



Elgin City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

ITEM: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II, CODE OF ORDINANCES. CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REGARDING PARADES; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

PROPOSED ACTION: Discussion

BACKGROUND: The existing parade ordinance is very brief and outdated. The proposed ordinance provides a clear framework for how parades would be reviewed and considered for approval by the police chief. All parade organizers would have a consistent protocol to follow in setting up a parade. The ordinance addresses safety issues and organizational concerns such as parking, sanitation, and traffic control. Staff met with parade organizers in the community and reviewed the proposed ordinance. Organizers expressed overall support for the more detailed ordinance and voiced their support for all parades following similar rules. Organizers also requested support from parade entrants and the community in not throwing candy or other items from vehicles. This causes children to run into the vehicle lanes where the parade is traveling and greatly increases the potential for a tragic accident to occur. Participants are invited to walk the parade route and hand items directly to the attendees. Elgin has active parade requests from Juneteenth Festival committee for Juneteenth Festival June 7-8, Elgin Chamber of Commerce, Western Days Festival June 21-22, City of Elgin July 3 parade, American Legion,

Veterans appreciation Parade November 2 and Elgin Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Lighted parade December 7. The current parade ordinance lists permission required for a parade from the City manager or his designee with an appeal to City Council if permit is denied. The proposed ordinance would list the Police Chief or his designee with an appeal to city council if permit is denied. The proposed ordinance lays out clear guidelines for the denial or approval of a parade permit.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item was { } included { } not included in the current-year budget {X } N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

{ } Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.

{X} Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.

{ } This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.