

ORDINANCE NO. 926

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE MESQUITE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF SUCH COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE SCOPE OF DUTIES OF SUCH COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND PROVIDING THE ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES, ALSO BY PROVIDING THAT THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MANAGER OF THE MESQUITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS; AND BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF MEMBERSHIP; BY PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition

There is hereby created and established a citizens group to be known as the Mesquite Environmental Improvement and Beautification Commission which shall consist of fifteen members to be appointed as follows:

- A. Six members to be appointed by the City Council at large for a term of two years, and
- B. Nine members to be appointed by the City Council for a term of one year to represent the following organizations and groups:

- Mesquite Ministerial Alliance
- Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
- Mesquite PTA City Council
- Mesquite Men's Organizations
- Mesquite Women's Organizations
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Mesquite Home Builders Association
- Mesquite High School Students
- North Mesquite High School Students

In addition thereto, the City Manager and the Manager of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce shall be ex-officio advisory members to the Commission without the right to vote. Unless otherwise provided, all dealings by members

of the Commission with any City or Chamber of Commerce staff member or employee shall be through the City Manager or Chamber Manager respectively.

Eight members of the fifteen member Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

Officers of the Commission to be elected annually by the voting membership shall include a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary-Recorder.

Terms of appointment shall be effective from the date appointment is made by the City Council and for the length of the appointed term and until a successor has been qualified. Commission vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and for the same purpose as the original appointment and shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

Members shall serve without any financial remuneration or compensation.

Attendance at all meetings is encouraged. Should a member fail to attend two consecutive meetings without prior notification of such inattendance, that member's appointment shall be considered terminated and written notice by the Secretary-Recorder shall be given to the City Council of the vacancy so that another appointment can be made.

The Commission shall meet at least every three months, or more often as may be desired, upon the call of the Chairman at such time and place as is necessary for the proper conduct of business. The time and place of regular meetings shall be determined by the membership.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of the Commission shall be to formulate and recommend to the City Council ways and means to improve and enhance the environmental quality of life and the aesthetic beauty of our City; to conduct studies of existing conditions and problems; to request, encourage and make known the efforts of others toward finding solutions to problems of environmental conditions; to seek out and encourage the interest and efforts of individual citizens; and to determine means and ways for total community involvement in the accomplishment of these purposes and objectives.

To accomplish such purpose and objectives, the Commission shall have the authority to establish committees whose membership and chairmen

thereof shall be appointed by the Chairman with approval of the Commission; to undertake programs to accomplish the objectives stated herein; and to seek assistance as may be needed in the undertaking of such programs of community betterment; provided, however, that the Commission shall not incur any liability or expense on behalf of the City of Mesquite without prior approval of the City Council.

SECTION 3. Scope of Duties

The scope of the Commission's undertaking shall be city-wide and shall encompass, among other things, problems of littering, deteriorating and run-down structures, unsightly and unkept vacant properties, and litter and rubbish conditions. Particular emphasis, but not to the exclusion of other areas, shall be given to the present littered condition of City alley-ways and utility easements.

Along with efforts to improve and enhance the environmental quality of life, the Commission shall also seek ways to improve the aesthetic beauty of our City such as with appropriate plantings, rest areas, and other such methods. A long range plan and schedule for the improvement of the aesthetic beauty of the community may be desirable.

The Commission shall annually prepare and submit to the City Council, both orally and in printed form, a comprehensive report of the past year's activities and accomplishments and a proposal and goals for the coming year.


SECTION 4. Addition of Membership

Upon the written request of the Commission or upon its own initiative, the City Council may increase the membership of the Commission to a larger number.

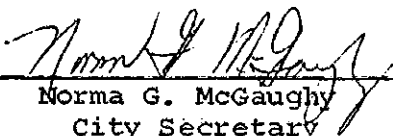
SECTION 5. The fact that we have no existing organization for the environmental improvement and beautification of the City of Mesquite, such fact creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, comfort and welfare of the citizens of Mesquite and requires that this ordinance shall take effect after the passage of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

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DULY PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Mesquite,
Texas, on the 1st day of February, A.D., 1971.


George Boyce
Mayor

ATTEST:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elland Archer
City Attorney