

RESOLUTION NO. 22-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SETTLE CERTAIN LAWSUITS OR OTHER CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite recognizes that it is in the best interest of the City to provide a means to expedite the handling of certain claims or lawsuits against the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that a procedure should be established to allow the City Manager to expend funds to settle certain claims without a formal vote of approval by the Council; now, therefore,

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

Section 1: That the City Manager is authorized to pay an amount up to and including the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to settle lawsuits or other claims against the City of Mesquite and its employees, as provided hereafter:

(a) The City Manager may pay or deny claims and lawsuits against the City and its employees in an amount equal to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less, without prior notification to the Council. The City Manager shall notify the City Attorney prior to settling any lawsuit or claim against the City. The City Manager shall notify the Council at its regularly scheduled meeting, of the status or disposition of lawsuits or claims against the City involving less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).


(b) The City Manager may pay or deny lawsuits and claims against the City and its employees in amounts greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), with prior notice to the City Attorney and to the Council. If upon notice by the City Manager, any member of the Council requests formal consideration of any action proposed by the City Manager hereunder, the City Manager shall not pay or deny such claim, but shall present such claim to the Council for consideration in executive session. Notwithstanding the above, if in the City Manager's judgment, the settlement of a lawsuit or claim not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) would be jeopardized by having to give prior notice to the Council, the City Manager may pay or deny such claim with the advice and consent of the City

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Attorney. The City Manager shall notify the Council, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, of lawsuits or claims settled without the Council's prior consent in amounts in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

Section 2: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 6th day of July, A.D., 1987.

  
George A. Venner, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Jonathan Graham  
City Attorney