

RESOLUTION NO. 18-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING AND JOINING THE GATEWAY TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION; DESIGNATING CITY MANAGER TO ACT IN BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Gateway Trade Corridor Coalition (GTCC) is an interlocal association of participating public entities and political subdivisions that advocates and monitors economic development, criminal justice and transportation enhancements in a geographic area that serves our region and our needs; and

WHEREAS, while the Metroplex is experiencing record post WW II population and economic growth, the current reality and future projections are that most of the employment, population and economic growth within the Metroplex through 2025 will occur to the north and west and mostly outside of Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, in order for increased economic development to occur in our area, it is vital for the geographic area of Dallas County on the eastern and southern sectors and each city located therein to have adequate transportation infrastructure, to collaborate and coordinate our tax incentive programs as appropriate and to work together collectively to create a positive perception about safety and anticrime efforts within our areas; and

WHEREAS, the southern and eastern areas of Dallas County form a trade corridor traversed by an increasing amount of international trade and traffic created thereby since implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has recognized the strategic importance of international trade corridors and has acted in the recently passed TEA-21 to appropriate approximately seven hundred million (\$700,000,000.00) dollars to be allocated by the Secretary of Transportation over the next five years to certain yet to be identified and qualified NAFTA Trade Corridors; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that our major roads should and will qualify for certain of said funds if advocated strongly and collectively through the GTCC; and

WHEREAS, the retention and maximization of economic development, transportation and anticrime funding is critical to the economic well being of our city, its businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, state and federal funding for transportation infrastructure and criminal justice programs has become extremely competitive; and

WHEREAS, the perception of crime and the need to coordinate anticrime and crime prevention education programs is readily apparent in closely contiguous major metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, we find that there are many things that we can better accomplish by joining with other cities that are similarly situated and that share common visions and by working collectively and cooperatively to accomplish those common goals and objectives.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite states its strong support for the vision, goals and purposes of the Gateway Trade Corridor Coalition and hereby joins the GTCC and directs our city manager and staff to work collaboratively with the GTCC and its members in a collective effort to accomplish the purposes of the GTCC.

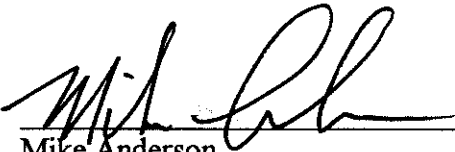
SECTION 2. That Ted Barron, City Manager, is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary including the entering into of contractual relationships with the GTCC and its consultants pursuant to the organizational documents of the GTCC to expeditiously facilitate our joining, becoming a member of and fully participating in the leadership of the GTCC in a manner that will be on going.

SECTION 3. That the City Council involves itself to the maximum degree possible so that the City of Mesquite might be fully represented in the various committees of the GTCC and that the City of Mesquite and our administration encourage other municipalities located within the GTCC to take similar action in support of our area by supporting, joining and participating in the activities of the GTCC.

SECTION 4. That we strongly encourage each of our county, local, state and federal representatives to be fully supportive of our efforts and those of the GTCC to improve the quality of life of our citizens through the formalization of collective agendas with other members of the GTCC in the areas of Economic Development, Transportation Enhancement and Criminal Justice and to strongly and proactively advocate the implementation and the achievement of the goals and specific projects of the GTCC.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon date of passage as the law in such cases provides.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 6th day of July, 1998.




Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary



B.J. Smith
City Attorney