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RESOLUTION NO. 21-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF POSITION OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE REGARDING FUTURE WASTE WATER TREATMENT.

WHEREAS, the future treatment of sewage effluent with the economic, environmental and social considerations incident thereto are of vital concern to the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite is in a position, from both a feasibility and economic standpoint, to operate its own sewage treatment process and comply with all State and Federal Requirements more economically than that of a regional concept; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite is desirous of cooperating with other municipalities in the area in an effort to improve our environment, even at a slight economic disadvantage, in order to promote overall cooperation for the mutual advantage of all, provided adequate arrangements are made to safeguard the interests of the inhabitants in the region;

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

SECTION 1. That the following statement of position be adopted as the official position of the City of Mesquite in this regard and request that all agencies give consideration to the expressions herein in any decisions regarding the treatment of sewage effluent in this area:

STATEMENT OF POSITION

That the City of Mesquite does hereby endorse a regional sewage plan for the Upper Trinity River Basin as the official means of pollution abatement for the area upon the following specific considerations:

- A. The creation and appointment of an operating agency for the East Fork Basin which would be (1) responsive to the needs of each participating city; and (2) controlled by member cities through a board of directors appointed by elected officials. The City of Mesquite is unalterably opposed to the appointment of any single city in the East Fork drainage area to serve in this capacity, whether directly or indirectly.
- B. The purchase of outstanding equities and debts of facilities owned by cities that are to be abandoned in the implementation of the Regional System, or a credit to a city on the total Regional development cost equal to the outstanding debts and equities existing in facilities to be abandoned.

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- C. The development of any implementation time schedule that would allow cities which would be abandoning plants to phase out operations and amortize a larger portion of their investments.
- D. That consideration be given each participating city for flows contributed to the Regional System which are reused for industrial or other purposes.
- E. Accepting the features of the Plan on an interim basis, leaving flexibility and adjustment for implementation as new technology and developments occur and become available.
- F. That the charge for treatment be based upon a uniform rate for all cities according to the degree of treatment rendered.

The City of Mesquite has long recognized the need for progressive improvement of our environment, particularly as it relates to water quality. The present quality of the City's effluent being produced indicates this concern.

We are highly interested in providing the best vehicle possible for the treatment of waste water and have explored the possible alternatives, including the participation in numerous conferences with other interested agencies such as the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the North Texas Municipal Water District. In cooperation with Garland, Richardson, Plano, McKinney and Wylie, the City of Mesquite participated in the cost of a feasibility study for the implementation of a regional sewage system for the East Fork of the Trinity River Basin.

The City of Mesquite, being an area of dynamic growth with a present population of 60,000 inhabitants and a projected population of 130,000 in 1990, and having a land area to accommodate a population of 300,000, must have a vital interest in the type of plan adopted to serve such an important role in the future of the area; and must insist that any plan adopted, aside from its technical competence, have as its prerequisite a responsiveness to the needs of the people and the communities it serves.

SECTION 2. That this resolution take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2 day of August, A. D., 1971.


Don H. Cook
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Norma G. McGaughey
Acting City Secretary


Elland Archer, City Attorney