

ORDINANCE NO. 4101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CREATING A MESQUITE VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO TWO-YEAR TERMS WITH NO TERM LIMIT; PROVIDING THE OFFICERS OF SUCH BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THEIR DUTIES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite hereby creates a Mesquite Veterans' Affairs and Memorial Advisory Board (Board) established to serve the City Council in an advisory capacity and shall:

- (a) Be composed of five members consisting of one Councilmember as determined by the City Council, the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and three veterans appointed by the City Council;
- (b) Serve without compensation;
- (c) Be appointed to two-year terms;
- (d) Hold office from the date of appointment until their reappointment or until their successors have been appointed;
- (e) Elect from its membership annually a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Recorder;
- (f) Meet as needed as called by the Chairman but can also be called by written request sent to the Secretary-Recorder by three members of the Board;
- (g) Have no term limits but the term of any member who has not attended more than 80 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings, without prior notification to the Chairman in the event of inability to attend, in any six-month period shall automatically expire and written notice of the vacancy shall be given to the City Council by the Secretary-Recorder to allow the City Council to make another appointment;
- (h) Follow rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the City Council for the conduct of its business; and
- (i) Constitute a quorum when a majority of the voting membership is present.

Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the City Council.

SECTION 2. That the duties of the Board shall include:

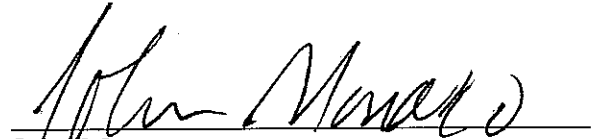
- (a) Hearing requests for City-supported memorials such as those commemorating 9/11, police or fire service personnel or veterans;
- (b) Serving as liaison to the City Council making recommendations regarding plans to construct City-supported memorials;
- (c) Serving as liaison to the City Council for veterans' agencies in the City of Mesquite;
- (d) Monitoring construction of City-supported memorials and providing regular updates to the City Council;
- (e) Serving as forum for the exchange of information related to current or future memorials; and
- (f) Updating City Council of status of any City-supported memorials as needed.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

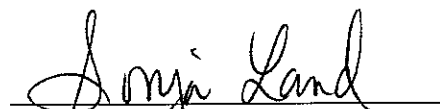
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of August, 2010.



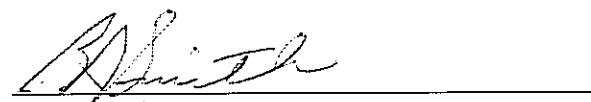
John Monaco
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney