

CITY OF EULESS
CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Board was called to order by President Ron Shields on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in City Hall, 201 North Ector Drive, Eules.

Board members present included:

Mayor Mary Lib Saleh
City Council Member Leon Hogg
City Council Member Glenn Porterfield
City Council Member Perry Bynum
Citizen Member Don Martin
Citizen Member Iris Elliott
Citizen Member Ron Shields
Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez, Treasurer
City Secretary Susan Crim, Secretary

Additional staff members present included:

City Manager Gary McKamie
Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell
Police Chief Mike Brown
Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman
Assistant Police Chief Harland Westmoreland

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon motion by Don Martin and second by Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, Council Member Leon Hogg was elected Vice President by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL, MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2009

Upon motion by Council Member Leon Hogg, and second by Council Member Perry Bynum, the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

HELD PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 10-06CCPD

President Shields opened the public hearing to receive input regarding the authorization and imposition of the one-fourth of one percent Crime Control and Prevention District

(CCPD) sales tax on receipts from the sale, production, distribution, lease or rental of, and the use, storage, or other consumption within the district of gas and electricity for residential use, as provided by Section 321.1055 of the Texas Tax Code. Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez stated that this tax is currently imposed on all other taxable goods and services, but when the legislation was originally passed allowing cities to create crime control districts, they exempted the tax on residential gas and electric utilities. During the recent legislative session, a bill was passed that allows crime control districts to impose this tax on these utilities. In order for the Euless Crime Control and Prevention District to collect the sales tax on residential gas and electricity use, the Board of Directors is required to adopt a resolution, after which the State Comptroller will begin notifying the gas and electric utilities. The imposition of the tax will begin on July 1, 2010. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that commercial use of gas and electric utilities is already being taxed. There being no proponents or opponents, President Shields closed the public hearing.

Council Member Glenn Porterfield moved to approve Resolution No. 10-06CCPD authorizing the imposition of the Crime Control and Prevention District Sales and Use Tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent on gas and electricity for residential use. The motion was seconded by Don Martin and carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Director of Finance Vicki Rodriguez stated that the estimated revenue in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget for the Crime Control and Prevention District budget had been based on nine months collection of tax on residential gas and electric utilities. The interpretation at the time of budget preparation had been that the tax would be collectable sooner in the fiscal year. It is now evident that we will only receive one third of what was budgeted. In addition, our sales tax collections continue to be less than the prior year, and are currently down 18% year-to-date. In light of these projected revenue shortfalls, we are continuing to hold a current police officer vacancy, and the Police Department is holding departmental expenditures where possible. We will continue to watch this budget very closely as the year progresses.

City Manager Gary McKamie reported that the City is continuing hiring freezes throughout the City. He said the construction sector is where the sales tax revenue is suffering the most. He reported that the Glade Parks development project is delayed, so we may not be able to budget revenue from it in Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Deputy City Manager Loretta Getchell stated that the City ended Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with an increase in the fund balance, despite being down significantly in revenue, because they held expenditures and positions in all areas. It is hoped that this cushion will help with any shortfall that might be experienced in the current fiscal year.

City Manager McKamie reported that residential starts are continuing strong, although commercial real estate is not doing as well.

Police Chief Mike Brown welcomed Iris Elliott to the Board and thanked the Board Members for their service. He reported that he recently hired two police officers, one with experience, which is unusual. He said that ordinarily they hire new graduates that must be trained. Chief Brown stated that in the coming months they will implement the Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit, which will assist in inspecting commercial vehicles that travel through the City of Euless. In the past there has not been adequate inspection of these vehicles, and they believe this program will make the roadways of Euless safer. This program will be funded through seized drug funds.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ron Shields
President

ATTEST:



Susan Crim
Secretary