

## CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Leon Valley City Council Chambers 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238 Tuesday, September 21, 2021

#### **MINUTES**

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

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status
Chris Riley	City of Leon Valley	Mayor	Present
Benny Martinez	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 Jed Hefner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley stated for the record that she would not be reading the Rules of Decorum as the Council would be "incorporating them into the agenda as we go forward".

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

Mayor Chris Riley read the caption for Agenda Item 2.1; and then announced that the City Council would go into Executive Session at 5:34 PM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters: To Receive Legal Advice and an Update on the Opioid Litigation, City of Leon Valley v. Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries, Ltd., Trial Court Cause No. 2020Cl05826, in the 285th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas (Harris County MDL Pretrial Cause No. 2020-39837) and the Opioid Global Settlement reached with the Texas Attorney General

#### **Reconvene Into Regular Session**

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:35 PM

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

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

Councilor Benny Martinez read a letter submitted by: Olen Yarnell (Leon Valley)

Councilor Josh Stevens read an e-mail submitted by: Justin Pulliam (Fort Bend County)

Councilor Will Bradshaw read an e-mail submitted by: John and Jessica Saenz (Leon Valley)

Mayor Chris Riley read an e-mail submitted by Texas State Representative Ray Lopez

#### Possible Action On Issues Discussed In Executive Session If Necessary

No action taken.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on the American Rescue Plan Funds (Gilbert Perales, City Manager)

Gilbert Perales, City Manager presented a possible American Rescue Plan Budget for City Council consideration.

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

RESULT: PRESENTED

### **REGULAR AGENDA PART A**

Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Settlement, Easement/Right-of-Way Joint Use Agreement with Robert and Gail Tribble and Approve the Subsequent Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for FY 2021-2022 General Fund in the Amount of \$25,000 (2nd Read) (M&C # 2021-10-19- G. Perales)

Gilbert Perales, City Manager presented the item with a recommendation to approve.

Councilor Benny Martinez motioned to table this item placed on the Consent Agenda of the next Regular City Council Meeting.

The item was tabled without objection.

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Northwest Little League to Reconstruct a Sign on the City Owned Property at 6916 Poss Road and approval of a License Agreement with Northwest Little League for the construction of a Sign on the City Owned Property and right of way at 6916 Poss Road (M&C # 2021-09-21-02 B. Melland)

Brandon Melland, Planning and Zoning Director presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to approve the item giving direction to the Little League to provide sufficient insurance for the sign. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2

AYES: Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will

Bradshaw

Discussion and Potential Action on a Request by Samir Chehade for a Zone Change From B-3 Commercial District with SO Sustainability Overlay District Zoning, to PD Planned Development District, with B-3 Commercial District and No SO, Sustainability Zoning on Approximately 2.85 Acres at 6758 Poss Road; Generally Located on the East Side of Poss Road, approximately 400 Feet South of Bandera Road; (1st Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2021-09-21-03 B. Melland)

Brandon Melland, Planning and Zoning Director presented the item on behalf of applicant Samir Chehade who is requesting a zone change from B-3 with SO Overlay Zoning to PD, Planned Development District Zoning, with B-3, Commercial and no Overlay zoning for the 2.85-acre undeveloped tract of land on the east side of Poss Road, just south of Bandera Road, within the City's Town Center. The purpose of this rezoning is to provide flexibility for a variety of future uses.

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley); Sherry Pfau (Leon Valley); and Evan Bohl (Leon Valley)

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Granting a Specific Use Permit for a Mobile Food Unit, at 6503 Bandera Road; Generally Located at the Northeast corner of Bandera Road and Seneca Road (1st Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2021-09-21-04 B. Melland)

Brandon Melland, Planning and Zoning Director presented this item on behalf of the applicants Mr. and Ms. Delacruz who is planning to located and operate a mobile food unit (food truck) in the parking lot of the Seneca Plaza shopping center. She recently opened her brick-and-mortar location in Suite 6503 of the same shopping center and now desires to also operate a food truck in the parking lot in front of her store, as illustrated in Exhibit A in the attached PowerPoint.

There was a consensus to move the item to the next City Council meeting Consent Agenda.

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Chris Riley spoke about the TxDOT ribbon cutting, flu vaccinations clinic at Wolff Stadium October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, keep Mr. Walter Geraghty in prayers, Council/Manager retreat and the items that were discussed.

Councilor Will Bradshaw also spoke of the Council/Manager Retreat; and Walk to end Alzheimer's October 16th at Six Flags.

Councilor Rey Orozco also spoke about the benefits of the Council/Manager Retreat.

Councilor Jed Hefner also spoke about the benefits of the Council/Manager Retreat; and Goggle Fiber trenching.

Councilor Josh Stevens also spoke about the benefits of the Council/Manager Retreat; complemented David Dimaline and all of the Public Works department staff.

Councilor Benny Martinez spoke about the Chamber's next event; and the Council/Manager Retreat.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Gilbert Perales, City Manager thanked everyone who participated in Saturday's Retreat.

#### **Upcoming Important Events:**

- a. Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM, Regular City Council Meeting in Council Chambers.
- b. Tuesday, October 05, 2021, Texas National Night Out. (The Regular City Council Meeting has been cancelled)
- c. Wednesday, October 06, 2021 through Friday, October 8, 2021, TML's 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition, in Houston, TX.
- d. Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 9:00 AM, Arbor Day-Tree Adoption Event, outside at the Leon Valley Community Center.
- e. Saturday, October 30, 2021, Northwest Seniors Trash & Treasure Event, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Community Center.

- f. Saturday, October 30, 2021, City-Wide Garage Sale (more details to come).
- g. Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, The Library's Annual Halloween Party, at the Leon Valley Public Library.
- h. Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

RESULT: PRESENTED

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt the Consent Agenda

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2

AYES: Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will

Bradshaw

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

a. Regular Meeting- September 7, 2021 5:30 PM

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

- a. 04-28-2021 Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes
- b. 08-12-2021 Joint Capital Facilities Oversight Committee and Park Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. 06-10-2021 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2021 (M&C # 2021-09-21-05 C. Caldera)

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution to Dissolve the Sign Code Update Advisory Committee (M&C # 2021-09-21-06 S. Passailaigue)

Discussion and Action on the Approval of Bank Signature Cards and Amending the Authorized Representatives for TexPool (M&C # 2021-09-21-07 V. Wallace)

#### **ORDINANCE**

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Grating Approval of a Specific Use Permit for Outside Storage on Approximately 5 Acres Generally Located on the East Side of Timber Hill Drive, approximately 600 Feet South of Grissom Road; and a Public Hearing on Said Request (1st Reading held 09/07/21) (M&C #2021-09-21-08 B. Melland)

Mayor Riley opened the Public Hearing at 8:51 PM

There being no public comment; Mayor Riley closed the Public Hearing at 8:52 PM

City Attorney Roxana Stevens suggested that a WHEREAS be added that after adequate notice and a Public Hearing by the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Benny Martinez to adopt the ordinance as presented with the addition of a WHEREAS clause address the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Benny Martinez, Council Place 1
SECONDER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2

AYES: Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will

Bradshaw

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Building Code, Adding Section 3.02.059 Certificate of Occupancy, Compliance, and Completion (1st Reading was Held 09-07-2021) (M&C # 2021-09-21-09 B. Melland)

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2

AYES: Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will

Bradshaw

Discussion and Action to Consider Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$26,443.00 for the Raymond Rimkus Park Flood Remediation (1st Read Held on 9-7-21) (M&C # 2021-09-21-10 M. Moritz)

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
SECONDER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3

**AYES:** Benny Martinez, Josh Stevens, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will

Bradshaw

#### **REGULAR AGENDA PART B**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Leon Valley Police Department Citizen's Police Advisory Committee (M&C # 2021-09-21-11 Councilor Rey Orozco)

Councilor Rey Orozco presented his suggested changes which will be brought back to a future meeting as a red-lined draft for City Council consideration.

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley); and Evan Bohl (Leon Valley)

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members to the Pool Advisory Committee (M&C # 2021-09-21-12 S. Passailaigue)

Saundra Passailaigue, City Secretary presented this item to appoint members to the Pool Advisory Committee.

Without objection, the item was tabled to a future meeting.

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Park Commission's Recommendation for Mobile Food Vending in Raymond Rimkus Park (M&C #2021-09-21-13 M. Moritz)

Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director presented the item to discuss the possibility of allowing mobile food vending or "food trucks" to park and serve food in the large parking lot at Raymond Rimkus Park, to further discuss the location, fees, and rules for such trucks, and to consider the Park Commission's recommendation regarding this item.

The Park Commission was tasked with considering a Council member's request to allow mobile food vending in Raymond Rimkus Park, specifically in the large parking lot located near Poss at Cherryleaf streets. The Park Commission met on two occasions to discuss this item and make a recommendation. Staff investigated the City of San Antonio's regulations for mobile food vending in their parks and created a similar regulatory document.

Those who spoke on this item were: Jacqueline (Leon Valley); and Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Park Commission's Recommendation for a Dog Park (M&C # 2021-09-21-14 M. Moritz)

Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director presented this item to consider the Park Commission's Recommendations for the creation of a dog park, to include the proposed location, regulations, and financing.

During 2018, a Park survey was sent to all the residents of Leon Valley, asking what future park amenities they would like. The most requested amenity was the creation of a dog park at Raymond Rimkus Park. The Park Commission formed a subcommittee to research dog parks in general and they presented their findings and recommendations to the whole Commission. The Commission then determined that Raymond Rimkus Park was not an ideal location for a dog park and selected a more suitable location outside of the park. They also recommended regulations for the proposed park.

The Park Commission was shown a map depicting three potential locations for a dog park, with the first one being located directly behind the Community Garden in Raymond Rimkus Park. This area was not preferred by the Park Commission due to the proximity to residential homes and "Quiet Area" of park. The second location was adjacent to the large parking lot in Raymond Rimkus Park. This location was also not preferred, as it is located directly in the floodway. The third location, off of Felipa Salazar Road was the preferred choice, as it is located away from all but one resident, is not directly in the floodway, and has easy access from Poss Road near the park.

RESULT: TABLED WITHOUT OBJECTION Next: 10/19/2021 6:00 PM

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Those who spoke at this time were: Gail Tribble (Leon Valley); Jacquelyn (unknown); Evan Bohl (Leon Valley); Erick Matta (Leon Valley); and Pat Martinez (Leon Valley)

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

Mayor Chris Riley requested an item on the following: estimated red-light camera funds that can be used to fund safety equipment; an update on the Huebner Creek Project; and an update on the Creek Restoration Project behind the Homestead.

Councilor Will Bradshaw request an item related to fence heights but was told it was in the "pipeline".

Councilor Jed Hefner requested an item related to the John Marshall High School traffic concerns but was also told it was in the "pipeline".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 10:56 PM.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 19th of October, 2021.

**APPROVED** 

MAYOR

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 September 21, 2021 Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

From:

To: Benny Martinez

Cc: Gilbert Perales; Mayor Riley; Saundra Passailaique

Subject: Re: Leon Valley constituent request for help

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:54:11 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Mr. Martinez,

The conversation had with you and your email to me, raises extreme concerns.

During the phone call that you are referring to, I did not refuse to share my concerns with you. You did not ask me for details of my circumstance. You asked me, what is my regular monthly water bill? You stated, if [I] don't want to tell [you] what [my] regular monthly water bill is, [you] can't help [me].

It is apparent you were not prepared to listen when you confirmed that you did in fact receive the emails, though you did not read them before calling me.

I asked you to read them first and then call me.

At this time, if you believe that you can be helpful and of service, do not make false statements about the details of your and my conversation.

ATTENTION: official notice to the city of Leon Valley citizens to be heard - all correspondence from me to <u>citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov</u> shall be redacted immediately.

J

On Tue, Sep 14, 2021, 4:54 PM Benny Martinez < benny.martinez@leonvalleytexas.gov > wrote:

Good afternoon.

I just talked with you on the phone.

I just left a message for David Dimaline to call you.

I did read the forwarded message that you sent to Saundra the city secretary.

In your email you asked about community support or emergency assistance. To my knowledge the City of Leon Valley does not have this type of support.

I asked you to explain the problem, so I could help you. Your refusal to provide any information makes it hard for me to assist you.

I asked if you received a water bill that was excessive. This could be due to a water leakage. You refused to provide a answer.

Public works can help you determine this. There might be some relief provided. For me to assist you further, I need specific information. Call me or email me with the requested information so I can further assist you. ? **Benny Martinez** Leon Valley City Council PL 1 6400 El Verde Rd. Leon Valley, Texas 78238 210-684-1391 Benny.martinez@leonvalleytexas.gov From: J Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:01 PM **To:** Benny Martinez < benny.martinez@leonvalleytexas.gov > **Subject:** Re: Leon Valley constituent request for help Mr. Martinez, I have called you on the phone number you provided that is and I left a voicemail. Can you please return my call? I can be reached at On Thu, Sep 9, 2021, 4:44 PM Benny Martinez < benny.martinez@leonvalleytexas.gov > wrote: At your convenience please call me to discuss your problem I can be reached at

### **Benny Martinez**

Leon Valley City Council PL 1

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Leon Valley, Texas 78238

210-684-1391

Benny.martinez@leonvalleytexas.gov

From: J <

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:53 AM

**To:** Saundra Passailaigue <<u>s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>>

Cc: Citizens to be heard < citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov >; Yvonne Acuna

<<u>v.acuna@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>>; J <

Subject: Re: Leon Valley constituent request for help

Hi Ms. Pass,

I do see that you carbon copied Ms. Acuna from the public works department, who I did not copy on my last email, so I will copy Ms. Acuna on this email response so we all stay informed.

I have also carbon copied the email for citizens to be heard, as you suggested, so it can be discussed before the 21st.

At this time, I do not give you permission to publicly mention or post personal information that will identity me either in written form, video or recording.

I understand that you did encouraged me to attend the city council meeting as Council was considering use for the American Relief Plan funds. Also yes, you stated that there could

be a program created to assist the Leon Valley water customers although there was no plan to do so.

I purchased two new toilet kits on Tuesday night, which is why I did not attend City council meeting.

My question again was, as you confirmed that the city of Leon Valley does not have community support or emergency assistance, and you as well as the public works department (Ms. Acuna) were aware of my circumstance, and not any one person decided to advocate on my behalf during the city council meeting this past Tuesday to look further into serious consideration for creating a community support and emergency assistance program for the city of Leon Valley constituents, your suggestion was to email this (my circumstance) to citizens to be heard, is that right?

Following up from your recommendation regarding needs/suggestions for consideration for the APR funds use. Who can I address directly and speak with about my circumstance? When will I hear back from citizens to be heard?

Thank you, Ms. Pass.

Jacqueline

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 2:52 PM Saundra Passailaigue <<u>s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>> wrote:

Hello,

Unfortunately the City Council did not discuss the item regarding the American Relief Plan. Instead, they tabled it to be discussed on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

My suggestion would be to email <u>citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov</u> sometime before the 21<sup>st</sup>. You can email them your needs and/or suggestions to be considered on the ARP Funds use.

They will all receive your email and it will be read out loud during the meeting.

Best wishes,

## Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC

#### City Secretary

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From: J <

Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 2:10 PM

To: Saundra Passailaigue < s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov>

Cc: J <

Subject: Re: Leon Valley constituent request for help

Hi Ms. Pass,

Thank you for the link to the city council meeting. Also, thank you for the gift bag with the masks, this has been very helpful.

A quick update. To continue my efforts to problem solve, I purchased two toilet kits last night. Until they are properly installed, I will continue my efforts to substantially conserve water use.

Since I could not attend last night, do you recommend that I email each city council member and the mayor directly to ask for help? Who can I schedule a meeting with to ask for help by appointment? What are the next steps?

Jacqueline Macias

6314 Sunview

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021, 6:40 PM Saundra Passailaigue <<u>s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Macias,

I am happy to assist you but must clarify one thing, I said that the City Council would be discussing the American Relief Plan tonight during the Council meeting. I encouraged you to attend or send in a comment to City Council via <a href="mailto:citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov">citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov</a>. Council will be considering uses for these funds tonight and your comment would be helpful.

I told you that there could be a program created to assist the Leon Valley water customers after tonight's meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may view the Livestream meeting here <a href="http://leonvalleytx.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx">http://leonvalleytx.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx</a> .

Respectfully,

## Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC

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From: J

Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 5:55 PM

To: Saundra Passailaigue < s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov>

Cc: J

Subject: Leon Valley constituent request for help

Hi Saundra,

Thank you for taking my call last week.
Following up regarding our conversation, I shared with you that I received a significantly large amount on my utility bill.
In my ongoing communication with the public works department, they state that Leon Valley does not have emergency assistance and I was not refered to anyone else who can help me with this matter.
On Friday September 3, you explained that after today, there will be emergency assistance available.
What day this week can we follow up regarding this?
Jacqueline Macias
6314 Sunview

From:

To: <u>Citizens to be heard</u>

Cc: <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>; <u>Mayor Riley</u>

Subject: Request to redact correspondence immediately and before September 21, 2021 next Tuesday

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 6:14:54 PM

This is official notice to the city of Leon Valley citizens to be heard - all correspondence from the email address, to <u>citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>, shall be redacted immediately and no later than Tuesday September 21, 2021.

I am requesting a confirmation and update to this request. Thank you, city of Leon Valley.

From:Jessica PalaciosTo:Citizens to be heardCc:Donovon Rodriguez

Subject: Citizens to be heard - American Rescue Plan

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:08:46 PM

Attachments: 09.21 Public Comment.docx

Hello,

I am hoping to submit public comment on behalf of my boss State Representative Lopez. Please see the attached letter for a full statement. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindly,

Jessica L. Palacios MPA Constituent Services Coordinator State Representative Ray Lopez House District 125

**Capitol** Ext., Rm. E1.406 P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 O: (512)-463-0669

District:

5309 Wurzbach Rd., Ste. 200-9 W:(210) 684-5419

C: (956) 566-0901



To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you, members of city council, for the opportunity to comment on Citizens to be Heard Discussion as it relates to section six of tonight's agenda. There are several possible action items to be considered for the use of the American Rescue Plan Funds. I am Ray Lopez, State Representative for House District 125 which encompasses San Antonio's west side and parts of Leon Valley. I am writing to you today to please consider the following eligible expenses including but not limited to household utility relief as well as investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

I would like to raise concerns regarding an issue brought to my attention that I presume can affect far too many residents.

- 1. Sometimes there are unexpected home repair expenses that are not covered easily under an insurance claim for instance, gas leaks or water leaks which often times require constituents to hire master plumbers to diagnose those areas of concern.
- 2. My belief is that when a governing body generates revenue for public service from tax revenue, a system should be created to bring relief to those taxpayers during a time of need.

In summary, the funds brought forth by the American Rescue Plan could benefit residences who experienced enough hardship throughout the pandemic. The approval of a program of this nature could positively impact residents for years to come.

this nature could positively impact residents for years to come.
Sincerely,

State Representative

Ray Lopez

House District 125

From: <u>Justin Pulliam</u>

To: <u>Mayor Riley</u>; <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>

**Subject:** Citizens to Be Heard

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 5:17:12 PM

#### Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

This is a letter from Justin Pulliam of Fort Bend County. I just received fascinating communications from the city. I've observed conflict regarding the new exclusive waste collection contractor, Tiger Sanitation. The following is an excerpt of a communication from Tiger to the city:

"We wanted to thank you for having lunch with us yesterday. I wanted to follow up and see what night you are all free during the TML events, so we can take you all out to dinner! Also, I really would like to take you out to the spa if you have a free morning during the events or a free afternoon please let me know and I can figure some plans out! Thank you for choosing Tiger Sanitation as your service provider."

Those sound like some very nice perks. I cannot help but wonder if residents could have reduced waste collection rates without such extravagant entertainment and gift spending. Since obtaining the exclusive waste collection contract, Tiger Sanitation certainly has raised rates.

How was the dinner? There are some very fancy steak restaurants in the bigger cities. But perhaps it was a modest event. Where did you have dinner?

Thank you for allowing me to be heard.

Justin Pulliam