



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Leon Valley City Council Chambers  
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**MINUTES**

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**6:00 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
Monica Alcocer	City of Leon Valley	Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3	Remote
Donna Charles	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 1	Remote
Catherine Rodriguez	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 2	Present
Matthew Hodde	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 4	Present
Will Bradshaw	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 5	Remote

Also present was City Manager Kelly Kuentler, Interim City Manager/Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio, ACM/HR Director Crystal Caldera, City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, City Attorney Habib Erkan, Jr., LVFD Fire Chief Michael Naughton, LVFD Assistant Chief Eric Burnside, Public Works Director Melinda Moritz, LVPD Assistant Chief Ruben Saucedo, Planning & Zoning Director Brandon Melland and various LVPD staff.

Mayor Chris Riley welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting.

Mayor Riley made announced that "the City Council Chambers is a place where all people are treated with respect and dignity. Citizens, Councilors, staff, and visitors alike. Anyone desiring to speak shall first be recognized by the presiding officer. City Councilors, staff and members of the public shall not shout, display unruly behavior, distract with side conversations, use profanity, threat of violence, or disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting. This includes speaking or commenting from your seat or using foul language as you exit the chambers. I would suggest if you feel you may have a difficult time controlling yourself, please sit in the foyer. That might be the place for you to sit. No personal attacks on staff, City Councilors or members of the public shall be allowed. The presiding officer will warn the person that he or she will be required to leave the building if the disruption continues. Unfortunately, I cannot see or hear all that goes around in Chambers but the Rules of Decorum also allow each Councilor to help monitor the situation by calling a Point of Order. I hope we do not have to go there. Let's again be civil and treat each other with respect and dignity. Thank you."

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler advised the City Council that the League of Women Voters cancelled the Candidates Forum due to the Pandemic.

**Upcoming Important Events:**

- Next Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner has been **POSTPONED** to a date uncertain.
- Movies in the Pool featuring "Finding Dory", Saturday, May 23, 2020, begins at dusk at the Leon Valley Community Pool, 6600 Strawflower Street.
- Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>PRESENTED</b>
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**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read e-mails submitted by: Olen and Verna Yarnell; Mr. and Mrs. Schlugar; Loretta Hodde; Tina Chasan; and Rita Burnside

Mayor Chris Riley read e-mails submitted by: Mr. Andrews; Bob Tribble; and Dwayne Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Riley was reminded that the Pledge of Allegiance was missed so Mayor Riley asked everyone to join her in the Pledge.

Mayor Riley and Member of City Council made their announcements.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthew Hodde.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde, Will Bradshaw

**Acceptance of Committee Minutes:**

- **12-10-2019 Zoning Commission Minutes**
- **01-14-2020 Zoning Commission Minutes**
- **01-28-2020 Zoning Commission Minutes**
- **02-03-2020 Sign Code Update Advisory Committee Minutes**
- **02-12-2020 Earthwise Living Committee Minutes**

- **02-13-2020 Park Commission Minutes**
- **02-13-2020 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**
- **02-27-2020 - Sign Code Update Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Presentation and Discussion on Racial Profiling Report for 2019 (M&C # 2020-03-25-01 R. Saucedo)**

## **ORDINANCES**

**Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Article A11.000 Water and Sewer Fees, Section A11.001 Generally, to Revise the Effective Dates for Water and Sewer Rates (1st Read was Held 03-03-2020) (M&C #2020-03-25-02 M. Moritz)**

Public Works Director Melinda Moritz presented an ordinance amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Article A11.000 Water and Sewer Fees, Section A11.001 Generally, to revise the effective dates for the current water and sewer rates.

In 2016, the City obtain Certificates of Obligation (CO's) to replace both water wells. In order to pay back the CO's, the water and sewer rates were increased over a period of three years. It was decided that at the end of the three years, the water and sewer rates would be revisited to determine if further rate increases were needed. This past year was the last year for these planned rate increases. During the three-year period, staff reviewed rates and system needs and have determined that a further rate increase this year is not needed. The review of the system did reveal that increases will be needed in the future; however, staff would like to convene a committee to study the current system needs assessment, rate structure, and financing options, before making any recommendations on rate increases to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde, Will Bradshaw

**Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance on a Request by Arthur Onugrah, for a Specific Use Permit for Entertainment Indoor Use, at 6501 Bandera Road; More Specifically the Tenant Suite Labeled as 6565 Bandera Road; Generally Located at the Intersection of Bandera Road and Seneca Road (1st Reading Held March 3, 2020) (M&C # 2020-03-25-03 B. Melland)**

A motion was made by Councilor Donna Charles to adopt the ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Monica Alcocer.

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Donna Charles, Council Place 1  
**SECONDER:**   Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3  
**AYES:**        Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew  
                    Hodde, Will Bradshaw

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Rejecting All Bids for the FY 2020 Grass Hill Elevated Tank Rehabilitation Project. (M&C # 2020-03-25-04 M. Moritz)**

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthew Hodde.

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3  
**SECONDER:**   Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4  
**AYES:**        Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde, Bradshaw

### **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with EZ Bel Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$157,223.00, with 15% For Contingency, for the FY 2020 Pedestrian Crosswalk Project (M&C # 2020-03-25-05 M. Moritz)**

A motion was made by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donna Charles.

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2  
**SECONDER:**   Donna Charles, Council Place 1  
**AYES:**        Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde, Bradshaw

### **Discussion Related to the City of Leon Valley Police Department's Neighborhood Survey (Mayor Chris Riley)**

ACM/Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio presented the item.

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read e-mails submitted by: Pete Marquadt; Eric Darmstetter

Mayor Chris Riley read an e-mail submitted by: Rita Burnside

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler cautioned Mayor Riley of a violation of the Rules of Decorum in the last paragraph of Ms. Burnside's letter.

Councilor Monica Alcocer called a Point of Order stating that since this is on the April 07, 2020 agenda, these comments should be delayed to that meeting.

There was a consensus among members of City Council to have ACM/Police Chief Salvaggio provide a formal presentation answering questions presented tonight at the April 07, 2020 City Council meeting.

<b>RESULT:      PRESENTED</b>
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*Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Moving May 2, 2020 Municipal Election to The July 14, 2020 Statewide Runoff Election Date as Per Governor Abbott's Directive (Moved from May 26, 2020), Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*

Mayor Riley eliminated this item after speaking with Bexar County Elections Administrator yesterday.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the May 2 election being held as per Jacquelyn Callanen communication to suburban Mayors on 3/20/20- following any emergency guidelines in place (9 person and social distancing guidelines); Election would be conducted as a stand-alone Election rather than a joint election; Early voting and Election Day have to be conducted at one place (Conference Center or City Hall) (Mayor Chris Riley)**

City Attorney Habib Erkan suggested an that he and the Council go into Executive Session to discuss the election items that are on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

So, Mayor Riley announced that at 7:10 PM the City Council went into Executive Session to get legal advice and discuss issues that could lead to future litigation.

City Council reconvened into open session at 7:41 PM

A motion was made by Councilor Matthew Hodde to accept agenda item 7.5 postponing the May 2020 General Election to November 2020, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez.

Mayor Riley asked City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue to take a roll call vote.

City Secretary Passailaigue proceeded with a roll call vote to which the City Council replied: Councilor Donna Charles - Aye; Councilor Catherine Rodriguez - Aye; Councilor Monica Alcocer - Aye; Councilor Matthew Hodde - Aye; and Councilor William Bradshaw - Aye.

Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

**RESULT:**       **APPROVED [4 TO 1]**  
**MOVER:**       Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4  
**SECONDER:**   Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2  
**AYES:**        Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde  
**NAYS:**        Bradshaw

**Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Moving May 2, 2020 Municipal Election to The July 14, 2020 Statewide Runoff Election Date as Per Governor Abbott's Directive (Moved from May 26, 2020), Due to COVID-19 Pandemic (Mayor Chris Riley)**

**Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, Postponing the Elections to be Held on the 2nd Day of May, 2020, as Follows: A General Election for the Purpose of Electing Three Council Members (Places 2, 4 and Mayor); a Special Election on Amendments to the City's Charter; and a Special Election on the Question to Recall and Remove Donna Charles, Council Place 1 and Monica Alcocer, Council Place 3 to the November 3, 2020, Uniform Election Date; Designating Polling Places; Authorizing Execution of Providing for Other Matters Relating to the November 3, 2020, Election; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date (M&C # 2020-03-25-06 S. Passailaigue)**

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [4 TO 1]**  
**MOVER:**       Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4  
**SECONDER:**   Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2  
**AYES:**        Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde  
**NAYS:**        Bradshaw

**Discussion and Possible Action to Order a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 01, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Permitting Donna Charles, Council Place 1 and Monica Alcocer, Council Place 3 the Opportunity to Present a Response to the Reasons for Recall Specified in the Recall Petitions as Certified and Reported to City Council by the City Secretary on January 07, 2020 (M&C # 2020-03-25-07 S. Passailaigue)**

There was a consensus among members of City Council to postpone this agenda item to October 2020.

**Discussion and Possible Action on an Emergency Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2020-15 Declaration of Public Health Emergency in Leon Valley, Bexar County, Texas (M&C # 2020-03-25-08 J. Salvaggio)**

ACM/Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio presented this item.

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read e-mails submitted by: Pete Marquadt; Josh Stevens; Dorothy Humphree; Dwayne Smith; Eric Darmstetter; Lyn Joseph; Sarah Smart; Lyn

Joseph; Erick Matta; and Benny Martinez

Those who called in and spoke on this item were: Sarah Smart; and Josh Stevens

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer that we follow the Bexar County requirements and leave definitions except for grocery store/convenience store; and to include the exemptions from Bexar County. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3  
**SECONDER:** Will Bradshaw, Council Place 5  
**AYES:** Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde, Bradshaw

Mayor Riley opened this item up again with the approval of City Attorney Erkan.

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to amend the previous motion to include the closure of City Hall through April 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donna Charles.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3  
**SECONDER:** Donna Charles, Council Place 1  
**AYES:** Alcocer, Charles, Rodriguez, Hodde, Bradshaw

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read an e-mail submitted by: Erick Darmstetter

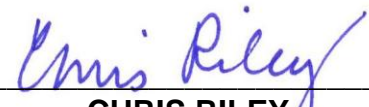
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 11:16 PM.

**These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 6th of April, 2021.**



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 July 07, 2020 Leon Valley City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

Attn: Mayor

Honorable Mayor Riley,

It is in great sorrow that I write to you to let you know that we have no other choice but to close down our medical foster home. The fire department gave us until the end of the month to move out our residents because we can't afford to install the sprinkler and commercial fire alarm, even given the pandemic with Covid19 they are not giving us any exceptions even though we have been operating under the VA for the last 2 years now. The state of Texas has several amendments for existing foster homes, but they do not apply under this jurisdiction. Not only my 3 veterans are being forced to move under these harsh conditions, but also seniors in 12 other homes here in Leon Valley. For their safety and regards to their life, there should be rules exempting existing homes to keep this from happening, especially during a crisis like this. I ask you and the council to consider this during your next meeting and discuss what can be done for these seniors, veterans and civilians alike who are at high risk of dying from this virus.

Sincerely,

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My name is Wade Ivy and I'd like to discuss your city's automated red light practices during Covid-19 and also would like to address the fact your red light automated system doesn't work.

Your police department is illegally attempting to hold me accountable for stopping right on a red light and turning right on a red light onto Bandera road.

I'd like a formal discussion about these vile practices and a means for dismissing this nonsense.

As the authority in Leon Valley, I'm bringing this specifically to your attention. As I won't be paying this illegal attempt at extortion.

I recommend you cease these practices immediately especially during the Corona Virus.

I'd also like to discuss the legality of this since your contract is allowed to continue via grandfathering but enforcement is illegal.

Sincerely,

Wade Ivy

City IT for Von Ormy Texas.

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## Kelly Kuenstler

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**From:** Benny Martinez <benny@qualtelcom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Kelly Kuenstler  
**Cc:** Mayor Riley  
**Subject:** Questions about police conduct can be read at citizens to be heard

When will Chief Salvagio assault on Josh Stevens be investigated.

If found he assaulted Josh Stevens will he be arrested?

I was contacted by a detective to provide a statement but there has not been any follow up.

I was a witness of the whole incident. I was next to Josh Stevens.



**Benny Martinez**  
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HILDA GOMEZ - FOREST OAKS

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Dear Mayor, I ask you read this during your discussion of recent Leon Valley Police hiring for 3 Officers fired from SAPD

Nationwide thousands of protestors have taken to the streets to bring to light the need for Police Reform and that the changes are long overdue. Even at a recent council meeting, citizens of Leon Valley step forward questioning how current Police Procedures could be improved upon or reformed to prevent abuses, or the hiring of problematic officers. Well, as it turned out our own Leon Valley's Chief of Police Joe Salvaggio recent actions provides a clear picture of how police internal hiring can not only hide, troublesome officers, but keep these undesirable officers employed. Even if 'hired as reserved police' the act of continuing to work in law enforcement protects these (fired) unfit police from having their police license revoke.

This week an Express News article exposed that three (3) San Antonio Police officers were found to be unfit to work for the San Antonio Police Department. These same 3 officers fired were later hired by Leon Valley Police Chief. These officers were involved in domestic violence, (not once but twice) provided a feces sandwich to a homeless person, and a third fired for striking a pregnant woman. The three officers that were fired were determined by Chief Salvaggio to be acceptable to work in Leon Valley as 'reserved officers'.

The Chief's own words, reveal how these, and other troublesome officers can use avoid detection, and accountability.

"We looked at all the evidence. They are certified Texas peace officers that have nothing in their file or history that would preclude them from being hired by me or anyone else in the state of Texas." It is the accepted premise, of non-conviction that allows the rehiring of officers that demonstrate wrong doing. But, this is no longer the case, as the article points out, "University School of Law, who has studied police licensing for more than 30 years. Shares, "Around two-thirds of states permit decertification, even if the officer hasn't been convicted of anything," Goldman said. "The action itself — the commission of the conduct, rather than the conviction for the conduct — would have led to an administrative hearing." In effect more police licensing efforts are focusing on 'the commission of the conduct', not the 'conviction' to determine the decertification of police license.

Chief Salvaggio's hiring of these unfit officers signals a systemic, on-going pattern, of police officers caught in disturbing wrong doing, by one Police Department, being able to continue a career in law enforcement. It is a pattern that is now being challenged, to stop the rehiring of officers whose 'actions' determine if they are fit to remain in law enforcement.

Therefore, I request that the three individuals that were fired by San Antonio Police Dept, then hired by Chief Salvaggio be fired immediately. Further, many citizens have requested to know about the monies allocated to law suits involving our Leon Valley Police Department: including Chief Salvaggio. While Ms. Kuenstler appears to run interference for the Chief, by directing inquiring citizens to fill out forms (freedom of information act) to access this information. I feel the public has a right to know, how much of our monies are spent on defending the city of Leon Valley, against law suits involving Leon Valley Police Dept. I do worry that by questioning

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and wanting accountability involving the Police Department, I may witness some type of retaliation. But that would place me in a large group of citizens that while also fear some retaliation will continue to speak out, seeking transparency, consistence, and trustworthiness by those who are hired to serve and protect.

## CONCLUSION WHICH IS

THE FIRST OF TWO

(1) I have been a resident of the City of Chicago for over 20 years. I have been a member of the Chicago Police Department for over 10 years. I have been a member of the Chicago Police Department for over 10 years. I have been a member of the Chicago Police Department for over 10 years.

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6/5/2020

CARES Act

Weekly Update

Dear Council member Bradshaw, I ask you read this letter during either Discussion of CARES Act funding or during Citizen input.

I ask that the council further discuss the CARES Act funds, \$631,675 which is allotted to the citizens of Leon Valley. I understand the city has until September 30, 2020 to designate how it will support the community with these monies or forfeit the amount back to the county. Due to time lost a mass-media out-reach to citizens of Leon Valley may be our only solution. Yes seeking input from the citizens will require work, and a dedicated effort to determine the needs of the community. What is of the up most importance, is supporting the critical needs of the community not the line items or invoices generated by city staff reflecting how THEIR COVID-19 safety concerns can be served. Therefore, immediate efforts must be made to reach out to citizens so they may be made aware of the funds, and so that they can say how they may best be helped. How did we get to this point?

As early as July 2, 2020, in a letter by Mayor Riley revealed the CARES Act funding of \$631,675 monies was designated for Leon Valley. Mayor Riley shared that Leon Valley needed to sign a resolution as well as interlocal agreement with a proposed budget done by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Then on June 16<sup>th</sup> Josh Stevens, also appeared before City council, to give light to the CARES Act and monies allocated to help citizens of Leon Valley and to indicate a lack of public input.

Then, at the same meeting, City Manager (Ms Kuenstler) presented a list of proposed expenditures for CARES Act funds \$631,675. Ms. Kuenstler was quick to distance herself from CARES Act funding proposal, 'This is not a City Manager's Budget'. But, then revealed SHE, asked her staff to "code any invoice, that could be connected to COVID-19 for reimbursement", further stating, 'there's no arguing the money is spent.' She further explained how she also asked the Directors of city departments, 'What do you need, I asked all city departments and the two chiefs, what do YOU need?' A lengthy list that include Public Service Announcement, PPI, other protective gear ALL for the city staff including the proposed expenditure of two vehicles;

- 1) An Ambulance for the price of \$310,000.
- 2) Mobile Integrated Health Resource Vehicle for the price of \$120,000.

The mayor attempted to start a dialogue on how to allocate CARES Act funds, for the directly benefit of community members. The discussion was minimized, and explained that the needs of Leon Valley families were already being addressed by other sources or programs.

Though Ms Kuenstler stated she wanted council and public input, before (submitting final budget), any mention of spending that would go directly to citizens was simplified as, 'oh there are programs out there for that', or "we directed citizens to the Bexar county for that help", and, "oh we work with the food bank too, I put out info. on CARES Act on all social media to the public'.

San Antonio and Leon Valley citizens are witnessing a spike in COVID-19 CASES so what other opportunity did the city manager have to share with citizens of Leon Valley about the CARES

ACT and monies available to help them through this crisis? One has only to look at the latest 'Lion's Roar' edition of June-July to witness her efforts to inform citizens of CARES Act. . NOT ONE WORD, in the 16 page news-letter, is there the mention of CARES Act or \$631,000 money. Instead, citizens are provided info. on Governor's executive action, with guidelines and a COVID-19 hot line to San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. What is apparent, is the City Manager's singular focus on how to use the \$163,000+ to decisively determine how to best meet the needs of the city staff. To date, while the proposed CARES Act proposal may NOT be 'the city manager's plan', it also is NOT a plan that includes the input of Leon Valley citizens, the mayor, or council members on how to best meet the direct needs of citizens during COVID-19 crisis.

In contrast, the City of San Antonio held multiple open discussions on how to best support the community, and has already designated over 50% of CARES Act funds to provide direct immediate support for: utility assistance, workforce assistance, rent and mortgage and homeless assistance, temporary childcare for families, domestic violence.

The clock is ticking, the deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Unless there is immediate public media campaign to reach out to the citizens of Leon Valley, (the basis for the generation of the CARE Act funds \$163,000+ ) citizens may not know, or ever directly benefit from CARES Act funds aimed to meet their urgent needs.

Sincerely,  
Hilda Gomez  
Zip 78240

**From:** [OFFICIALLY FROM AOL](#)  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Cc:** [citizenstobeheard@aol.com](mailto:citizenstobeheard@aol.com)  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:05:40 PM

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I want to express that I, a tax payer will not pay to have police hired that have discipline issues. Does their contract include anger management therapy? This is an attempt at instilling fear, bullying, and intimidation to citizens or businesses.. How many others have been kicked out of SAPD for discipline issues for cheating, racial, and physical abuse under Cheif Macmanus. I don't want that type of policing in our city.

lyn joseph

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**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:11:39 PM

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I disagree with Ms Alcocers and Ms Kessler comments that so many facts have been missed represented at the podium. Since I feel you are targeting certain citizens, I can assure you that all questions have been researched and are true. By banning citizens shows how you do not want citizens input. Your treading on 1st admendment rights

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**Cc:** [citizenstobeheard@aol.com](mailto:citizenstobeheard@aol.com)  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:49:08 PM

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optional :please remind Councilors MA that you work full time, a grand mother..

**From:** [manuelr@miraclebp.com](mailto:manuelr@miraclebp.com)  
**To:** [Brandon Melland](#)  
**Cc:** [lynda@lawlynda.com](mailto:lynda@lawlynda.com); [Crystal Caldera](#); [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City of Leon Valley Presentation  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:16:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [City of Leon Valley MBP Uhaul.pptx](#)

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Dear Mrs. Passailaigue and Mr. Melland, can you please make sure you forward this presentation to each of the city council members, mayor, city manager, and any other city member you believe may need a copy. Thank You.

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**From:** evans@miraclebp.com <evans@miraclebp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** manuelr@miraclebp.com  
**Subject:** City of Leon Valley Presentation

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** Please read : Comment for tonight's Council Meetings -July 7, 2020  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:11:12 PM

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Subject: Please read : Citizens to be heard - Council Meetings - May 19, 2020

Bcc: [REDACTED]

To:

Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC, Mayor, All City Council Members, Police Chief

Leon Valley, Texas 78238

From:

Rita Burnside

Forest Oaks

Good Evening everybody,

What is the major lesson learned AGAIN from this year's Fourth of July? =  
That the 'no-fireworks within city limits' law was violated AGAIN.  
Question then, how can this be prevented.

For one, why aren't an increased number of the 61 members (reserve) of our police department dispatched into the neighborhoods in the evening of the Fourth of July when we can bet on having rockets and firecrackers ignited. Is this only enforced until citizens complain about such activity? They surely must be aware; I would not be surprised if the noise could clearly be audible all the way from neighborhoods on one side of Bandera over to El Verde Road.

It's scary! The animals freak out.

It's dangerous! There was a fire caused by fireworks on Huebner, not a major one, but, as in the case of the devastating fires in California, it can easily spread uncontrollably.

It's messy! Today there are still LOTS of remnants of fired rockets on Forest Leaf --- besides a lot of trash, by the way.

Fireworks are fun under controlled conditions, done by professionals.  
Let's get a better grip on neighborhood offenders.

**From:** [Kelly Kuenstler](#)  
**To:** [Chuck James](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Unconstitutional Town  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:58:57 PM

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Good Afternoon Sir,

Please give me your name and street address in Leon Valley or the business you own in Leon Valley and we will certainly read this during our Citizens to be Heard.

Thank you,

Kelly

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

From: Chuck James [[mailto:](#)   
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:15 PM  
To: Kelly Kuenstler  
Subject: Unconstitutional Town

I really hope that you would read this at your next city council meeting but I know this won't happen because you all want to silence people who don't like what's going on how Donna Charles can yell out of turn and hide from the people. How the police is doing things under the color of law and not by the law it's sad when a person can stand on a sidewalk with a sign and because someone whom is employed by the people didn't like what was on the sign he/she called the police to silence her she didn't break any laws but the police grabbed her and took her inside talking about breaking their oath to defend the constitution all this town is doing is SHITTING on it and believe me the world is really watching and then arrested a man because he brushed up against a council woman and she lied and claimed he assaulted her and yes there is a video about this and the other sad thing is this happened a little over a year ago but the fact is he is not happy with the service that this city is getting from those who are supposed to be serving us how SAD is this. I'm just wondering if I make a false police report if they would arrest a council person for bumping my arm as she passed me. Something needs to change or this town is going to end up belonging to someone else and it won't be a charter anymore and I think this would be the best thing ever for everyone. Please read at next meeting if you believe in the constitution and WE THE PEOPLE



RAY LOPEZ

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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Leon Valley Mayor and Council  
Leon Valley City Hall  
6400 El Verde Rd.  
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I hope that you all are doing well, staying safe, and staying healthy. Thank you for the critical work you have continued to do during these trying times. I'm writing to inform you that I have received a letter by Mr. Manuel Rubio regarding his request for a property rezoning, located in one of your Sustainability Overlay Zones.

Mr. Rubio has detailed the situation to me and his intent to sell the property to UHAL to facilitate the building of storage units. I humbly ask that you vote in favor of Mr. Rubio's request to rezone the necessary land to a commercial/industrial overlay zone. For Mr. Rubio, this property represents a long-cherished asset that he now has an opportunity to serve our constituents. The CoVID-19 Pandemic has been difficult for millions of Americans, and Mr. Rubio is no different. As a small business owner, this opportunity to sell his property to UHAL creates stability in tumultuous waters.

Thank you again for your consideration and the incredibly important work you do. We have asked so much of our nation's public servants since the end of 2019. Among the thousands of emails and snippets of bad news I hope that you find solidarity in the fact that we are united like never before and that we are experiencing a renaissance of both culture and medicine. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Lopez", with a stylized, cursive script.

Ray Lopez  
State Representative, Texas House District 125

**From:** [Justin Pulliam](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Riley](#)  
**Cc:** [Donna Charles](#); [Dr. Catherine Rodriguez](#); [Monica Alcocer](#); [Matthew Hodde](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Saundra Passailaigue](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments for July 7, 2020 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:14:20 AM  
**Attachments:** [2020-07-07 Leon Valley Public Testimony Justin Pulliam.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Riley:

I request you to read for consideration before the council the attached public comments for the applicable agenda items at the July 7, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

You and all members of the council are welcome on my show. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to reach my audience with your message about Leon Valley.

I hope the tyrannical mob majority will not silence your presentation. Not only would blocking your speech violate your individual rights, but it would violate all members of the public who desire to learn more about this important topic.

Sincerely,

Justin Pulliam

## **Justin Pulliam**

PO Box 132 • Old Ocean, Texas 77463



July 7, 2020

The Honorable Chris Riley  
Mayor of Leon Valley  
6400 El Verde Road  
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

### **Re: Public Comments for July 7, 2020 City Council Meeting**

Dear Mayor Riley:

I request you to read for consideration before the council my complete testimony for the applicable agenda items at the July 7, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

You and all members of the council are welcome on my show. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to reach my audience with your message about Leon Valley.

I hope the tyrannical mob majority will not silence your presentation. Not only would blocking your speech violate your individual rights, but it would violate all members of the public who desire to learn more about this important topic.

Each item begins on a new page.

## 2.1. Police Policies

I thank Mayor Riley for presenting about the problem that has negatively impacted Leon Valley and the public for years.

I thought I had seen the worst of Chief Salvaggio and Leon Valley Police, and then last month they proved me wrong. The Leon Valley political establishment will apparently do anything to attack those who speak out with alternative viewpoints, including arresting a 78 year old man at 2 am in the morning for an alleged offense that occurred over a year ago—the “victim” being Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alcocer. I’m outraged.

However, I am pleased to report that all direct monetary costs for Mr. Yarnell’s criminal defense were quickly fundraised by over a hundred supporters locally and around the world. Those who are working locally to expose and replace Salvaggio’s political establishment have the backing of thousands of people. And it is my pledge to fully support each and every victim of the establishment’s attacks against their perceived political opponents. Mark my words: If Leon Valley Police go after one resident, they will be going up against the people of the world. Leon Valley residents are not alone in this fight to restore justice, peace, and respect.

Unfortunately, Mr. Yarnell is not the only victim of Leon Valley Police. Many more have been victimized, including the family of Jack Miller. After Miller was placed in custody outside of his home, Salvaggio conducted a no-knock-raid on Miller’s wife, children, and grandchildren—even though he had no authority from the courts to perform such a dangerous, terrifying entry into the residence. **Even more insane, Leon Valley Police went to a San Antonio Municipal Court Judge for the arrest warrant against Miller.** Municipal court judges deal with Class C offenses punishable by fine only—not felonies. What direct influence do Leon Valley residents have over another city’s judges? None! Instead of judge shopping, the police should use the judges who answer to the people of Leon Valley. How does it feel that even your own due process is out of your control?

Although this is an important conversation to have, the reality is that personnel is policy. No substantial reform or safety will occur while the current city administration is in place. The world is rooting for you to fire City Manager Kuenstler and Assistance City Manager Salvaggio. I encourage the city council to do this at once: The next victim of the city might be YOU.

#### **4. Citizens to Be Heard**

I must admit that I wasn't entirely shocked to learn that Police Chief Joe Salvaggio has been hiring fired cops from San Antonio: After all, he's a fired cop too.

But Leon Valley should not be the bad cop sanctuary city. The city government should exist to serve the residents. However, it so often seems that the city exists for the mere pleasure of the city administrators (who don't even live in the city). The city resources are all too often used to attack the political establishment's opposition. The police resources are wasted watching YouTube in a petty attempt to stifle American Patriots who attempt to hold government employees accountable.

One of the officers Salvaggio hired punched a woman once in the chest and then 7 times in the head. The officer then pulled the victim by her hair and left her laying on the ground in the rain for half an hour. Salvaggio excuses such behavior because the woman kicked at the officer a couple of times.

These personnel decisions again demonstrate the consistently poor judgement of Police Chief Salvaggio. Did he even pass his physiological exam? He should be retested at once. Far from benefiting the city, the personnel decisions harm the city in the following ways:

- The reputation of the police department and city is further damaged.
- The city is at increased risk of civil liability with risky individuals on staff.
- There exists a grave public safety issue should a resident or visitor have a brutal encounter with one of the officers.
- The city's scarce financial resources are wasted on unnecessary personnel matters instead of focusing on activities that benefit residents.

The primary reason to hire these officers is to allow them to work extra jobs, which likely occur outside of Leon Valley. This city empowers fired cops to potentially terrorize people anywhere in the state. That's sick! And it's also another reason why all people should be heard at council meetings—no matter where they reside.

#### **7. 4. Meeting Rules of Decorum**

I oppose this item.

I also noticed that the item has been substantially revised. The ordinance should be considered tonight as a first reading and not go for a vote.

The purpose of the latest revision of this ordinance is to target written comments like this one, from Justin Pulliam. The political establishment continues to engage in view-point discrimination of their opposition. I urge you to stop this and instead uphold the constitutional rights of all people.

The mayor is the chair of the meeting. It is no surprise to me that the establishment is attacking now that the mayor is more assertive at keeping order during meetings. Apparently the city administrators and established council women are so accustomed to speaking out of turn that they cannot handle true order.

Regarding "enforcement by member," a similar process already exists in parliamentary procedure. The appropriate process is to call a point of order. The chair can decide or bring it to a vote of the body. If the chair decides, a member can appeal the decision and, if seconded by another member, it goes for a vote by a body. For issues of indecorum, debate is unlikely to be proper.

The proposed language is a silly attempt to erode what little power the lawfully elected mayor still holds.

Written comments should be able to be submitted directly to members of the city council. The city administration should not be the gate keeper of public input. For instance, if I want to write about one of my many grievances about the city secretary, I don't want to rely on her to pass it on.

As a general note, I observe that those critical of Riley and Bradshaw can say anything, no matter how nasty, yet legitimate complaints about the political establishment are often illegally censored.

## **9. Citizens to be Heard**

Last meeting, I wrote about the ongoing open records problems I experience with the city—even though the attorney general has issued multiple determinations that the city violated the law.

This morning I sent multiple new complaints against the city to the Office of the Attorney General.

I'm sick and tired of the disgusting games played by the city administration so that they can operate in the dark. It's impossible to get a straight answer. There is obstruction at every turn. When will it end?

### **Conclusion**

Perhaps tonight my rights will not be violated. Failure to consider these comments would provide further evidence to the public of the anti-citizen tyranny that continues to occur in Leon Valley.

Sincerely,

Justin Pulliam