



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
Leon Valley City Council Chambers  
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM

**MINUTES**

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The City of Leon Valley City Council Shall Hold an In-Person Meeting with A Quorum of Members of City Council to Be Physically Present in The Leon Valley City Council Chambers, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238. Some Members of City Council May Appear and Participate in The Meeting by Videoconference Pursuant to The Requirements Set Forth in The Texas Open Meetings Act.

Citizens May E-Mail Public Comments To [citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov](mailto:citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov). All Other Citizen Participation May Be Provided In-Person at City Council Chambers.

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**1. Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Chris Riley  
Council Place 1 Benny Martinez  
Council Place 2 Josh Stevens  
Council Place 3 Jed Hefner  
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Rey Orozco

**EXCUSED**

Council Place 5 Will Bradshaw

Mayor Chris Riley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced that a quorum of City Council was present in Council Chambers.

Mayor Riley asked Councilor Jed Hefner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Citizens to be Heard**

Those who spoke at this time were: Dave Shippy of Vista Del Rey

### 3. Presentations

#### 1. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on VIA Ridership and MTA .005 of Sales Tax - Councilor Hefner and Councilor Stevens

Councilor Jed Hefner began the presentation regarding VIA Ridership and MTA .005 of Sales Tax.

John Herrera, Senior Vice President of VIA, Tom Marks, Chief External and Governmental Relations Officer, and the Director of Service Planning and Scheduling for VIA were all present to respond.

Councilor Josh Stevens stated that concerns about the program have been brought to his attention from residents.

Those who spoke on this item were: Pat Martinez (Leon Valley); Tina Chasan (Leon Valley); Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

Councilor Josh Stevens requested VIA to provide the organizations balance and other data to members of City Council as soon as possible.

Councilor Jed Hefner added that all they want to know is what Leon Valley is paying for and what Leon Valley is getting. "Is it the right thing for our City."

Councilor Benny Martinez motioned to table this item indefinitely. Councilor Rey Orozco seconded the motion. Councilor Rey Orozco then asked Councilor Martinez to amend his motion to bring the item back for further discussion. Councilor Martinez agreed to have them come back in June and amended his motion as such. Councilor Orozco seconded the amendment. VIA said they could have the numbers in thirty days so Councilor Martinez amended again asking that the item be brought back in April.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco

Mayor Chris Riley reminded everyone that it was an election of the voters that brought VIA in and it takes an election to take them out. "The voters have the final say."

Councilor Jed Hefner took a Point of Privilege to express in his disappointment on the process it took to get this item on the agenda.

#### 2. Presentation Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Homestead Exemption Increase - V. Wallace, Finance Director

Vickie Wallace, Finance Director gave a brief presentation on a homestead exemption increase.

Those who spoke on this item were: Maria Gamboa (Leon Valley)

Councilor Josh Stevens asked that the city attorney draft an ordinance but leave the percentage blank as well as a blank dollar amount for now.

Crystal Caldera, City Manager requested that the Consent Agenda be presented next.

**3. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on the Potential Understanding Between the City of Leon Valley and Petland of Leon Valley, to Intake, House, and Adopt Dogs and Between the City of Leon Valley and My Pets Vet Hospital to Vet the Animals - R. Salinas, Director of Economic Development**

Roque Salinas, Economic Development Director presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Leon Valley and Petland of Leon Valley.

Laura Zamora of Petland Leon Valley was present to answer questions.

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to allow the City to continue to pursue the proposed agreement through negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley), Tina Chasan (Leon Valley), and Drew Power (Leon Valley)

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco

**4. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Town Hall Meeting Outcomes - Dr. Caldera, City Manager**

Crystal Caldera, City Manager presented the 2023 Annual Town Hall results.

There was a consensus to look into funding pools, and dog park.

Those who spoke on this item were: Philip Campos (Leon Valley)

City Manager Caldera asked that the Consent Agenda be taken up at this time.

**4. Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco

**1. Discussion and Possible Action Approving of the Following City Council Minutes:**

- a. **02-07-2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
- b. **02-15-2023 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

**2. Discussion and Possible Action Accepting of the Following Board/Commission Minutes:**

- a. **11-14-2022 Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**
- b. **01-11-2023 Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes**

- c. **01-12-2023 Park Commission Meeting Minutes**
  - d. **01-12-2023 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**
  3. **Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.03 Parking, Stopping and Standing, Section 12.03.006 Parking Restrictions on Specific Streets, to Reduce the Area of the No Parking Zone Along Shadow Mist Drive, Specifically the Southernmost end of the Street from Avedisian to the Dead End (1st Read was Held on 02-07-2023) - M. Moritz, Public Works Director**
  4. **Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Granting a Zone Change From B-2 Retail with Sustainability Overlay (SO) to R-3 Multi-Family District with SO on an Approximately 2.998-acre Tract of Land Located at 5900 Wurzbach (1st Read was Held on 02-07-2023) - M. Teague, Planning and Zoning Director**
  5. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of a OOG Ballistic Shield Grant and a General Fund Budget Adjustment - D. Gonzalez, Police Chief**
  6. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, Expressing Support for S.B. 446 Red Light Cameras that Would Provide Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Contracts, Including Those Executed Before May 17, 2019, are Void (Companion Bills H.B. 167 And H.B. 177) (Per the Charter Councilor Hefner and Councilor Bradshaw)**
  7. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Defining the Duties and Responsibilities of the Earthwise Living Committee - Dr. Caldera, City Manager**
  8. **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee - S. Passailaigue, City Secretary**
  9. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action of Councilor Will Bradshaw's Excused Absence for February 21, 2023, City Council Meeting as Provided in the Charter Section 3.08, Subsection B, Part 3. - Councilor Will Bradshaw**
5. **Presentations Continued**
1. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on an Agreement between the City of Leon Valley and LiftFund to Administer a 0% Interest Loan Program to Local Businesses – R. Salinas, Director of Economic Development**  
  
Roque Salinas, Economic Development Director presented a proposed agreement between the City of Leon Valley and LiftFund as captioned.
  2. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on an Update of the Leon Valley Jazz Fest - C. Miranda, Community Relations Director**  
  
Crystal Miranda, Community Relations Director presented an update on the upcoming Jazz Festival.

- 6. Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members.** At this time, reports about items of community interest, which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley City Council or a City official.

Announcements were made by Mayor Riley and members of City Council.

**7. City Manager's Report**

Crystal Caldera, City Manager reminded everyone that the report is available outside on the table as well as on the City website. City Manager Caldera thanked Tiger Sanitation for accommodating the City on the upcoming brush pick-up; also asked for input on setting a date on a City Manager/City Council Retreat. Mayor Riley asked that it wait until June of 2024.

**1. Upcoming Important Events:**

**Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 07, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in Council Chambers.**

**Basura Bash, Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

**Drawing for Place on the Ballot, Monday, February 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in Council Chambers.**

**Earthwise Living Day, Saturday, March 04, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Leon Valley Events Center at 6427 Evers Road.**

**Trash & Treasure, Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Community Center.**

**Jazz Festival, Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 3:30 PM, at Raymond Rimkus Park.**

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Conference Center.**

**Library Volunteer Appreciation Party, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Library.**

**Picnic with the Mayor & City Council, Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the "grassy" area at the Conference Center.**

**Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.**

**Big Rig Petting Zoo, Monday, June 05, 2023, from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at Raymond Rimkus Park.**

**City Manager will be seeking possible dates for the City Council/City Manager Retreat.**

**Miscellaneous other events and announcements.**

- 8. Requests from Members of City Council to Add Items to Future Agendas – Per Section 3.10 (A) of the City of Leon Valley’s Code of Ordinances, at a meeting of City Council, a member of City Council may place an item on an agenda by making a motion to place the item on a future agenda and receiving a second. No discussion shall occur at the meeting regarding the placement of the item on a future agenda.**

Councilor Rey Orozco asked about holding a seminar related to homestead exemptions and taxes for the Leon Valley citizens like San Antonio is.

**9. Citizens to be Heard**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM

**These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 7th of March, 2023.**

**APPROVED**

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**CHRIS RILEY  
 MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC  
 CITY SECRETARY**