

RESOLUTION NO. 42-65

WHEREAS, it is the unanimous opinion of the City Council of the City of Mesquite that the City Council of the City of Mesquite - the elected representatives of the citizens of Mesquite - is best qualified to construct City policy to the best interests of the taxpayers of this City, rather than the Legislature, whose members are drawn from all the people of Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is further the opinion of the Council that the adoption of the State Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service System would constitute a delegation of this policy-making responsibility to the State Legislature and would remove from the City Council the opportunity and authority to establish and maintain uniform personnel policies to the best interests of all City personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council the effect of the adoption of the State Civil Service System would be to:

1. Immediately and substantially increase the cost of operating the City;
2. Remove local City control over the personnel administration elements of promotion, demotion, and dismissal;
3. Place Firemen and Policemen on a working basis different from that of other City employees.

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


THAT it is the unanimous opinion of the City Council that adoption of the State Civil Service System is not in the best interests of the City and the Council therefore urges that it be rejected by the voters.

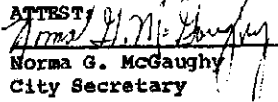
It is the opinion of the City Council that a locally conceived personnel system which would preserve merit personnel administration and afford all personnel the better features of the State Civil Service System - and particularly those that would provide a system of appeals from administrative decisions - would be in the best interests of the City and they therefore will be developed and submitted to the citizens as a proposed Charter amendment prior to the next regular City Council election in April.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite on the
16th day of August, 1965.


George Boyce
Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma G. McGaughey
City Secretary