



CITY OF LEON VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238
Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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	Remote
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	Remote
Matthew Hodde	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 4	Remote
Will Bradshaw	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 5	Remote

Mayor Chris Riley welcomed everyone and asked members of City Council to consider cancelling tonight's meeting and rescheduling to next Tuesday.

City Attorney Zech suggested an Executive Session to discuss the City Council's concerns. Councilor Monica Alcocer moved to go into Executive Session.

Mayor Riley announced that the City Council would enter into Executive Session at 5:40 PM to Consult with the City Attorney pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.071

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:19 PM

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to dismiss this meeting and to reconvene next Tuesday and to note the "call in number" on the agenda for Monday, April 13th. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthew Hodde.

Councilor Matthew Hodde proposed that the number be repeated

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 - Nay; Councilor Catherine Rodriguez - Nay; Councilor Monica Alcocer - Nay; Councilor Matthew Hodde - Nay; and Councilor Will Bradshaw - Aye.

Mayor Riley announced the motion failed.

Before moving on to Citizens to be Heard, Councilor Monica Alcocer called a Point of Order saying that she would only like emails read out loud, be restricted to residents and business of Leon Valley and the people from outside of Leon Valley can send in their comments but I don't think it is appropriate to read comments on agenda items that they have no legal say over.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [1 TO 4]
MOVER:	Will Bradshaw, Council Place 5
SECONDER:	Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4
AYES:	Will Bradshaw
NAYS:	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer that citizens to be heard, any calls, and or e-mails that come in from residence and/or business owners be allowed to be included or read with the three (3) minutes limit but those coming that are not residents or businesses from Leon Valley just be attached to the file and be kept like the city secretary keeps them. 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 Will Bradshaw - Nay.

Mayor Riley announced the motion failed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2
AYES:	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde
NAYS:	Will Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to add a Citizens to be Heard to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monica Alcocer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Will Bradshaw, Council Place 5
AYES:	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde, Will Bradshaw

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Those who called in to speak at this time were: Hilda Gomez; and Tina Chasan

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to postpone this meeting to Monday. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Citizens to be Heard continued.

Those who called in to speak at this time were: Josh Stevens; Marie Perez; Lyn Joseph; Sarah Smart; and Erick Matta

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read an e-mail that was submitted by: Edward Alonzo; and Tina Chasan

A motion was made by Councilor Matthew Hodde to recess into Executive Session for Consultation with Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez.

Mayor Riley announced that the City Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:51PM to Consult with the City Attorney pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.071

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:04 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Hodde, Council Place 4
SECONDER:	Catherine Rodriguez, Council Place 2
AYES:	Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde, Will Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to investigate what happened last night as it will aid us in our future meetings once we find out. 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: Monica Alcocer, Donna Charles, Catherine Rodriguez, Matthew Hodde, Will Bradshaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Monica Alcocer to accept the Consent Agenda with a correction to Item 4.2 of having the contract state what the packet stated that the form have a reduction to the Leon Valley Cafe be to \$400. The motion was seconded by Councilor Catherine Rodriguez.

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

Acceptance of Committee Minutes:

02-27-2020 Sign Code Update Advisory Committee Minutes

Discussion and Possible Action on a 5th Amendment to the Leon Valley Cafe Lease Agreement (Temporary Lease Reduction) (M&C # 2020-04-07-02 K. Kuenstler)

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Dissolving the 2019 Charter Review Committee (M&C # 2020-04-07-03 S. Passailaigue)

Discussion and Possible Action A Resolution of The City of Leon Valley, TX., City Council Appointing Linda Crews to The Position of Full Trustee on The Leon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees (M&C # 2020-04-07-04 S. Passailaigue)

Discussion and Possible Action for Reimbursement for Temporary Signs Provided to Exempt Businesses (M&C # 2020-04-07-05 W. Cox)

ORDINANCES

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Emergency Disaster Ordinance to Incorporate State of Texas Governors Order GA-14, Bexar County Executive Order NW-03, Amend Leon Valley Ordinances Where Conflicted, and Wave Photographic Traffic Control Late Fees During the COVID-19 Crisis (M&C # 2020-04-13-01 C. Riley, C. Rodriguez, and M. Hodde)

RESULT: MEETING POSTPONED **Next: 4/13/2020 5:30 PM**

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentation and Discussion on an Ordinance, on a Request by David Holland, for a Specific Use Permit for a Bar, at 4700 Timco West Road; Generally Located at the Intersection of Timco West Road and Timco East Road; and a Public Hearing on Said Request (1st Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2020-04-13-02 B. Melland)

RESULT: MEETING POSTPONED **Next: 4/13/2020 5:30 PM**

Discussion and Possible Action on Providing Donations of Essential Items (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, etc.) (M&C # 2020-04-13-03 Councilor Bradshaw & Councilor Alcocer)

RESULT: MEETING POSTPONED **Next: 4/13/2020 5:30 PM**

Discussion and Possible Action on Political Signs in Leon Valley (M&C # 2020-04-13-04 Councilor Bradshaw & Councilor Alcocer)

RESULT: MEETING POSTPONED **Next: 4/13/2020 5:30 PM**

Presentation by Mayor Riley and Discussion of the Findings of the Ethics Review Board Concerning Releasing Attorney Fee Bills to Citizens

Discussion and Possible Action on the Findings of the Ethics Review Board in the Complaint Against Chris Riley Pursuant to Section 3.04 and 3.03 (C) of the Leon Valley Home Rule Charter (As Requested by Councilor M. Hodde and seconded by Councilor C. Rodriguez) (M&C # 2020-04-13-06)

RESULT: MEETING POSTPONED **Next: 4/13/2020 5:30 PM**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 8:12 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 April 08, 2020 Leon Valley City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

From: [renee muniz](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Public Actors' Conduct
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:26:43 AM

Dear Mayor, police chief & all other government employees or hired participants for the Leon Valley, Texas City Council,

As I was reviewing your meeting, online in the past 24 hours, I believe heard the Mayor, & I could be incorrect in saying that it was the Mayor, state that I must state my name and where I live, in order to address this council, via this government appointed email address that she gave out for citizens to address the council. From my understanding, as a citizen, I am allowed to address any government body in the United States, anonymously. Can I please have understanding, from this council, as to which law the Mayor, or whom ever that female voice was that gave out this email, was referring to, when they stated that we must identify to ask questions or comment to a government body?

Thanks to all of you, for all you do to help our citizens!

Side note: My opinion, from what I have seen, watching many, many hours of your meetings etc, is that the Mayor's demeanor & attitude are exemplary! I applaud you & appreciate you, Mayor.

Justin Reid Pulliam

PO Box 132, Old Ocean, Texas 77463



April 8, 2020

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

Re: Public Testimony for April 8, 2020 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Riley:

I request the council to read and add to the record my complete testimony for the applicable agenda items at the April 8, 2020 City Council Special Meeting. Each item begins on a new page.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Dear Mayor Riley:

I was outraged by the city administration's decorum at the Leon Valley City Council Meeting on April 7, 2020.

As background, my worldview is one of equality and justice where all persons abide by and are held accountable to the same rules, including even government administrators. Orderly debate and discussion--transparent to the public--is something I feel strongly about. I believe all should be heard, at the proper time, rather than being shut down when the content of their speech is determined to be "offensive" by city administrators.

I am morally outraged that the city administration failed to provide for an orderly, effective city council meeting on April 7, 2020. It does not take considerable expense nor competence to organize a remote meeting. *In fact, the city administrators even admitted multiple times that they predicted disruptions of the meeting, yet they apparently took no action to provide for an orderly meeting. **This was a laughing matter--a joke--to the city administration, as demonstrated by the communications made at the end of the meeting (see the attached video file).*** This leaves me with many questions:

Why did the city administration fail configure a meeting setup where orderly presentations, testimony, debate, and action could occur?

In what alternate reality is it reasonable to leave the mayor--the chair of the meeting--with no greater technological control over the order of the proceeding than any member of the public?

Why did the city administration sit there laughing before the end of the meeting instead of taking steps to organize the meeting?

Why was the city administration so confident in predicting that disruptions would occur?

What was the city administration scheming about after the meeting that could not be said publicly? What all is the city administration hiding?

The city administration's disruption of the official meeting does not entirely surprise me: Last time I was at Leon Valley City Hall, the police **obstructed or interfered with the lawful gathering by both physical action and verbal utterance, and it is my belief that it was the officers' intent to disrupt. The officers were nasty to me and violated my rights.** You were right outside at the time. Numerous others witnessed it. Chilled by this encounter, I have not been back to city hall since.

At the April 7, 2020 meeting, I waited until all others had provided testimony regarding the agenda item I desired to speak about. After being recognized by you, I spoke on-topic regarding the agenda item with conservative vocabulary for approximately a minute and a half. There were multiple people talking over me and one city official tried to shut me down near the end.

Interestingly, there were no disruptions during the lengthy period when comments supportive of the police administration were being read. And as soon as that was read, the assistant city manager--completely out of turn and out of place--attempted to shut down all further public comments.

Although I made no other verbal comments or verbal utterances during the meeting, I was blocked from the meeting multiple times. The city manager slandered me--and you even backed her up.

Furthermore, Police Chief Salvaggio directly attributed "all these nasty comments" to me. Salvaggio's statements were incredibly offensive and slanderous. **This is outrageous. The reality is that I repetitively instructed anyone watching to stay in order and to not use profanity. The reality is that members of the public were silenced and the city administrators were laughing, saying "I told you so."**

I dream of the day when Leon Valley city administrators consider that perhaps something is actually their own fault or problem.

"We don't have to treat others with disrespect, we can share our opinion in a civil manner." I couldn't agree more with that statement. Indeed, you said that. Let's start extending that practice to all, including even those who are not part of Salvaggio's political establishment. Keep in mind it is the city that is raiding homes, terrorizing families, attacking business owners-managers, maliciously prosecuting people, and physically injuring people.

I request a retraction and that the official certified meeting minutes include notice that Justin Pulliam did not speak out of turn and that Justin Pulliam did not use profanity during the meeting.

Sincerely,

Justin Pulliam

P.S. Why was the city administration so confident in predicting that disruptions would occur?

4. 2. Leon Valley Café Lease Agreement

There is a discrepancy between the cover sheet and the lease agreement. The coversheet states \$400/month; however, the lease states \$600/month.

I oppose this item.

Small businesses should first utilize federal programs designed for COVID-19 Relief, such as the Paycheck Protection Program. It is my understanding that such programs would forgive the rent paid to the city if all employees remain employed. I attached two fact sheets regarding this program.

I'm also including the following information, which I have received from a contact at the White House who serves on both the President's and Vice President's administrations. I understand that the Leon Valley administration may not have contacts in the White House, so they may not be aware of these federal programs which would put both local business and the city in a better position.

Direct links to the following temporary programs (or temporary expansions of current programs) are below (including application forms):

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Emergency Advance: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance>

SBA Express Bridge Loans: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-express-bridge-loans>

SBA Debt Relief: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief>

4. 3. Dissolving Charter Review Committee

The resolution was not included in the agenda packet.

I oppose this item.

It should be tabled until the council is back to normal operations.

Additionally, no agenda item should be considered unless the statutory requirements for open government are upheld. The resolution must be available to the people before—not after—it becomes law.

4. 5. Police Department Account Transfer

I oppose this item.

The police department budget has sufficient funding for this expense. The Leon Valley Police Chief should be responsible for his pet project rather than doing whatever he wants and then sticking others with the bill.

Additionally, it is my understanding that these signs were offered to only certain businesses. Political discrimination is unacceptable. This appears to be yet another instance of Salvaggio preferencing his friends and punishing his political opposition.

I sure hope there are signs for all of the dollar type stores.

5. 1. Disaster Ordinance

I oppose this item.

The governor's order, following the federal guidance, is sufficient. There is no reason for Leon Valley police to micromanage this situation further. In fact, I think any such micromanagement would be inconsistent with Abbott's order.

It's outrageous that Salvaggio continues to keep the revenue generation cameras on—all while trying to buy political points by waiving late fees.

The sign issue is frankly insignificant relative to the infectious disease crisis, and it further demonstrates the continual poor judgement of the City of Leon Valley to include it within such a significant order. The sign policies should be considered separately.

I would support a local disaster declaration limited to municipal issues such as waiving nanny state regulations, halting traffic revenue cameras, halting car registration seizures, extending all payment due dates, halting utility disconnects, and similar matters that actually relate to the municipal government. Please learn your place.

Also, what evidence do you have for banning the sport of tennis within Leon Valley in relation to spread of COVID-19?

6. 5. Discussion Regarding Mayor

I oppose this item.

It is entirely inappropriate for Salvaggio's political establishment to play their dirty politics during a time of disaster. In these uncertain times, it is very important to have a strong mayor to lead Leon Valley through the crisis. Attacking the mayor further reduces the credibility of the city government—and at the worst possible time.

The mayor was lawfully elected by the people of Leon Valley. The mayor was up for reelection in less than a month—yet the political establishment cancelled that election.

Nevertheless, all issues relating to members of the Leon Valley City Council should be postponed until after the 2020 municipal election occurs. The people—not the political establishment on the council—shall select their mayor. It is outrageous for certain council members to so blatantly overrule the voice of the people.

Any one of the people attacking the mayor could have filed to run against her. Why didn't they?

Is it that dirty games allow them to get their way? And they might be ousted at the polls?

Regarding the "ethics" hearing, the charges are ridiculous. Bills for attorney fees are public information subject to required public disclosure. Information is shared between the city and the public most every single day without said information flowing through the office of the city secretary, the city attorney, or the attorney general. Suggesting such a bureaucratic process would bring all government to a halt. The reality is that government officials, administrators, and employees routinely release public information—and that's how government should work.

It appears Leon Valley has a city administration that will do anything for complete control, which is apparently inconsistent with a mayor selected by and responsive to the public.

This item should be tabled indefinitely.

Conclusion

I am concerned that this meeting is illegitimate. It should be properly called and held at a later date.

In the event that the meeting does occur today, I should appreciate your consideration of my public testimony.

Failure to consider my public testimony would provide further evidence to the public of the anti-citizen tyranny that continues to occur in Leon Valley.

Sincerely,



Justin Pulliam

From: [Josh Stevens](#)
To: [Mayor Riley](#); [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
Cc: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Monica Alcocer](#); [Donna Charles](#); [Matthew Hodde](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Dr. Catherine Rodriguez](#); charles.zech@rampage-sa.com
Subject: Re: Please provide the number in the agenda - where citizens actually can see it - or at least repeat it multiple times before each agenda item
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:28:23 PM

I still do not have the number. Nobody has responded to me.

On Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 5:51 PM Josh Stevens [REDACTED] > wrote:
Council,

Can you please repeat the phone number for citizen comment before each agenda item, as some people might only tune in at certain times? You've provided it one (1) time very quickly.

I don't even remember it.

Which agenda is correct? The one posted online last night? The one posted online right now? The one posted at city hall last night? The one posted at city hall right now?

Only the CORRECT agenda should be posted online. You guys are obviously trying to prevent transparency with the public. Why is an incorrect agenda posted online, without outlining the way for public two-way communication?

We already know most of you don't want input from citizens. Please at least follow the Texas law, despite your personal preferences.

Josh

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To: [Mayor Riley](#); [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
Cc: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Monica Alcocer](#); [Donna Charles](#); [Matthew Hodde](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Dr. Catherine Rodriguez](#); charles.zech@rampage-sa.com
Subject: Re: Please provide the number in the agenda - where citizens actually can see it - or at least repeat it multiple times before each agenda item
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:57:08 PM

Once again, I still have not received a single response from any person with Leon Valley.

I don't know why multiple members of the administration lied multiple times about responding to me.

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To: [Mayor Riley](#); [Dr. Catherine Rodriguez](#); [Monica Alcocer](#); [Donna Charles](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Matthew Hodde](#); [Kelly Kuenstler](#); [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Really- On hold for 9 minutes and then hung up on
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 7:19:13 PM
Attachments: [image0.png](#)
[ATT00002.txt](#)

I was on the phone waiting for over 9 minutes while all you guys are blobbing amongst yourself about how you want to censor citizens and prohibit them from speaking. Then my phone hung up. Seriously council?

Now you guys are talking about items not on the agenda. This is a flagrant violation of TOMA in addition to other TOMA violations.

The problem: when you don't care about the citizens, having adequate two-way communication obviously isn't a priority- no matter the quality.

I'd encourage the council to use Zoom. You can screen callers.

The hacking is not "hacking" of zoom- it's hacking of the email addresses that were utilized to send Zoom access codes back and forth. Read the news.

Josh

Rey Orozco, Pavona Place

6. Regular Agenda

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Findings of the Ethics Review...

We are all going through a very difficult time in our lives. It is time to put an end to the squabbling and insipid behavior that is plaguing our City Council.

The people of Leon Valley need you now.

There is a strong chance, if it hasn't happened already that someone in Leon Valley is going to get sick and unfortunately there is a chance that someone is going die –

Let that sink in....and the most vulnerable are our Police, EMTs and Firefighters, along with all essential city employees.

After this pandemic is over and you get back to your council seat, you are going to wonder if you did enough to protect the Citizens and Employees of Leon Valley, or was it more important to continue the plague that divides the people of Leon Valley.....

I am asking you to make a motion to close the case on Mayor Riley and move on to address the needs of the Citizens and Employees of Leon Valley.

Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Hodde - as authors of this agenda item – this is a great opportunity to be instrumental to stop the squabbling and start change in City Council. I ask again, make a motion to close the case on our Mayor and focus on the Citizens and Employees of Leon Valley.

The people in Leon Valley need your Leadership now.

Thank you,

Rey Orozco

From: [Josh Stevens](#)
To: [Mayor Riley](#); [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
Cc: [Monica Alcocer](#); [Donna Charles](#); [Matthew Hodde](#); [Will Bradshaw](#); [Dr. Catherine Rodriguez](#); charles.zech@rampage-sa.com
Subject: Submissions for Citizens to be Heard and Citizen Comment Periods
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:49:28 PM
Attachments: [My citizen comments for all agenda items.pdf](#)

Please see attached for my citizen comments for this meeting. Please excuse the different points of view and different perspectives, including different tenses. I'm simply advocating for other stakeholders of Leon Valley- they have participated in helping me add to these comments.

And Catherine: The reason people don't talk to you might be because you are 49 years old, not approachable, unemployed, and live with your mom and dad. Also, I actively seek to go out into the community and meet business owners, residents, and other stakeholders.

When you are not approachable, people will not approach you.

Please read all of the submitted comments for public comment periods.

I likely will have additional comments that I will submit throughout the meeting.

Thanks much,

Josh Stevens

From: [Tina Chasan](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Tonight's meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 7:27:45 PM

I was disconnected and didn't finish. This entire council meeting is a farce! We can't see any faces. I had my program muted and heard only Mr. Bradshaw come in clearly on my phone. So that means all others on Council I could not hear. So if I was asked to clarify what I said I couldn't hear that, unless Mr Bradshaw was the one to question me. To be hung up on, disconnected, to not be able to have an open dialogue with my city council during citizens to be heard, to me, in my understanding of the TOMA, is a true violation. I am disgusted with this entire process.

I have asked several times to have certain members of staff and council to apologize under rules of decorum, and yet we the citizens are not afforded the same.

Election time will be here whether the seated council likes it or not, and then we shall see how the citizens like themselves to be respected by their elected council.

I will end with, as I always do,

Respectfully,

Tina Chasan

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From: [Edward Alonzo](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
Subject: AV
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 7:02:19 PM

Council,

I would urge that you continue trying to get this right. Stopping the meeting over the technical configuration serves no one. The only way we can improve our system is by putting it to the test live. As a digital professional, live testing is the fastest way to learn. If however the biggest concern is access, that's a separate issue.

Regards,
Edward Alonzo

From: [Evelyn Zinda](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Call-in Number
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:55:56 PM

Good evening,

What is the number to call into the meeting for citizens? I'm unable to find it on the website.

Thank you,
Evelyn Zinda

From: [Duane Smith](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Cc: [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
Subject: Citizens To Be Heard - Section #2 - 04/08/2020
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:19:52 PM

I wish to comment on a couple of chat messages on GoToMeeting during the council meeting last night concerning the opinions I expressed about the Gestapo language. I apologize for having to paraphrase what was written, but the meeting blew up before I could copy the exact statements.

Josh Stevens stated that he had not called anyone the Gestapo and offered a link to his campaign website with a copy of his statement during the March 25th city council meeting. He also made a comment that people who didn't attend the meeting were making comments about same. I assume that was a reference to me.

I did, in fact, attend the meeting on the 25th. I never said that Mr. Stevens called anyone the Gestapo. What I did accuse him of was colluding with Councilman Bradshaw in an orchestrated attack on Chief Salvaggio and the Leon Valley Police Department. The video of the meeting is available online. Watch it and you can decide if their attacks are well coordinated or the result of an amazing coincidence. I will point out that there are numerous examples from previous council meetings of the same cabal acting in concert.

Also last night on chat, Erick Mata stated that he was sensitive to this type of comment and that he thought that Chief Salvaggio (he actually called him Joe) had made the Gestapo reference and not Will Bradshaw.

As for who made the Gestapo comments, I invite you to go to the City of Leon Valley website, click on the Council Meeting button, click on the video link for the March 25th meeting, and slide the bar to one hour forty-four minutes fifty seconds and push play. You can decide who's being truthful and who is not.

I will quote from the meeting of March 25, 2020:

Councilman Will Bradshaw: "That sounds like Gestapo tactics to me, Chief."

Councilwoman Catherine Rodriguez: "Chief, I have a question. I don't mean to interrupt, but I have a question."

Bradshaw (talking over Councilwoman Rodriguez): "If you don't want the reputation of being the Gestapo then quit being the Gestapo."

I stand by my closing comment from yesterday. You disgust me.

Duane Smith

Leon Valley, Texas

04/08/2020

From: [Reyvonne Orozco](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Will Bradshaw](#)
Subject: Citizens to be heard
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:12:13 PM
Attachments: [Citizens to be heard.docx](#)

Hello Saundra,

Attached are my thoughts for tonight (April 8, 2020) Item 2. Citizens to be heard.

Please have Councilor Bradshaw read my statement.

Thank you,

Rey Orozco

Rey Orozco, Pavona Place

2. Citizens to be Heard

As all of you know, everyone has been caught off guard with the Pandemic, and like the rest of the nation Leon Valley is being reactive, and I am sure we all could have done a better job being proactive.

I would like to suggest that we take a proactive approach during these crises. I am suggesting that City Council create a committee to focus on “Lessons Learned” in order to serve our community, businesses, and our first responders.

It is imperative the we start thinking on how we can help Leon Valley once this crisis is over.

As a retired Deputy Director at Audie L. Murphy Hospital, I have conducted multiple fact findings, Lessons Learned committees, and mediated for the Federal Government. I would be more than happy to sit on these new committees to better serve our community.

Thank you,

Rey Orozco

From: [Reyvonne Orozco](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Will Bradshaw](#)
Subject: City Council Special Meeting, April 8, 2020
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:23:57 PM
Attachments: [Regular Agenda 6.5.docx](#)

Please see attachment with my thoughts for Agenda item 6.5 (8.5 on April 7,2020 agenda).

I am requesting that Councilor Will Bradshaw read my statement.

Thank You,

Rey Orozco

From: [Kelly Kuenstler](#)
To: [Joe Salvaggio](#); [Saundra Passailaigue](#); [Crystal Caldera](#)
Subject: FW: Phone message from City Hall
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:36:38 PM

From: Angela Trejo
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Mayor Riley
Cc: Kelly Kuenstler
Subject: Phone message from City Hall

Good Afternoon Mayor,

A gentleman called from phone number [REDACTED]

He wanted to inform you that the caller (Marie Perez) that called during last night to bad mouth Chief Salvaggio is not (Marie Perez). The lady's name is Carolyn Rodriguez from the Fort Worth area and is part of the first amendment auditor group. She has her own YouTube channel. He felt you should know the truth. He didn't give his name or association to the caller.

Have a great day!
Angela

Angela Trejo 
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From: [Gayle Olenick](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Cc: kkuenstler@leonvalleytexas.gov
Subject: FW: Thank you for all you do...
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:54:44 PM

From: Gayle Olenick [mailto:████████████████████]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:53 PM
To: 's.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov'
Cc: kkuenstler@leonvalleytexas.gov
Subject: Thank you for all you do...

4/8/20

Greetings Police, Fire and City Management,

Times like these make us think of how important our city management, police and fire personnel are to us. It is indeed a time of need and heightened concern. I want to thank the City of Leon Valley, particularly the fire and police departments, for their consistent and unwavering responsiveness and compassion.

I have noticed the police department regularly patrolling and specifically taking swift action when apparently a robbery was reported not long ago. I was comforted in the early hours of the morning to see police presence on El Verde and specifically managing the “dead end”. I also appreciate, as always, their willingness to wave and “know who I am” when I pass on the street.

The Leon Valley Fire Department (first responders) recently helped me when I had a health crisis and had to be transported to the hospital. They were here in a flash and were amazing. I couldn't have asked for more expert, high end, professional attention. I had contacted my daughter who lives in Houston and she was going to call them before getting in her car to get here, but they were already out front! I am so thankful, and was so extremely impressed. Thanks so much LVFD!

I am proud to be a 47 year Leon Valley resident. I love my city-- the police and fire colleagues, and the general care shown for us as residents.

When this dreadful and concerning pandemic is behind us, I want to bring goodies down to the municipal building for the staff, fire and police department. For now, I'm just sending a BIG thank you. I appreciate you!!

Sincerely,

Gayle Olenick
5705 El Verde Rd.

From: [Leslie Bacon Knopf](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Fwd: Citizen Serious Concerns
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:09:10 PM

Dear Saundra,

Please see the email I sent to the mayor to be put in the record and read aloud by the mayor during citizens to be heard.

Thank you,

Leslie Bacon Knopf

Begin forwarded message:

From: Leslie Bacon Knopf [REDACTED] >
Subject: Citizen Serious Concerns
Date: April 8, 2020 at 5:10:00 PM CDT
To: "mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov" <mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov>

Dear Mayor Riley,

I am writing today because I am so alarmed at what happened at the city council meeting last night. I ask that you please read this commentary aloud tonight during citizens to be heard at the meeting that was rescheduled so abruptly today after ending the meeting so abruptly last night.

The meeting last night was allowed by the city manager, the assistant city managers and the city secretary to devolve into total chaos. This is extremely distressing because the agenda had very serious items on it that were partially addressed before the meeting ended so abruptly.

Even more distressing was when the administrators lost total control of the meeting and the city secretary showed serious unprofessionalism by dancing to music that the internet trolls put on the site to crash the meeting.

The entire meeting was beyond unprofessional on all their parts, especially since Leon Valley residents are encountering huge amounts of stress being under disaster restrictions and in many cases literally fearing for their lives. Citizens are looking to their leaders for leadership not incompetence and frivolity. In watching the city secretary dance it was apparent that she encouraged more behavior from the "outsiders" crashing the virtual meeting and compounding the situation.

During the meeting, before it ended abruptly, the city manager read letters attacking council Will Bradshaw and running council candidate Josh Stevens. The city manager and the other council members have continuously said they are being attacked by citizens that support you and that you must control attacks on council and administrators during city council meetings. I ask that you and the

city manager afford Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Stevens the same courtesy from supporters.

Lastly regarding the poll conducted by the Leon Valley Police Department. While I feel it is an exceptional aspiration to have increased positive interaction with the Leon Valley police and fire department, especially now when everything in society is so uncertain and they are stepping up to lead our community in amazing ways, I feel the poll was not conducted accurately. My degree from UTSA is in Communication and I have taken an entire class in surveying and polling and how to interpret the findings. Since they have been working on this project since November and have not reached out to me or anyone I have spoken to on my street it seems as if the sampling is not accurate and therefore the findings are not accurate as well. I was pleased to hear that you will be obtaining the polling data and they will have the opportunity to explain how they came to their findings.

Thank you Mayor Riley for presenting this at the meeting and thank you for your continued ongoing exceptional service to Leon Valley and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bacon Knopf

Josh Stevens

April 8, 2020

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

Re: Public Testimony for April 8, 2020 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Riley:

I have attached comments to be submitted for Citizens to be heard and the separate citizen comment periods. I will likely add supplemental content during the meeting. These comments are submitted by me on behalf of other Leon Valley stakeholders, including Justin Pulliam. Please excuse the different perspectives- first person, second person, third person, etc.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Dear Mayor Riley:

I was outraged by the city administration's decorum at the Leon Valley City Council Meeting on April 7, 2020.

As background, my worldview is one of equality and justice where all persons abide by and are held accountable to the same rules, including even government administrators. Orderly debate and discussion--transparent to the public--is something I feel strongly about. I believe all should be heard, at the proper time, rather than being shut down when the content of their speech is determined to be "offensive" by city administrators.

I am morally outraged that the city administration failed to provide for an orderly, effective city council meeting on April 7, 2020. It does not take considerable expense nor competence to organize a remote meeting. *In fact, the city administrators even admitted multiple times that they predicted disruptions of the meeting, yet they apparently took no action to provide for an orderly meeting. This was a laughing matter--a joke--to the city administration, as demonstrated by the communications made at the end of the meeting (see the attached video file).* This leaves me with many questions:

Why did the city administration fail configure a meeting setup where orderly presentations, testimony, debate, and action could occur?

In what alternate reality is it reasonable to leave the mayor--the chair of the meeting--with no greater technological control over the order of the proceeding than any member of the public?

Why did the city administration sit there laughing before the end of the meeting instead of taking steps to organize the meeting?

Why was the city administration so confident in predicting that disruptions would occur?

What was the city administration scheming about after the meeting that could not be said publicly? What all is the city administration hiding?

The city administration's disruption of the official meeting does not entirely surprise me: Last time I was at Leon Valley City Hall, the police **obstructed or interfered with the lawful gathering by both physical action and verbal utterance, and it is my belief that it was the officers' intent to disrupt. The officers were nasty to me and violated my rights.** You were right outside at the time. Numerous others witnessed it. Chilled by this encounter, I have not been back to city hall since.

At the April 7, 2020 meeting, I waited until all others had provided testimony regarding the agenda item I desired to speak about. After being recognized by you, I spoke on-topic regarding the agenda item with conservative vocabulary for approximately a minute and a half. There were multiple people talking over me and one city official tried to shut me down near the end.

Interestingly, there were no disruptions during the lengthy period when comments supportive of the police administration were being read. And as soon as that was read, the assistant city manager--completely out of turn and out of place--attempted to shut down all further public comments.

Although I made no other verbal comments or verbal utterances during the meeting, I was blocked from the meeting multiple times. The city manager slandered me--and you even backed her up.

Furthermore, Police Chief Salvaggio directly attributed "all these nasty comments" to me. Salvaggio's statements were incredibly offensive and slanderous. **This is outrageous. The reality is that I repetitively instructed anyone watching to stay in order and to not use profanity. The reality is that members of the public were silenced and the city administrators were laughing, saying "I told you so."**

I dream of the day when Leon Valley city administrators consider that perhaps something is actually their own fault or problem.

"We don't have to treat others with disrespect, we can share our opinion in a civil manner." I couldn't agree more with that statement. Indeed, you said that. Let's start extending that practice to all, including even those who are not part of Salvaggio's political establishment. Keep in mind it is the city that is raiding homes, terrorizing families, attacking business owners-managers, maliciously prosecuting people, and physically injuring people.

I request a retraction and that the official certified meeting minutes include notice that Justin Pulliam did not speak out of turn and that Justin Pulliam did not use profanity during the meeting.

Sincerely,

Justin Pulliam

P.S. Why was the city administration so confident in predicting that disruptions would occur?

4. 2. Leon Valley Café Lease Agreement

There is a discrepancy between the cover sheet and the lease agreement. The coversheet states \$400/month; however, the lease states \$600/month.

I oppose this item.

Small businesses should first utilize federal programs designed for COVID-19 Relief, such as the Paycheck Protection Program. It is my understanding that such programs would forgive the rent paid to the city if all employees remain employed. I attached two fact sheets regarding this program.

I'm also including the following information, which I have received from a contact at the White House who serves on both the President's and Vice President's administrations. I understand that the Leon Valley administration may not have contacts in the White House, so they may not be aware of these federal programs which would put both local business and the city in a better position.

Direct links to the following temporary programs (or temporary expansions of current programs) are below (including application forms):

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Emergency Advance: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance>

SBA Express Bridge Loans: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-express-bridge-loans>

SBA Debt Relief: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief>

4. 3. Dissolving Charter Review Committee

The resolution was not included in the agenda packet.

I oppose this item.

It should be tabled until the council is back to normal operations.

Additionally, no agenda item should be considered unless the statutory requirements for open government are upheld. The resolution must be available to the people before—not after—it becomes law.

4. 5. Police Department Account Transfer

I oppose this item.

The police department budget has sufficient funding for this expense. The Leon Valley Police Chief should be responsible for his pet project rather than doing whatever he wants and then sticking others with the bill.

Additionally, it is my understanding that these signs were offered to only certain businesses. Political discrimination is unacceptable. This appears to be yet another instance of Salvaggio preferencing his friends and punishing his political opposition.

I sure hope there are signs for all of the dollar type stores.

5. 1. Disaster Ordinance

I oppose this item.

The governor's order, following the federal guidance, is sufficient. There is no reason for Leon Valley police to micromanage this situation further. In fact, I think any such micromanagement would be inconsistent with Abbott's order.

It's outrageous that Salvaggio continues to keep the revenue generation cameras on—all while trying to buy political points by waiving late fees.

The sign issue is frankly insignificant relative to the infectious disease crisis, and it further demonstrates the continual poor judgement of the City of Leon Valley to include it within such a significant order. The sign policies should be considered separately.

I would support a local disaster declaration limited to municipal issues such as waiving nanny state regulations, halting traffic revenue cameras, halting car registration seizures, extending all payment due dates, halting utility disconnects, and similar matters that actually relate to the municipal government. Please learn your place.

Also, what evidence do you have for banning the sport of tennis within Leon Valley in relation to spread of COVID-19?

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For Agenda Item Greetings City Council,

As I read over the agenda item related to the suspension of late fees, it appeared to me and others that this is Councilor Rodriguez's attempt to compensate for her inactions over the past two years related to caring for the citizens of our community. Though the motives are questionable, I also determined that this type of initiative is great- it's focused on helping the members of our community out during this time of economic trouble.

Though this agenda item does seem generally well intended, I think that the City Council should consider something more significant: something that would greatly benefit the citizens of Leon Valley and that will have a better impact on the people of our community and the image of the City of Leon Valley.

During the Townhall meeting on January 25th, 2020, Citizen and Attorney Sarah Smart asked questions regarding the validity of the red-light cameras statistics cited by Joseph Salvaggio, including the assertion that vehicle accidents have reduced since the cameras came on-board. After more research, the TXdot data proves that Attorney Sarah Smart and the News 4 reporting from January is correct: the prevalence of vehicle crashes have SIGNIFICANTLY increased in Leon Valley since the implementation of the cameras. It was obvious to myself and other citizens that the statistics regarding "intersection" actions have been morphed by subjectively classifying accidents as "intersection" or non-intersection accidents. However, after some review, it appeared that when a rear-end collision occurs at a red-light because of a person slamming their brakes to stop at the red light, this type of accident would likely not be included in the morphed statistics relayed to the community by Joseph Salvaggio.

When disregarding the subjective classification of whether a person thinks an accident is in an intersection or not in an intersection, the objective information can be evaluated without any bias – such as the bias that one may have for or against the red-light camera program. Generally, statistics are based solely on objective information – not on subjective classification that would vary on who the person creating the report is and how they feel, think, believe, act, etc. In accordance with Texas Law, all vehicle crashes that involve greater than \$1000 in property damage or any injury or death to body are mandated to be reported by police officers via the CR-3 form and transferred to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The objective information for vehicle crashes in Leon Valley can be found using Texas Department of Transportation's real statistics – via the TX-DOT "Crash Data and Analysis" CRIS Query tool. This tool pulls in all of the CR-3 forms filed by Texas peace officers in the Leon Valley area. When the objective information is evaluated, it PROVES that since the red-light cameras have been implemented in Leon Valley, the total number of reportable crashes have not only increased- but have **significantly** increased. In fact, the facts are that the total number of crashes in Leon Valley was:

2015- 430 crashes

2016- 198 crashes

2017- 285 crashes

2018- CAMERAS IMPLEMENTED FEBRUARY: 844 crashes

2019- 1057 crashes

Because the factual data proves that the incidence of vehicle crashes have significantly risen since implementation of the red light cameras, combined with the understanding that members of our community are struggling financially during this difficult period, I would like to recommend to the council that they not only waive late fees of the red-light camera citations, but waive every single outstanding red light camera ticket. In fact, I would even go as far as recommending the city council opts to entirely end the red-light camera traffic enforcement system. I understand this will take appropriate budget cuts and significant revisions to the annual budget. However, because of the fact that the data from the Texas Department of Transportation proves that vehicle crashes have escalated significantly in Leon Valley since the red-light cameras went live, this makes the most sense in terms of the safety of the members of our community.

As I've started getting to know more and more people from our community, I've realized that when citizens learn that they have been misled by current management regarding the prevalence of vehicle crashes in Leon Valley since the cameras were implemented, the more people conclude they are against them. After showing citizens the real, non-skewed, non-morphed Texas Department of Transportation statistics, they immediately are able to correlate the cause and effect between the increased number of crashes and the red-light camera traffic enforcement systems. As a result, the more informed that citizens get with the real / raw data, the more citizens jump on board to getting rid of the red light cameras.

I would encourage everyone participating in this meeting to follow my campaign's Facebook at facebook.com/VOTEJOSHSTEVENS, where I intend to post a video about Leon Valley's dramatic increase in vehicle crashes since the red-light cameras were implemented across our city. Additionally, I'll post resources and Texas Department of Transportation references on my website: www.VoteJoshStevens.com. Thanks!

6. 5. Discussion Regarding Mayor

I oppose this item.

It is entirely inappropriate for Salvaggio's political establishment to play their dirty politics during a time of disaster. In these uncertain times, it is very important to have a strong mayor to lead Leon Valley through the crisis. Attacking the mayor further reduces the credibility of the city government—and at the worst possible time.

The mayor was lawfully elected by the people of Leon Valley. The mayor was up for reelection in less than a month—yet the political establishment cancelled that election.

Nevertheless, all issues relating to members of the Leon Valley City Council should be postponed until after the 2020 municipal election occurs. The people—not the political establishment on the council—shall select their mayor. It is outrageous for certain council members to so blatantly overrule the voice of the people.

Any one of the people attacking the mayor could have filed to run against her. Why didn't they?

Is it that dirty games allow them to get their way? And they might be ousted at the polls?

Regarding the "ethics" hearing, the charges are ridiculous. Bills for attorney fees are public information subject to required public disclosure. Information is shared between the city and the public most every single day without said information flowing through the office of the city secretary, the city attorney, or the attorney general. Suggesting such a bureaucratic process would bring all government to a halt. The reality is that government officials, administrators, and employees routinely release public information—and that's how government should work.

It appears Leon Valley has a city administration that will do anything for complete control, which is apparently inconsistent with a mayor selected by and responsive to the public.

This item should be tabled indefinitely.