RESOLUTION NO. 57-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, NAMING THE FUTURE PARK ON EMPORIUM SQUARE AS MIKE ANDERSON PARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite City Council has designated funds for construction of a new park on Emporium Square; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has a long tradition of recognizing residents who have served to help shape the community; and

WHEREAS, Mike Anderson was first elected to the City Council on April 29, 1986; and

WHEREAS, prior to and during his service on the City Council, Mr. Anderson served the community in a number of leadership roles including the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Mesquite Youth Services Board of Directors, Main Street Mesquite, and the North Texas Regional Mobility Coalition Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1997, Mr. Anderson was elected Mayor of the City of Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, the City experienced significant economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's leadership brought initiatives that impacted the community for many years including the reconstruction of LBJ which provided better access to the Town East area and expanded retail development to the Marketplace at Towne Centre; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's commitment to growing the City's tax base led to the development of the Skyline Industrial area and the Falcon's Lair residential area; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Mr. Anderson initiated the effort to create the Towne Centre Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. Two that captured millions of dollars in funds that have been used to expand roadways and infrastructure projects that benefitted the Town East and Towne Centre retail areas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Anderson authorized the Rodeo Center Convention Center and hotel project, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson led the effort to establish the Mesquite Citizens Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was instrumental in the passage of the Mesquite Quality of Life (4B) Sales Tax which has led to increased public safety funding, better parks, and better roadways throughout the community; and

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WHEREAS, being a life-long resident of the City of Mesquite and proud Mesquite High School graduate, Mr. Anderson has dedicated a lifetime of commitment and leadership to the Mesquite community and its citizens.

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

SECTION 1. In honor and recognition of Mike Anderson's legacy of service to the City of Mesquite and the entire Mesquite community, the future park on Emporium Square is hereby named Mike Anderson Park.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 20th day of September 2021.

Bruce Archer Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

David L. Paschall City Attorney