



MESQUITE QUALITY OF LIFE CORPORATION (M.Q.O.L.C.) ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal year

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

\$0.005 Sales Tax Rate (1/2 cent)

Mission Statement

*"The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation identifies and funds public projects within the areas of **Transportation, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation** that maintain and/or enhance the quality of life for Mesquite residents and businesses."*



Clay Mathis Park: Spray Zone Project

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Copeland Dog Park Tour

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nadine Ward, President
Tom Palmer, Vice President
Clifton Freeman, Treasurer
Lisa Theriot, Secretary
Homero Lopez
Brandon Murden
Ron Ward

Board Meetings

November 16, 2022

February 22, 2023

March 22, 2023

April 26, 2023

June 28, 2023

September 27, 2023



Thermal imaging cameras used by the Mesquite Fire Department

PROJECT SELECTION

Support community values

Are visionary

Enhance Mesquite as a destination

Balance the three project areas

Are fiscally responsible and sustainable



Westlake Skate Park Project: Mesquite's first Skate Park

FY 23 APPROVED PROJECTS

Transportation

Debt Service (Town East Blvd., Scyene Road, Thomasson Square)	\$1,334,760
Traffic Signal Upgrades (ongoing)	155,000
Traffic Signal Construction (ongoing)	135,000
Scyene Signal Preemption Annual Maintenance	25,000
Prior Year Transportation Projects	<u>1,838,019</u>
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS	\$3,487,779

Public Safety

Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement	\$56,000
Fire Gas Sensor Detector Replacement	9,000
Replace Hydraulic Rescue Tools	50,000
Prior Year Public Safety Projects	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS	\$165,000

Parks and Recreation

Park Operations and Public Safety Equipment	\$5,201,700
PARD System Maintenance (ongoing)	540,000
Eastfield Soccer Lease (ongoing)	20,000
Highway Corridor Maintenance (ongoing)	560,000
Median Landscaping (ongoing)	20,000
Trail System Maintenance (ongoing)	20,000
Playground Maintenance (ongoing)	50,000
Golf Course Maintenance (ongoing)	1,000,000
Travis Williams Concession Replacement	2,000,000
City Lake Aquatic Center Kiddie Spray Pad & Pump Improvements	3,500,000
Cross Elementary School/City Park Reimbursement to MISD	437,500
Playground Equipment or Surface Replacement (ongoing)	300,000
Westlake Skate Park	195,000
Prior Year Park Projects	<u>2,559,781</u>
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS	\$16,403,981

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION **\$417,000**

FY 22-23 PROJECTS TOTAL **\$20,473,760**

Five-year Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

FISCAL YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (10/1)	\$2,505,771	\$2,902,508	\$2,585,784	\$6,164,827	\$12,999,066
<u>REVENUES</u>					
General Sales Tax	\$11,143,746	\$11,322,979	\$12,814,007	\$14,455,658	\$15,297,927
Investment Income	33,507	11,023	2,974	(27,909)	513,061
Contributions and Reimbursements	20,000	289,828	77,290	-	-
Grant Revenue	(108,206)	393,665	59,063	2,331,896	
Other Revenue	<u>2,894,518</u>	<u>1,287,095</u>	-	<u>143,500</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$13,983,565	\$13,304,590	\$12,953,334	\$16,903,145	\$15,810,988
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Transportation	\$5,727,355	\$3,169,509	\$1,379,380	\$1,677,370	\$1,460,973
Public Safety	35,422	1,118,891	50,856	27,786	99,999
Parks and Recreation	7,574,051	9,032,914	7,647,055	8,063,750	8,819,623
Administration	<u>250,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>417,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,586,828	\$13,621,314	\$9,374,291	\$10,068,906	\$10,797,595
ENDING FUND BALANCE (9/30)	\$2,902,508	\$2,585,784	\$6,164,827	\$12,999,066	\$18,012,459

*2023 Preliminary – Year End Audit in Progress
2019 Negative Grant Revenue is due to a Deferred Revenue entry at year end.

24-YEAR 4B SALES TAX FUND HISTORY

REVENUES

General Sales Tax	\$237,567,856
Investment Income	3,258,187
Contributions and Reimbursements	8,152,777
Grant Revenue	6,525,074
Other Revenue	4,596,881
Transfer-In Town Centre TIRZ Funds	<u>1,964,025</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$262,064,800

EXPENDITURES

Transportation	\$78,819,145
Public Safety	12,554,539
Parks and Recreation	149,839,690
Administration	<u>2,838,967</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$244,052,341



Latimore Park opened to the public in October 2022.



Addendum

TEXAS STATE STATUTE

The State statute that allowed the creation of the Corporation allows expenditures of revenues by the Corporation to be used for land, buildings, equipment and improvements for items that fit under the definition of "project" under Section 2(10) of the Development Corporation Act (V.T.C.S. Article 5190.6), which encompasses the land, buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements that are suitable for any of the following:

- *Promotion of manufacturing and industrial facilities;*
- *Recycling facilities;*
- *Distribution facilities;*
- *Small warehouse and storage facilities;*
- *Air or water pollution control facilities;*
- *Development or redevelopment of closed military bases; and*
- *Facilities related to these projects.*

Additionally, Section 4B of the Act specifically permits expenditures of Section 4B tax proceeds for land, buildings, equipment and improvements suitable for the following nine types of projects:

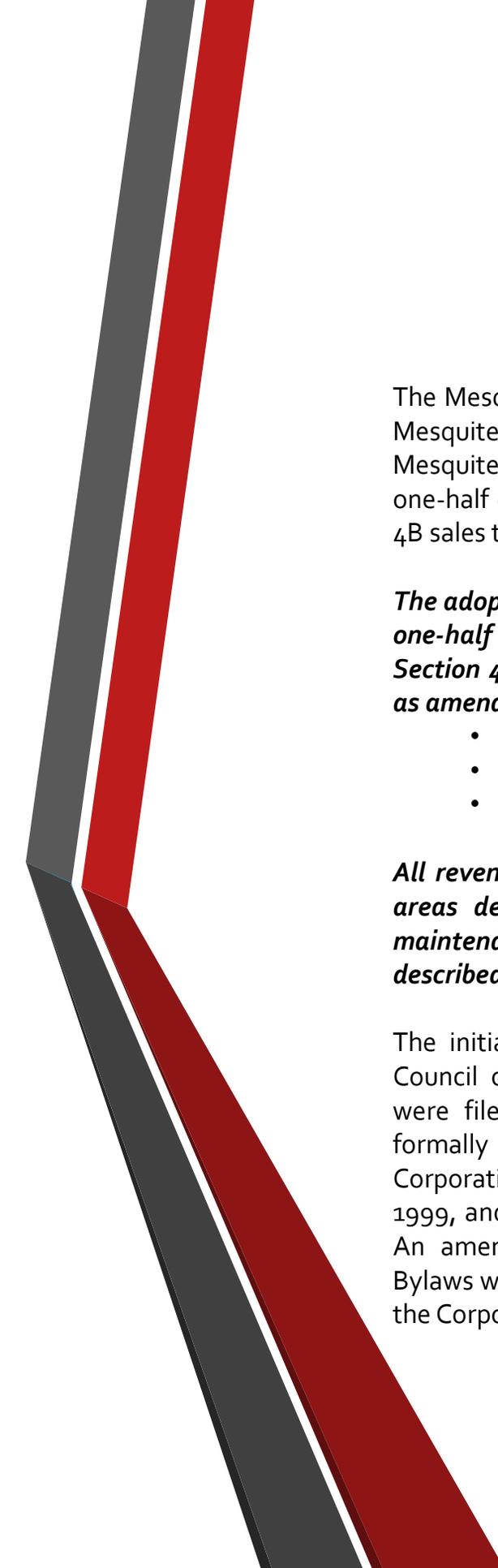
Athletic facilities;

- *Parks and related public space improvements;*
- *Tourism and entertainment facilities;*
- *Commercial facilities;*
- *Certain public facility improvements;*
- *Transportation improvements;*
- *Infrastructure improvements;*
- *Other business-related improvements; and*
- *Affordable housing.*

Specific to Mesquite, Texas:

House Bill No. 2912 made significant amendments to the Act; however, the Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation held an election on August 14, 1999, which utilizes the statute to expend money for projects within the three areas allowed in the Mesquite election ballot language:

Transportation; Public Safety; and Parks and Recreation.



FORMATION OF THE CORPORATION

The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation was created by the Mesquite City Council following an election by the citizens of Mesquite on August 14, 1999, which authorized an additional, one-half cent sales tax known as the economic development 4B sales tax. The ballot language stated:

The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to undertake projects as described in Section 4B of Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, as amended, limited to the following:

- ***Transportation***
- ***Public Safety; and***
- ***Public Parks and Recreation***

All revenues received will be used for projects in the three areas described above and funds may be used for the maintenance and operation expenses for any of the above-described projects.

The initial Board of Directors were appointed by the City Council on August 19, 1999, and Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Texas on August 20, 1999, formally creating the Corporation. The Bylaws for the Corporation were adopted by the Board on September 28, 1999, and approved by the City Council on October 4, 1999. An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws were adopted during fiscal year 2002-03, which allows the Corporation to issue revenue bonds.

Summary of the THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS 2022

- [THIRD BYLAWS, Resolution No. 16-2022](#)

Second Bylaws approved October 3, 2003

Featured changes to the THIRD BYLAWS :

- **Table of Contents** - hyperlinked so as to jump to an Article quickly and with ease
 - **Abbreviations and Acronyms** - section added
 - **Authority section** - added citing and hyperlinked to the new State law provisions, and hyperlinking to past Resolutions passed by the City Council tracking the history of various articles or bylaw amendments
- **Mesquite City Code, Chapter 20 – Board, Commissions, and Committees** is adopted into the **THIRD BYLAWS** by reference. Art. VII, Sec. 6, B. (page 20). Both the MQOLC and the new MEDA Board will have the same provisions governing the membership

Article IV – Board of Directors.

- This Article now relies heavily on provisions in Chapter 20 regarding things like:
 - Eligibility & Appointment Process
 - Number of Directors, Term of Office, and Term Limits.
 - NOTE: Terms now run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31st expiring every 2-years
 - General Regulations of the Board of Directors
 - Attendance Requirements