-2021 Tree Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Discussion and Possible Action of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021 - *Item Removed from Consent* (M&C # 2021-05-04-03 Vickie Wallace)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

**Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Bexar County Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021 (M&C # 2021-04-20-02 D. Dimaline)**

**ORDINANCE**

**Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Adopting Texas Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-35; and Amending the Emergency Disaster Ordinance Local Emergency Declaration 2021-002 (M&C # 2021-04-20-03 D. Gonzalez)**

David Gonzalez, LVPD Chief of Police and Regina Reed, Library Director presented this item for the purpose of City Council consideration in possible adoption of Texas Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-35 and amending the Emergency Disaster Ordinance Local Emergency Declaration 2021-002.

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to make this an emergency ordinance requiring only one (1) reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Appointing City Manager Gilbert Perales and Approving His Contract with the City of Leon Valley (1st Reading was Held on 04-06-2021) (M&C # 2021-04-20-04 C. Caldera)**

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Zoning Regarding the Following: Short-Term Rentals in Residential Zoning Districts; Mobile Food Units in Non-Residential Zoning Districts; Permanent Makeup aka. Cosmetic Tattooing in Non-Residential Zoning Districts; Restaurants in the B-1, Zoning District; and Gymnasiums/Physical Fitness Facilities in the B-2, Zoning District; and a Public Hearing on Said Amendments (1st Read was Held 04-06-2021) (M&C # 2021-04-20-05 B. Melland)**

Brandon Melland, Planning & Zoning Director presented this item for a second reading.

Those who spoke at this time were: Benny Martinez (Leon Valley)



A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt the ordinance as written with an amendment that a certificate of occupancy not be required for short term rentals. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

Councilor Hefner withdrew his motion. Councilor Bradshaw withdrew his second.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt Items two (2) through five (5) as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw. *This motion was not voted on and may need to come back to City Council for reaffirmation.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt Item one (1) as written with the amendment that we do not require a certificate of occupancy (CofO). The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [3 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Will Bradshaw
<b>NAYS:</b>	David Edwards, Rey Orozco

Mayor Chris Riley asked that Director Melland to bring back what other cities are doing with their SUP's so that City Council will know in the future.

**Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance of the City of Leon Valley, TX, City Council Accepting the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council Trauma System Grant in the amount of \$7,034.75; and Amending the General Fund Budget of The City of Leon Valley, Texas Municipal Budget for The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to be Increased in the Amount of \$7,034.75, to Provide Funding to Purchase Supplies and Equipment Used for Providing Emergency Medical Care in Leon Valley (1st Read was on 04-06-2021) (M&C # 2021-04-20-06 M. Naughton)**

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
<b>AYES:</b>	David Edwards, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members and Alternate Members to the City of Leon Valley Capital Facilities Oversight Committee; Earthwise Living Day Committee; Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee; Library Board of Trustees; and the Park Commission (M&C # 2021-05-04-05 S. Passailaigue)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3	
<b>AYES:</b>	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw	

**Presentation and Discussion on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances to Add Article 8.14 City Parks and City Owned Parking Lot Management (1st Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2021-05-04-08 D. Gonzalez)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 5/4/2021 5:30 PM</b>
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3	
<b>AYES:</b>	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw	

**Presentation and Discussion Regarding Potential Amendments to Article 3.04, Sign Code of The City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances; as Recommended by the Sign Code Update Advisory Committee (M&C # 2021-04-20-09 B. Melland)**

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table this item to the May 04, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 5/4/2021 5:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3	
<b>AYES:</b>	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw	

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Those who spoke at this time were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

**REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**


Mayor Chris Riley requested an item to discuss and take action on be placed on the next agenda to possibly reschedule the July 06, 2021 and October 05, 2021 Regular City Council meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 11:23 PM.

**These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 4th of May, 2021.**

APPROVED

  
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**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 April 20, 2021 Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

**From:** [GILDA YBARRA](#)  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Police presence  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:20:24 PM

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I would like it read to the City Council at Citizens to be heard

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 20, 2021, at 1:32 PM, Saundra Passailaigue <[s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov](mailto:s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov)> wrote:

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> Good afternoon Ms. Ybarra,

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> I have received your e-mail. What would you like done with it?

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> Sincerely,

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> Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC

> City Secretary

> 6400 El Verde Road

> Leon Valley, Texas 78238

> Tele: (210) 684-1391 Ext. 216

> [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: GILDA YBARRA < >

> Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:27 PM

> To: Saundra Passailaigue <[s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov](mailto:s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov)>

> Subject: Police presence

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> As a resident of Leon Valley for 39 years, I have noticed less police presence patrolling our neighborhood.

Gunshots, car racing and people looking to break into cars are becoming the norm. In the past few years, this has changed for the worse. The fact that citizens are directed to Bexar County when calling 911 makes it more difficult and time consuming.

> I hope the council and the Police Department will take measures to make us a safer city again.

> Thank you for your time.

> Gilda Ybarra

> Forest Oaks Resident

> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jason Ro](#)  
**To:** [Citizens to be heard](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tonight's City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:56:31 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Texas Puppy Store is a business new to Leon Valley as of January 2021. We currently have ten employees. We have taken over an end cap in a business center that has been vacant for ten years. We have cleaned up the center and our landlord is extremely happy we have opened our business here. We have improved traffic in the center with a growing customer base. We have already established a large clientele providing a new puppy to join their family. In a short period of time we already have return customers. We have a great relationship with the local community. We have provided security to our clientele who have in the past been scammed and ripped off online. Our store provides a space where puppies can be seen and interacted with before making a secure decision. Our puppies also have current vaccinations and a health guarantee for our customers peace of mind. We will be establishing relationships with multiple local rescues to come to our store on weekends with older rescue dogs looking for homes. Leon Valley has been a great city for us to start a new business in these times of economic uncertainty. We are providing jobs. We are generating city tax revenue. We are giving the local community security in the purchase of a new puppy, We are looking forward to working with the city and local animal rescues.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jason Duhamell - Owner Texas Puppy Store  
6904 Bandera Road Suite 8  
Leon Valley, Texas 78238  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Loretta Hodde](#)  
**To:** [Citizens to be heard](#)  
**Subject:** committee alternate members  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:44:01 PM

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A question for Mayor Riley:

Were Board of Adjustment Alternate Members given the opportunity to move up? Assuming they had taken the required classes it seems that would be the protocol, as suggested in **Ordinance 2018-17, Section 1.06.006 Board appointments and succession.**

It appears that Chairman Larry Proffitt was guided by this ordinance when the Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee recommended that an Alternate become a Regular Member.

The answer to this question has no effect on me, because I have resigned. However there were two Alternates standing by who would have been good choices. Did you talk to them before putting forth your personal choices?

The actions taken at that meeting confused me.

Loretta Hodde  
Leon Valley resident

**From:** [Tina Chasan](#)  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Cc:** [w.bradshaw@leonvalleytexas.gov](mailto:w.bradshaw@leonvalleytexas.gov)  
**Subject:** Ctbn please mr Bradshaw to read  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:49:32 PM

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Evening Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my concern over the new store called the " puppy store" . Designer puppies that sell for quite a high price should never be allowed in my city. Just as San Antonio had decided and made illegal , to buy and sell puppies from any brick and mortar store, so should our city make an ordinance to do the same.

Our city has enough of a problem with stray dogs or dogs that are dropped off and abandoned. This then becomes our Citys responsibility to care and find homes for them. Allowing this type of store to remain here, only makes our job of the strays a more difficult one to solve. Puppy mills have a huge inhumane reputation. By allowing the " puppy store" to remain in Leon Valley, helps to perpetuate the problem of puppies for profit and the existence of puppy mills.

I ask for you to consider my thoughts carefully , going forward.

Respectfully,

Tina Chasan

Forest Oaks/ Canterfield



**From:** [Ann Sawyer](#)  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Tonight's City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:16:46 PM

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Saundra,

Please let me know that you received this.

For tonight's City Council meeting, the Pool Committee is waiting for approval of the Swim Team.

I prefer that we have both evening and morning practices available, as there are many working parents who would not be able to bring their children to morning practices.

Also, I prefer that pool membership and swim team membership be available to those who live outside of Leon Valley city limits.

We will need to advertise to the community as well.

I learned recently that Apple Creek neighborhood doesn't have a swim team, so our pools would be easily accessible to that neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ann Sawyer  
Walking Gait Dr  
Canterbury neighborhood  
Leon Valley

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021, 2:08 PM Ann Sawyer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Ann Sawyer



**From:** [bob page](#)  
**To:** [Citizens to be heard](#)  
**Subject:** Citizen to be heard comment concerning candidates forum held over weekend  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:12:55 PM

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There was a question asked during this weekends candidate forum that the candidates seemed to struggle answering. It was about how they planned to attract black businesses.

**The question as I would have asked it:**

As a city council member, what will you do to attract minority owned business to Leon Valley.

**Answer that would have won my vote (if I had been able to vote):**

First, I will work with the City Manager to make sure city employees are a diverse group, especially those involved in citizen & business interactions including first responders.

Will also work with the city manager to make sure these employees get out & interact in the neighborhoods as permitted.

Maybe even introduce & promote proposals that would encourage city employees to live in the city they serve.

This includes such things as reimbursing moving fees and/or house closing costs for employees who do not currently residing in Leon Valley to relocate to Leon valley and/or offer incentives for local rental properties to give city employees rent discounts!

SECOND, make good use of one of a council members most powerful duties which is to appoint members to citizen advisory boards!

I would use my influence to encourage minority owned business owners to serve on these boards. Also, Leon Valley has a VERY DIVERSE collection of religions within its boundaries. I would also try to make sure EACH of them had the opportunity to participate on these boards. That INCLUDES those citizens that might be active in atheist and/or agnostic organizations.

P.S. Mr. Hefner, THANK YOU!

Leon Valley citizens (including future citizens like myself) HAVE NOTICED!

GOOD JOB TAKING CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM (and the non-constructive for that matter) & LISTENING!

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in this meeting,

BOB PAGE  
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**From:** [Josh Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petland Leon Valley OPPOSE Changes to Chapter 3  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 2:00:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [Bans vs Regulations3.pdf](#)

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Hi Saundra:

Here's the whole email from Ms. Fernandez, including the attachment. It sounds like they sent this individually to the different council members.

Josh

-----Original Message-----

From: "Anita L. Fernández" <[anita@oci-group.com](mailto:anita@oci-group.com)>  
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Subject: Petland Leon Valley OPPOSE Changes to Chapter 3

Good Morning,

We are reaching out today regarding Item 8 on the Leon Valley City Council Agenda,  
8. Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on a Proposed Amendment to Chapter 3, Animal Control, Prohibiting Retail Sale of Canine's and Feline's by Pet Stores, Unless the Canine or Feline was Obtained from a City or County Animal Shelter, Animal Control Agency, or Rescue Organization Licensed by the City of Leon Valley (Brandon Melland, Planning & Zoning Director)  
We want to make sure you are aware that local franchise owners of the Petland store in Leon Valley (for over 10 years), who are also small business owners, would be adversely affected by portions of the proposed changes to Ch. 3 that are up for presentation and discussion today. At a time when we need to get people to work, and keep them at work, this would cost Leon Valley jobs.  
Mr. Jaime Trueba, and Mr. David Moreno, Co-Owners of Petland Leon Valley, welcome the opportunity to meet with you via phone or virtually at your earliest convenience to share more about their store and the work they have done in particular with the City of Leon Valley to help find homes for rescued animals.

Please feel free to call me or text me with any questions. We wanted to get this formal request to you as quickly as possible as well as provide you with the attached information.

Thank you.

Anita

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Animal rights groups have convinced a number of local and even state governments to ban the sale of some pets. First it was puppies, then kittens and now some proposed legislation includes rabbits, guinea pigs and even goldfish. Where will it end? When a child can't have the opportunity to have their first pet and learn responsibility and nurture a love of animals? This is a frightening trend that will ultimately have a negative impact on the very animals it is meant to protect.

## There is a lot at stake and a better way to protect pets

### Pet Store Sourcing Standards (buy from USDA licensed kennels)

By implementing sourcing standards instead of a ban, communities can establish regulations to protect consumers and puppies such as the following guidelines:

- Pet stores can only buy from USDA licensed and inspected breeders with clean inspection reports that are provided to the customer. The breeders must have a veterinarian-documented socialization and exercise program and follow veterinarian protocols hygiene and health.
- All puppies and kittens must be a minimum of 8 weeks old prior to arrival to store.
- All puppies and kittens checked by licensed state veterinarian. Results of examination shared with customers on written document.
- All puppies and kittens microchipped and customer information entered into national database.
- All puppies and kittens must be current on their vaccinations and have a 14-day viral and bacterial warranty and a 1 year hereditary/congenital warranty.
- Breeder's name and address must be shared with all potential customers.
- If a family wants a specific breed or puppy, residents will have another option in addition to the shelter or buying online or out of state.
- Tax dollars and jobs stay in community and you support small, independent business owners.
- Discourages local rescues and shelters from importing dogs or buying puppies from breeders directly (Wash Post) or internationally.

### Pet Store Bans (unregulated sources are only option)

- Choices for consumers are then limited to unregulated sources: online, private and backyard breeders, international imports, flea market and shelters (not regulated).
- Demand outweighs supply. Most shelters don't have enough puppies, purebreds or small breeds to meet demand. In fact, some shelters and rescues are buying puppies from breeders or importing them from other countries.
- Shelters also tend to have a high percentage of Pitbull mixes, which may not be right for every family, especially without knowing the dog's prior history.
- Online purchases are often fraudulent and have exhibited lack of transparency, dubious transportation schemes, and no ability to verify warranty.
- A ban provides no way to be sure a resident isn't buying from a puppy mill directly online and it encourages residents to spend money outside of their community.
- No warranty or consumer protection for resident.
- Local tax dollars are spent elsewhere.
- No way to ensure that puppies aren't being purchased too young or with proper health vaccines.
- Doesn't support small family-owned businesses who follow all federal, state and local laws. They employ residents, pay taxes and support the local community.
- There is no scientific evidence that supports improved animal welfare after a ban.

**Passing legislation to end the sale of regulated pets is a reaction to an emotional issue and has not shut down a single puppy mill.**

**USDA licensed kennels are the only kennels inspected nationwide as mandated by The Animal Welfare Act**