



CITY OF LEON VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

MINUTES

1. **7:00 PM** Call to Order, Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Riley	Mayor	Present	
David Jordan	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
David Edwards	Council Place 1	Present	
Belinda Ealy	Council Place 2	Present	
Monica Alcocer	Council Place 3	Present	
Benny Martinez	Council Place 4	Present	

Also in attendance were:

City Manager Kelly Kuentler, ACM/HR Director Crystal Caldera, City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, City Attorney Denise Frederick, Public Works Director Melinda Moritz, Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio, LVPD Captain Ruben Saucedo, Fire Chief Luis Valdez, Fire Marshal Eric Burnside, Assistant Fire Chief Blake Wade, Fire Captain Todd Morgan, Firefighters Michael Murphy, Alex O'Rourke, Wade Clapper and Jimmy Garcia.

Mayor Riley asked Douglas Klekar of Troop 888, who is working on his Communication Badge, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Presentation and Discussion of Community Rating System (CRS) Classification. (M&C #2017-05-02-01 L. Valdez)

Fire Chief Luis Valdez presented this item to announce and discuss the new Community Rating System (CRS) classification recently awarded to the City of Leon Valley. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a FEMA program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards. Depending on the level of participation, flood insurance rates for policy holders can be reduced.

The City of Leon Valley has received notice from the ISO and FEMA that it has been accepted as the newest CRS Community with a classification of 7. This results in a 15% discount in flood insurance premiums in homes within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

There are 59 cities in Texas with a CRS rating, the highest is a Class 5, and the City of Live Oak is the only other CRS Community in Bexar County, also a Class 7.

Besides the benefit of reduced insurance rates, CRS floodplain management activities enhance public safety, reduce damages to property and public infrastructure, avoid economic disruption and losses, reduce human suffering, and protects the environment. Implementing some CRS activities can help projects qualify for certain other Federal assistance programs.

The work to earn this rating came at no cost. The rating results in an annual savings to combined households between \$15,000 and \$30,000.

Chief Valdez recognized and thanked Public Works Director Melinda Moritz and her team as well as the Leon Valley Public Library for all they have done to assist him in making this happen.

- Matthew Hodde, 5905 El Verde Road thanked Chief for all his hard work and wanted to know what the county was doing to assist.

City Manager Kelly Kuentler stressed that Leon Valley was the ONLY city in the State of Texas to receive this award. Chief Valdez added that Leon Valley is also the ONLY city in Bexar County to ever receive this award.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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Proclamation presented to the Lupus Foundation proclaiming May 19, 2017 - "Put On Purple Day". (Mayor Chris Riley and Angelica Garza of the Lupus Foundation, Lone Star Chapter)

Mayor Riley presented the proclamation to Angelica Garza of the Lupus Foundation, Lone Star Chapter. Ms. Garza encouraged everyone to Put on Purple on May 19th and help spread awareness.

Presentation of a Proclamation for the 2017 Walk & Roll Challenge. (Mayor Chris Riley and Chief Luis Valdez)

Mayor Riley presented a Proclamation for Air Quality Awareness in support of the importance of reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality for the sake of public health and the environment. This proclamation declares May 1 - 5, 2017 as National Air Quality Awareness Week.

Citizens to Be Heard and Time for Objections to the Consent Agenda

Mayor Riley asked if any of the Council Members wished to pull any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Mayor Riley announced that Public Works Director Melinda Moritz asked that Agenda Item 4.4 be pulled until more information is available.

No other items were pulled.

- Dorothy Humphreys of 7027 Pepperwood asked about the recodification of ordinances and would like to have input in future code amendments that affect her and her home business.
- City Manager Kelly Kuenstler with the assistance of Police Chief Joe Salvaggio read aloud a proclamation recognizing Fire Chief Luis Valdez for achieving his Master Peace Officer certification.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Monica Alcocer and seconded by Council Member David Edwards to approve the consent agenda Item 4.1 as amended; Item 4.2 with various grammatical corrections being made; and Item 4.3 as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monica Alcocer, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	David Edwards, Council Place 1
AYES:	Jordan, Edwards, Ealy, Alcocer, Martinez

1. Special Meeting for Executive Session- April 18, 2017 5:30 PM
2. Regular Meeting- April 18, 2017 7:00 PM

Consider, discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with PowerFin Solarmundo, LLC to Participate in City Public Service's (CPS) Simply Solar and SolarHost SA Program and to Allow the Installation of Solar Panels at the Leon Valley Library. (M&C # 2017-05-02-02 M. Moritz)

Consider, Discuss, and Possible Action to Approve a Request to Use Park Capital Funds for The Ridge at Leon Valley Proposed Park - *Withdrawn* (M&C # 2017-05-02-03 M. Moritz)

5. **REGULAR AGENDA**

Discuss and consider possible action on a budget adjustment and related ordinance in the amount of \$2,500 from the General Fund Economic Development Department to fund the first annual Leon Valley Police Department Junior Law Enforcement Competition (M&C # 2017-05-02-04 J. Salvaggio)

Police Chief Salvaggio presented this item seeking City Council approval for a budget adjustment and related ordinance in the amount of \$2,500 from the General Fund Economic Development Department to provide funding for the first annual Leon Valley Police Department Junior Law Enforcement Competition scheduled for June 3, 2017.

Funding for the budget adjustment will come from Economic Development sales tax revenue.

Council Member Monica Alcocer stated that she would like the Chief to consider taking the funds from the Forfeiture Funds instead of economic development.

Council Member Benny Martinez asked if this item should be vetted through the Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee. City Manager Kuenstler said that committee had not been established yet and finally Mayor Riley stated that the City Council is the board that is vetting this item.

Chief Salvaggio said this should be a one-time request and that all future events would be covered due to this being a self-sustaining program.

- Olen Yarnell, 7230 Sulky asked if the City would be reaching out to begin promoting this program.

A motion was made by Council Member David Jordan and seconded by Council Member Belinda Ealy to approve the budget adjustment and related ordinance in the amount of \$2,500 from the General Fund Economic Development Department to provide funding for the first annual Leon Valley Police Department Junior Law Enforcement Competition.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Belinda Ealy, Council Place 2
AYES:	Jordan, Edwards, Ealy, Alcocer, Martinez

Consider, Discuss, and Approve the Implementation of a “Don’t Block the Box” Campaign and Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$7400 From the General Fund Reserve (M&C # 207-05-16-05 M. Moritz)

Public Works Director Melinda Moritz presented this item seeking City Council consideration of a “Don’t Block the Box” Campaign, and to approve an ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment, in the amount of \$7,400, to fund signage for the campaign. Public Works Director Moritz added that over the past several years, the City has received numerous complaints regarding motorists blocking pedestrian crosswalks and impeding oncoming traffic at intersections along Bandera Road. “Don’t Block Intersection” signs were placed at the intersection of Bandera and Linkwood, but not at the intersections with traffic signals. It is believed that a “Don’t Block the Box” campaign would bring awareness to motorists. The cities of San Antonio and Austin have both introduced this campaign in their areas of concern.

Public Works Director Moritz said the signs would be installed on all 3 or 4 traffic signal mast arms at 6 intersections along Bandera Road: Seneca, El Verde (3 way), Grissom (3 way), Poss, Huebner, and Reindeer Trail (3 way). A Public Service Announcement would be placed on the City’s website and Facebook pages and City Police Officers would start enforcement of this message at least 30 days after installing the signs. City staff would monitor program for 6 months to evaluate its effectiveness.

- David Smith 7034 Mill Stream read aloud a letter in support of this initiative.

A motion was made by Council Member David Edwards and seconded by Council Member Monica Alcocer to approve the ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment, in the amount of \$7,400, to fund signage for the campaign as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Edwards, Council Place 1
SECONDER:	Monica Alcocer, Council Place 3
AYES:	Jordan, Edwards, Ealy, Alcocer, Martinez

Discuss and Consider Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Appendix "A", Section A2.004 (a) to include the same discount to Leon Valley employees as to Leon Valley residents. (M&C # 2017-05-02-06 A.Anthony)

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler presented on behalf of Amber Anthony who was ill this evening. The purpose of the item is for the Leon Valley City Council to consider and possibly take action on an ordinance to amend the Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Appendix "A", Section A2.004 (a) which will include an employee discount of \$50.00 on rental fees only at the Community Center. This discount is already given to Leon Valley residents. It will simply be extended to employee's usage as well.

Mayor Riley requested a breakdown of fees indicating revenue generated from residents vs. nonresidents. City Manager Kuenstler said she would be preparing that with the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Monica Alcocer and seconded by Council Member Benny Martinez to approve the ordinance amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Appendix "A", Section A2.004 (a) to include the same discount to Leon Valley employees as to the Leon Valley residents.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monica Alcocer, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Benny Martinez, Council Place 4
AYES:	Jordan, Edwards, Ealy, Alcocer, Martinez

City Manager's Report

Committee Minutes

Upcoming Events

- Next City Council Meeting, May 16, 2017
- Canvassing of the 2017 General Election and swearing in of City Council elect

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- Flood/Storm Siren, May 3, 2017 at noon
- Great Stride Walk, May 6, 2017 at Raymond Rimkus Park
- 14th Annual Hog Wild Event, May 22, 2017 at Texas State University in San Marcos
- City Offices Closed, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day
- Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

City Manager Kuenstler supplemented her weekly report which is posted to the City's website: the sound clip of the new siren has been posted to the City's website as well as on Next Door Neighbor for those who would like to hear it before tomorrow's test; congratulations once again to the Leon Valley Fire Department for the award last week that was presented in Richardson, TX; congratulations to the Police Department and Captain Saucedo who collected 16 boxes of unwanted narcotics during the Drug Take Back Event last weekend; City Manager Kuenstler displayed the 2017 Air Quality Stewardship Trailblazer Award that was presented to the City of Leon Valley Saturday, April 22nd; City Manager Kuenstler reminded everyone of the Hog Wild Training Event in San Marcos on May 22nd; and lastly, AARP reported that they prepared a total of 576 e-file. Next year Ms. Kuenstler will find out how many of those who file here are Leon Valley residents vs nonresidents.

Citizens to be Heard

- Irene Baldrige thanked everyone for the much needed replacement of the doors at the Community Center.

Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members

City Council Member David Edwards reminded everyone to go vote and said he hopes the Spurs do better tomorrow.

City Council Member Monica Alcocer said that she hopes the "real Spurs show up" and then thanked both Chiefs and Melinda Moritz for all they do.

City Council Member Benny Martinez said that he hopes the "real Spurs show up and not the high school team".

City Council Member David Jordan thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Council Member Belinda Ealy spoke about the Lupus Foundation attending the Leon Valley Raw Vegan Society on the 2nd Saturday of the month and on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Leon Valley Fire Department; enjoy the beautiful; and Go Spurs Go.

Mayor Riley announced that the Honorable Judge Norma Gonzales would be here on the 16th to swear in the City Council.

Adjournment

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 16th of May, 2017.

APPROVED



CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY

