



# City of Mesquite, Texas

## Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, January 2, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall | Council Chamber  
757 N. Galloway Avenue | Mesquite, Texas

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Present: Present: Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr., and Councilmembers B. W. Smith, Tandy Boroughs, Kenny Green, Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross and Brandon Murden, City Manager Cliff Keheley and City Secretary Sonja Land.

Absent: Councilmember Jeff Casper.

### **PRE-MEETING - TRAINING ROOMS A&B - 5:30 P.M.**

#### **AGENDA REVIEW**

#### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 1 Receive departmental presentation, from Keep Mesquite Beautiful, related to City Council strategic goals and objectives.
- 2 Receive annual ethics training.

### **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:00 P.M.**

#### **INVOCATION**

Doug Harrell, Pastor, Family Cathedral of Praise, Mesquite, Texas.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Staff.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mr. Green invited citizens to a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at City Hall, 757 North Galloway Avenue. The Town Hall program was initiated in 2016 to educate and engage citizens and features a new topic and includes activities to interact with City staff. The topic for January 23, 2024, will be "City Hall 101." Representatives from City departments including Neighborhood Services, Animal Services, Public Works and Solid Waste will provide an overview of services and resources available to residents. The Town Hall meeting will also include a question and answer session.

2. Ms. Rodriguez-Ross reminded citizens about the Weather Activated Relief for Mesquite program, also known as W.A.R.M. This program provides temporary shelter for individuals who are unsheltered during times of extreme weather conditions based on the National Weather Service forecast. By partnering with Sharing Life, we are able to provide shelter for those in need at hotels nearby until the weather is no longer at dangerous temperatures. W.A.R.M. is active when the National Weather Service expects overnight temperatures to be at freezing levels. Those include under 28 degrees or 32 degrees with a 20 percent chance of precipitation. For more information, visit [www.sharing.life/WARM](http://www.sharing.life/WARM) or call 972-285-5819. Donations to help fund the program are also needed and can be provided to Sharing Life by visiting the same link.
3. Mr. Boroughs stated that you can start off the new year right by recycling your real Christmas tree. Your tree can serve others long after it has left your living room. They can also become a fire risk if left in your home after they begin to dry out. Fir trees are biodegradable, when means they can be easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes. To recycle your tree, please remove all stands, lights, tinsel and ornaments and leave the tree in its natural state for recycling. Do not place it in a plastic bag and place your tree out for collection any Wednesday where you normally put your trash for collection or you can drop off your tree at the City's Convenience Center, 3550 Lawson Road.
4. Mr. Smith stated that in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, all City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and the Compost Facility and Convenience Center. No commercial or residential recycling will be collected on January 15. Recycling collection will resume on the next scheduled collection day. However, commercial and residential trash will be collected.
5. Mr. Murden stated that on Saturday, February 17, 2024, the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. The theme this year is "Disco" and tickets go on sale Wednesday, January 8, 2024. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, per session. Please remember that tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. You can purchase tickets online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance), at any recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Avenue. The dance is for all ages and includes light snacks, refreshments, live music, professional photography and themed selfie stations. Two sessions are available. Session 1 is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Session 2 is from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
6. Mayor Alemán stated that on January 13, 2023, the City of Mesquite, along with the Mesquite NAACP, will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the annual MLK, Jr., Parade and Celebration. Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a parade through Downtown Mesquite, hosted by the Mesquite NAACP. Councilmember Brandon Murden will be the parade Grand Marshal. The celebration of Dr. King's achievements will continue at 1:00 p.m. with a community gathering co-hosted by the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD), City of Mesquite and Mesquite NAACP at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue. The event includes performances by MISD students. There will also be a special dance performance and speeches by community leaders.
7. Mayor Alemán invited everyone to attend the 2024 State of the Community event on Thursday, January 25, 2023, at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a panel discussion that will include the Mayor, MISD Superintendent Ángel Rivera and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce President Alexander Helgar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the evening will end with a short reception. The evening will also include special recognition of members of City Boards and Commission and others in the community.
8. Mayor Alemán announced a challenge for the new year for all Mesquite residents. We will be launching "Get Fit Mesquite" to get in shape mentally, physically and financially in 2024. This self-improvement program will help us practice health and wellness with events and opportunities such as mental health workshops, financial seminars, fitness challenges and discounts on fitness classes at recreation centers. Mental health is a big concern and we have so many great options now to improve our mental health. And I know financial concerns are on everyone's minds right now. Learn more at

www.cityofmesquite.com/GetFitMesquite. Programming is ongoing and will continue all year long, so visit often. We will also post tips and information on the City's social media accounts.

9. Mayor Alemán honored the memory for Donna Woodard who passed away on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Donna was a long time resident of the City of Mesquite and was a very active member of our community. Over the years, Donna was involved in many organizations including the Mesquite Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, Historic Mesquite, Inc., Board of Directors and many other volunteer groups. Donna will be greatly missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Mr. Green moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as follows. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boroughs and approved unanimously.**

- 3** Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 18, 2023.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 4** A resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Forney, Texas, amending Mesquite's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) boundaries by reducing its ETJ in the area of Highway 80 and County Road 225 and expanding its ETJ in the area of Interstate 20 and High Country Lane and authorizing the City Manager to finalize and execute the Interlocal Agreement.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**Resolution No. 01-2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS ("MESQUITE"), APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS ("FORNEY"), AMENDING MESQUITE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ("ETJ") BOUNDARIES BY REDUCING ITS ETJ IN THE AREA OF HIGHWAY 80 AND COUNTY ROAD 225, AND EXPANDING ITS ETJ IN THE AREA OF INTERSTATE 20 AND HIGH COUNTRY LANE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Resolution No. 01-2024 recorded in Resolution Book No. 68.)**

- 5** Bid No. 2024-017 - Annual Landscape Maintenance of the TxDOT IH 635/Town East/Towne Centre Interchange and Highway 80/Town East Interchange.  
(Staff recommends award to SLM Landscaping and Maintenance and to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$112,645.00. The term of this contract is for a one-year period with four additional one-year renewal options. The City Manager is authorized to exercise the renewal options, subject to the annual appropriation of sufficient funds.)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 6** RFP 2024-022 - Travis Williams Renovation: Construction.  
(Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute a contract with AUI Partners, LLC in the amount of \$1,039,430.00.)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7 Bid No. 2024-025 - Travis Williams Renovation: Playground.  
(Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute a contract and any required documents with Whirlix Design, Inc., for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, through BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 679-22, in an amount not to exceed \$111,788.00.)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 8 Bid No. 2024-056 - Managed Detection and Response Service for Rapid7 Cybersecurity Renewal.  
(Staff recommends purchase of Rapid7 Managed Detection and Response Service from SHI Government Solutions, through the Texas Department of Information Resources Contract No. DIR-TSO-4288, in an amount not to exceed \$148,500.00.)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 9 Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute an Office Lease Agreement with Ultimate Transportation, LLC, for office rental space at the Mesquite Metro Airport.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the 2023-24 Police Federal Seizure Budget in accordance with Title 28, Section 524, of the United States Code and Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 11 Ratify Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mesquite and United States Marshals Service (USMS) for Mesquite Police partnership in Violent Offender Task Force and authorize the City Manager and Police Chief to execute United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding Regrading Body-Worn Camera Use by Task Force Officers.

**Approved on the Consent Agenda.****END OF CONSENT AGENDA****APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

- 12 Consider appointment of one Alternate Member (Alternate No. 1) to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Capital Improvements Advisory Committee/Airport Zoning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025, and one Alternate Member (Alternate No. 2) for a term to expire December 31, 2024.

**Mr. Green moved to appoint Jeffrey Walker as an Alternate Member (Alternate No. 1) to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Capital Improvements Advisory Committee/Airport Zoning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025,**

and Soira Teferi as an Alternate Member (Alternate No. 2) for a term to expire December 31, 2024. Motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez-Ross and approved unanimously.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM - 7:20 P.M.**

Mayor Alemán announced that the City Council would meet in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to consider the appointment, evaluation, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, members of the various City boards and commissions, and City officers or other City employees (Annual review of City Secretary); whereupon, the City Council proceeded to meet in the Council Conference Room. After the closed meeting ended at 8:10 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

No executive action was necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Sonja Land, City Secretary

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*Daniel Aleman Jr.*  
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Daniel Alemán, Jr., Mayor