

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACT WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Legislative activities are ongoing with the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered during the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, City staff prepared the recommended City of Mesquite 2019 Legislative Program, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and the Legislative Program has been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such Legislative Program is in the best interest of the City and its residents, should be adopted, and should be forwarded for consideration by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the further opinion that the City Manager or his designee should be directed to take action with regard to the Legislative Program as outlined below.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite 2019 Legislative Program that is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and approved as the Legislative Program for the City of Mesquite.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or his designee is directed to communicate the items included in the City's Legislative Program to members of the Texas Legislature, in general, and/or to the appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others designated by the City Manager.

SECTION 3. That for those items designated as "support," the City Manager or his designee is directed to actively pursue passage of the appropriate legislation if it is introduced by some other entity. The City Manager's efforts to obtain passage of this legislation may include drafting appropriate legislation, seeking a sponsor and actively pursuing the passage of such legislation by providing testimony and through other means.

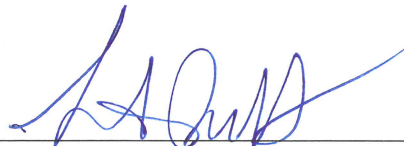
SECTION 4. That for those items designated as "oppose," the City Manager or his designee is directed to attempt to impede the passage of any such legislation.

SECTION 5. That it is recognized that this policy will often be implemented in the context of great numbers of legislative proposals being considered within short time periods.

City representatives, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the City consistent with the necessary broad policy concerns set forth in this program.

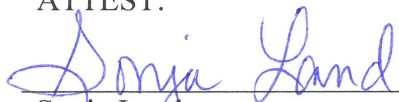
SECTION 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of November 2018.



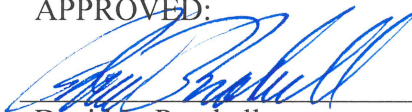
Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:



David L. Paschall
City Attorney



City of Mesquite 2019 Legislative Program
86th Texas Legislative Session

Support: Local Control

Support legislation that protects local control and does not preempt the ability or reduce flexibility to serve the needs of the community and maintain a strong fiscal condition.

Support: Transportation

Support legislation that increases roadway funding options and generates additional transportation revenues.

Support: Economic Development

Support legislation that maintains existing tools for cities to create jobs that benefit the region and attract business to the community.

Oppose: Limiting Public Right of Way Authority

Oppose legislation that limits municipal authority of public rights-of-way and publicly owned land or further limiting authority to receive fair market compensation for use of public right-of-way.

Oppose: Limiting Development Regulation

Oppose legislation that limits municipal authority on local regulations on development matters such as land use and zoning, building codes, comprehensive planning, annexation, eminent domain, or building inspection fees.

Support: Public Works Project Procurement Efficiency

Support legislation that streamlines public works projects with job order procurement.

Support: Confidentialities under the Texas Public Information Act

Support legislation that protects the name and contact information of a complainant and an individual who adopts an animal from the City's shelter.

Support: Streamline Open Meeting Act Requirements

Support legislation allowing governmental bodies to post a notice of a meeting on its website and not be required to physically post a notice. Support legislation allowing governmental bodies to post legal ads and notices on its website rather than publishing costly notices in a newspaper.

Support: Public Safety

Support legislation that provides additional resources for police officers and firefighters. Support legislation that increases penalties for citations issued on property crimes.

Support: Affordable Fire Certification Fees

Support legislation that decreases certification fees for cities and firefighters.

Support: Library Funding

Support legislation that increases funding for library workforce development training.