



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Copeland called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

PRESENT

*President Jeff Copeland
Vice-President John Lopez
Director Jorja Clemson
Director Cole Humphreys
Director Kurt Johnson
Director Junior Ezeonu
Director Dennis King*

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the November 16, 2021, Grand Prairie Crime Control and Prevention District Board Meeting

Director Humphreys moved, seconded by Director Johnson, to approve the item. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance Amending the Crime Control and Prevention District's Community Policing Fund FY 2022 Budget

Police Chief Scesney discussed increasing police from two-hundred ninety to three hundred and noted with the Southgate development coming in, there will likely be a population surge as well as a need in the Epic Central area. Police Assistant Director Ryan Simpson advised the increased cost would be nine-hundred thirty-two thousand dollars for additional officers plus equipment. President Copeland asked to confirm the amount would be approximately ninety-three thousand, two hundred per officer and Mr. Simpson confirmed noting they would defer the cost of equipment until after training is complete. Director Clemson asked to clarify how many officers are needed. Mr. Simpson said eight are needed in south area. Chief Scesney said the Epic Central area is very active and bicycle officers are needed there. He added that would keep an eye on the fund to ensure they stay within budget. Chief Scesney said he plans to incrementally increase as population grows. Director Johnson asked to confirm if ten officers cost about one million dollars. Chief Scesney confirmed and advised the costs are not applied to the General Fund. Director Humphreys asked that as the city grows into needing for more officers, that the city's culture is maintained. Chief Scesney said he addresses this with every recruit stressing the importance of the idea of community. Vice-President Lopez asked if the Police Department would be on board with a combined Police and Fire substation in Southgate. Chief Scesney said he is not opposed, but noted he is not a fan because he would prefer the patrol officer be in his vehicle as opposed to an office. City Attorney / Assistant City Manager Megan Mahan noted a government center is a proposed idea for the

Southgate area. Vice-President Lopez asked if officers would be part of traffic control in that area. Chief Scesney advised all officers can address traffic complaints and accidents throughout the city. Director Copeland said he visited with Chief Scesney, and his biggest concern is that Chief Scesney is being too conservative in his request. Director Clemson moved, seconded by Director Humphreys to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Copeland adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED, August 16, 2022.

Signatures of all Directors
whether present or absent




Jeff Copeland, President



John Lopez, Vice-President



Jorja Clemson, Director



Cole Humphreys, Director



Kurt Johnson, Director



Junior Ezeonu, Director