



4B ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017 –
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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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:

- A. Transportation***
- B. Public Safety; and***
- C. 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 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.*

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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:

1. *Athletic facilities;*
2. *Parks and related public space improvements;*
3. *Tourism and entertainment facilities;*
4. *Commercial facilities;*
5. *Certain public facility improvements;*
6. *Transportation improvements;*
7. *Infrastructure improvements;*
8. *Other business related improvements; and*
9. *Affordable housing.*

House Bill No. 2912 made significant amendments to the Act; however, the Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation may only expend money for projects within the three areas allowed in the ballot language: Transportation; Public Safety; and Parks and Recreation.

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 if the need arises.

MISSION STATEMENT

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The Board of Directors adopted the Mission Statement on September 28, 1999.

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.

The Corporation selects projects that:

- **Reflect community values and priorities;**
- **Are visionary;**
- **Enhance Mesquite as a destination location;**
- **Balance the needs between the three project areas; and**
- **Are fiscally responsible for both current and future residents, visitors and businesses in our community.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Diane Wright, President

David Burris, Vice President

Larry Allen, Secretary

Shirley Roberts, Treasurer

Nadine Ward

Bennye Rice

Ron Ward

ACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION

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The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation shall make an annual report no later than the first Monday of March each year to the Mesquite City Council. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A review of the accomplishments of the Board; and
- The activities of the Board for the budget year addressed in the annual report, together with any change in the activity as it relates to projects.

This Annual Report covers the period of fiscal year 2017-18, October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

The Corporation held nine Board meetings during the fiscal year and all Board meetings were held within the City of Mesquite. Dates and locations are shown below.

October 25, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
January 24, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
February 28, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
March 28, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
April 25, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
May 27, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
June 27, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
August 22, 2108	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
September 26, 2018	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.

In FY 2017-18, the Corporation approved 22 projects totaling \$14,610,890 and \$250,000 for administrative expenses. In FY 2017-18, \$14,860,890 was allocated and combined with prior-year allocations; total expenditures for the Corporation were \$16,509,514.

In FY 2017-18, total revenues received by the Corporation were \$12,928,516. Of this amount, \$10,947,601 was sales tax revenue, \$48,625 investment income, and \$1,932,290 in grants and reimbursements. Combined with the beginning fund balance of \$6,086,769 the ending fund balance as of September 30, 2018 was \$2,505,771.

APPROVED PROJECTS IN FY 2017-18

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The Corporation has approved expenditures throughout the community for projects that directly benefit the residents and businesses of Mesquite. The Board of Directors approved the following projects in Fiscal Year 2017-18:

TRANSPORTATION		
Debt Service (Town East Boulevard, Military Parkway to Skyline)		\$478,640
Traffic Management Center Operations		125,000
Airport Maintenance		50,000
Runway Rehab Construction		360,000
Compass Bus Service		375,000
Traffic Signal Video Detection Upgrade		100,000
Scyene Road Reconstruction		3,800,000
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS		\$5,288,640
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement		\$36,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS		\$36,000
PARKS AND RECREATION		
Park Operations and Public Safety Equipment		\$7,185,650
PARD System Maintenance (ongoing)		525,000
Eastfield Soccer Lease		40,000
Median Landscaping (ongoing)		20,000
Highway Corridor Maintenance (ongoing)		450,000
Shannon Road Land Acquisition		175,000
Kidsquest Design Plan		105,000
City Lake Ballfield		410,000
Vanston Pool Replaster		150,000
Vanston Park Playground		75,000
Trail System Maintenance (ongoing)		50,000
Downtown Design Development Plan		45,000
Motley Park Playground		49,600
Brickyard Cemetery		6,000
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS		\$9,286,250
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$250,000
FY 2017-18 PROJECTS TOTAL		\$14,860,890

FY 2017-18 STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCE

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BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (OCTOBER 1, 2017)		\$6,086,769
REVENUES:		
General Sales Tax		\$10,947,601
Investment Income		48,625
Contributions and Reimbursements		56,779
Grant Revenue		1,865,511
Other Revenue		10,000
TOTAL REVENUES		\$12,928,516
EXPENDITURES:		
Transportation		\$6,416,984
Public Safety		29,139
Parks and Recreation		9,813,391
Administration		250,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$16,509,514
ENDING FUND BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2018)		\$2,505,771

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BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (OCTOBER 1, 1999)

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REVENUES:		
General Sales Tax		\$172,533,538
Investment Income		2,725,531
Contributions and Reimbursements		7,765,659
Grant Revenue		3,848,657
Other Revenue		271,768
Transfer-In Towne Centre TIF Funds		1,964,025
TOTAL REVENUES		\$189,109,178
EXPENDITURES:		
Transportation		\$65,356,853
Public Safety		11,221,586
Parks and Recreation		108,753,001
Administration		1,271,967
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$186,603,407
ENDING FUND BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2018)		\$2,505,771

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