

**Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board**  
**Minutes**  
**December 10, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

The Economic Development Retail Sales Tax (EDRST) Board held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. The meeting commenced at 6:32 pm and adjourned at 7:14 pm.

**Voting Members Present:**

Cynthia Martin  
Christina Dancy  
Bobette Patton  
Byron Price  
Peggy Holly  
Chair Brendan O'Brien

**Voting Members Absent:**

Kay Gage  
Dr. Monica Stewart

**Council Liaison:**

Mayor Terry Crow

**Staff Present:**

Brooke A. Sharp, Deputy City Manager  
Becky Ahlvin, Economic Development Manager

**Others Attending:**

Police Chief Larry Hampton  
John Mulligan, City Attorney

**Agenda:** Motioned by Cynthia Martin, seconded by Byron Price and carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Peggy Holly motioned to approve October 2, 2025, minutes, seconded by Byron Price, and carried by voice vote.

**Public Comments:**

There were none received.

**Mayor's Comments:**

The Mayor announced staffing updates in City Hall, including the retirement of City Manager Gregory Rose and the appointment of Brooke A. Sharp as Interim City Manager, and noted the celebration of a new commemorative plaque honoring the Annex and Trinity Buildings.

**Old Business:**

**Request for Funding – University City Police Department:**

Police Chief Larry Hampton presented a request for funding for the Police Department. The request is for \$200,000 for license plate readers, criminal deterrent signs, and other equipment for University City’s business districts. Board members sought clarification regarding the amount of the request.

Motioned by Peggy Holly, seconded by Byron Price to recommend disbursement of funds not to exceed \$200,000 total for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Request for Funding – C-17 Commissary:**

WY Hospitality Group requests an EDRST grant of \$86,778 for their commissary kitchen project. Additionally, they are requesting Chapter 100 tax abatement and a Sales & Use Tax Exemption on Construction Materials.

The proposed project is a \$7.25 million mixed-use project. The project calls for the demolition of the existing bank building and the construction of the 13,275 square foot commissary kitchen and two retail spaces, expected to be about 3,500 square feet. The whole project will total approximately 16,775 square feet. Applicant WY Hospitality Group, LLC (C-17 team) currently owns two businesses in the University City Loop; Corner 17 and the W Karaoke Lounge.

Motioned by Byron Price, seconded by Christina Dancy, to recommend awarding an Economic Development Retail Sales Tax grant in the amount of \$86,778, to be distributed in three installments in 2028, 2029, and 2030, to WY Hospitality Group, LLC for the C-17 Commissary Kitchen project.

Motion passed 6-0.

**New Business:**

None.

**Board Member Comments:**

None.

**Next Meeting Dates:** January 15, 2026

**Adjournment:**

Motioned by Bobette Patton, seconded by Christina Dancy and carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.