

From: Crystal Caldera
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 5:30 PM
To: Sandra Passailaigue
Subject: FW: HB 167 - Traffic Light Camera Enforcement Bill

From: Will Bradshaw <will.bradshaw@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:26 AM
To: Crystal Caldera <c.caldera@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Cc: Jed Hefner <jed.hefner@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Subject: Re: HB 167 - Traffic Light Camera Enforcement Bill

If it is not too late to add it, I second Jed's request to add to the next agenda.

Best regards,
Will

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 31, 2023, at 10:13 PM, Crystal Caldera <c.caldera@leonvalleytexas.gov> wrote:

You missed the deadline per the charter, your request and second must be received at least 8 days prior to the next council meeting which would have been yesterday. The agenda and the packet is already done for the 7th. The Mayor and I are scheduled to meet tomorrow to finalize. We all recieved the email and with my brief conversation with the mayor I think the plan was to put it in for 2/21, but I will double check to see if she wants to add it.

Crystal

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On Jan 31, 2023, at 9:54 PM, Jed Hefner <jed.hefner@leonvalleytexas.gov> wrote:

Crystal,

Can we please place an item on the next agenda to reaffirm our previous resolution related to RLCs? This is timely as the legislative session is already underway, and it should be relatively brief agenda item to include for Feb 7th.

Mr Bradshaw will be the second to add this item

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jed Hefner <jed.hefner@leonvalleytexas.gov>
Date: January 31, 2023 at 9:51:30 PM CST
To: Ben Scarborough <Ben.Scarborough@house.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: HB 167 - Traffic Light Camera Enforcement Bill

Mr Scarborough,

Yes. We are absolutely interested in supporting Rep Cortez's red light camera bill (can you clarify if it's HB167 or HB177?) this legislative session.

Prior to the opening of the session, Councilor Bradshaw and I met with Sen Menendez to seek his support for a companion Senate bill in hopes of expediting the process through those committees in conjunction with the House version. His office referred us to the Senate Transportation committee chair who has been, to my knowledge, unresponsive.

Part of the nuance there is that only 3 cities in Texas still have active RLC contracts. Amarillo expired last year, and Humble expires in June 2024. Leon Valley and Balcones Heights (both San Antonio Suburban cities) have substantial RLC contract obligations remaining (2039 and 2034 respectively). Sen Menendez shares office space with City of Balcones Heights.

From all reports, that city is much more in favor of RLCs (and the illicit revenue they generate) than are citizens in Leon Valley. Due to a previous administration's dubious execution of our contract, we are left with no early termination clause or any ability to remove these cameras without action from the state legislature.

I am prepared to ask our Mayor and City Manager to place an item on our next agenda to reaffirm our 2021 resolution (passed unanimously by our City Council) committing to exhausting all our efforts to rid our City of these cameras.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help advance this bill.

Thanks,
Jed Hefner
Leon Valley City Council - Place 3

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On Jan 30, 2023, at 1:34 PM, Ben Scarborough
<Ben.Scarborough@house.texas.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

I am the Legislator Director for Chairman Philip Cortez (TX-HD 117). This legislative session, we have refiled our bill to void pre-existing traffic light camera contracts (HB 1209 in the 87th session, HB 167 in this session). As I am handling the legislative agenda for Chairman Cortez, I am reaching out to ask if you plan to support this bill as you did last session. If you would like to discuss this with me via phone, my cell is listed below. Looking forward to working with y'all!

Sincerely,

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Ben Scarborough

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