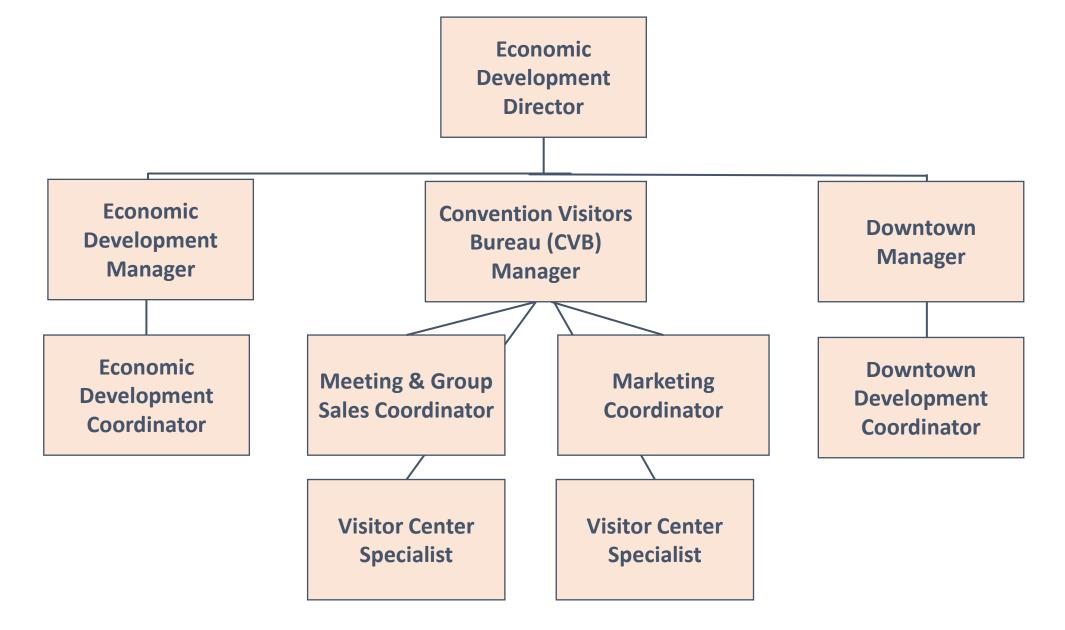
# Economic Development Update City of Mesquite

Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

October 27, 2022





**70+ years** experience **100 percent** of management staff and/or divisions hold national and international **industry certifications and accreditations**  Our purpose is to empower a vibrant economy by fostering opportunity for stakeholders\* in Mesquite.

## Partners

### <u>City (Internal)</u>

- Planning and Development
- Legal
- Finance
- Communications and Marketing
- Public Works
- Neighborhood Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Mesquite Metro Airport
- Public Safety
- Mesquite Arts Center / Historic Mesquite

### Private Sector (External)

- Commercial Real Estate Representatives
- Business and Property Owners
- Workforce
- Vendors, Volunteers, Visitors and Residents
- Educators and Trainers
- Utility and Transportation Entities
- Investors

\*Stakeholders are our residents, businesses, workforce, investors and visitors.

## **Common Questions We Get**

#### From residents

- When are we going to get a Costo, Sam's Club, HEB, Central Market, etc.?
- Why are you (the City) putting *that* there?
- Why can't you (the City) stop them (them being X Company/Developer)?
- Why do we need commercial development? How does it benefit me?

From businesses

- How come they were allowed to have that type of signage but we can't? *Different use/zoning*.
- How come they got away with that but I can't? They either didn't get away it, they did and that was an unintentional mistake, or your situation wasn't applicable to their situation.
- What grants do you have for my business? The City has none but can refer you to places who may.
  Most are low interest loans, not grants.
- Where do I go/who do I need to register, etc. with to start my business? *Depends on the type of business*.



## **Commercial Real Estate Development Process Snapshot**

- 1. Vision/Concept/Feasibility Is there a market for this? Is this legally permitted here? Physically possible? Is this the best use of this site?
- 2. Financing How much funding do I need? Who will fund it and what will their return on investment be? What is the exit strategy (when do I sell the building off)?
- 3. Market Analysis and Strategies Who are my prospective tenants or buyers? How should it be priced? What do I need it to be priced in order to get the necessary return? Who will promote the building? Who will handle leasing?
- 4. Building construction and development What are the materials and labor costs? Who will manage the construction? What permits do I need and from who? What rules and regulations do I need to follow?



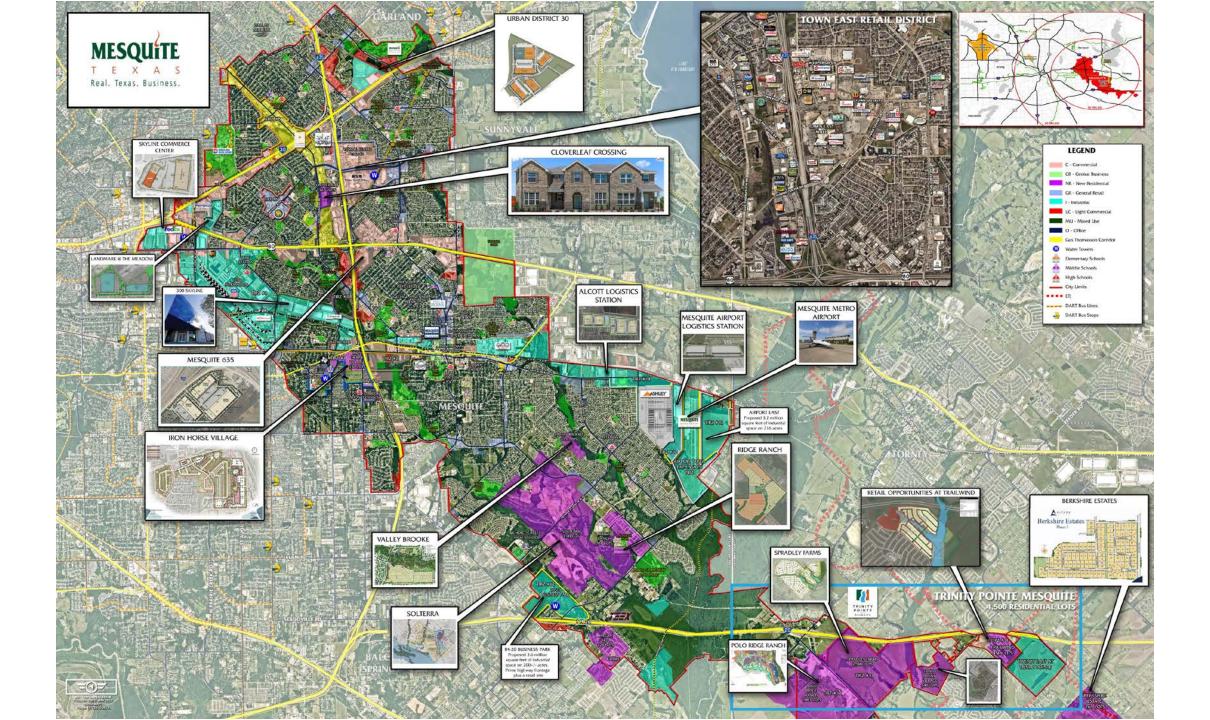
Office

## Industrial



Residential 5

- The market drives commercial real estate development
- Incentives are considered when the market will not support the desired project (for example, if there are exceptional costs) without city, county, state, etc. assistance
- The city can influence what is developed and where through planning, engineering, building and fire codes, and ordinances. Also, if they need or want something from the City, for example:
  - City owned land, sales or property tax rebates, waiver or rebate of impact, development fees, etc. (money or money savings)
  - An easement
  - A rezone and/or Conditional Use Permit
- Landowners have private property rights



#### **Building Permit Highlights**



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> 7-11 @ Heartland IH 20 at FM 741 \$250,000 valuation

Assa Abloy Urban District 30 \$1.6 Million office finish-out



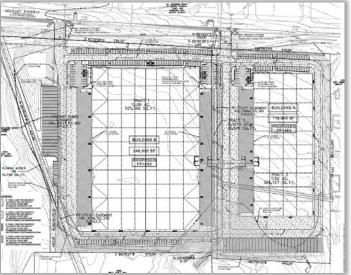
20 East at Trinity Pointe FM 2932 south of Talty and Forney 1.6 million square feet \$60 Million valuation

#### **Building Permit Highlights**



Military Parkway Distribution Centerr valued at over \$8 million

Morrison Products 24k square foot expansion valued at over \$3 million



Landmark at East Meadows Bldg. 2 Valued at over \$9 million



#### **Building Permit Highlights**



Big Town Industrial Behind Pepsi Valued at over \$13 million

> Dickeys Barbecue Pit interior remodel 4808 Eastover Dr. (formerly American Heart Association) Valued at over \$2 million

#### Dickey's adds Mesquite manufacturing, distribution facility in cost-controlling effort

Oct 18, 2022, 8:26am CDT

With costs at an all-time high, Dickey's Barbecue Pit has taken down 50,000 square feet in Mesquite for a new manufacturing and distribution facility to streamline production for retail products.

The facility, which has been dubbed Wycliff Douglas Provisions, is expected to provide 350 new jobs to the community just east of Dallas.

The plant will provide, sausage, chicken breast, pre-smoked chicken wings, chicken tenders, and multiple retail products for Dickey's Barbecue Pit as the Dallas-based company looks to alleviate costs for owners and operators of the outpost.

Operations within the facility are expected to include sausage grinding, blending, stuffing, marinating, tumbling, smoking, slicing, shredding, and high-speed packaging all under USDAinspected production.

"We are very excited about the launch of WD Provisions, our amazing manufacturing facility and the great cost savings it will offer our hardworking Owner/Operators who serve as the heart of

#### Certificate of Occupancy Highlights



Salad and Go 1950 N. Town East Blvd.

Alltrades flex-spaces 22 leases / 20 new businesses 2828 IH-30



Game Trade changed to Game Nerdz 1425 Gross Rd. Suite 102

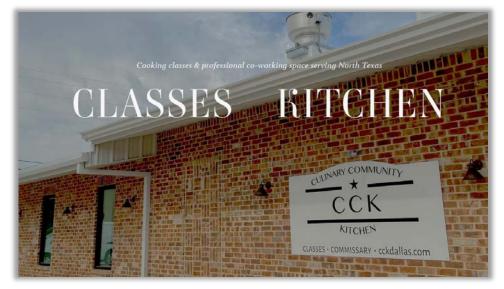
#### Certificate of Occupancy Highlights



WSS Shoes in Towne Crossing Shopping Center on Gus Thomasson Rd.



Airport Logistics Center 626,719 SF / 905 Airport Blvd.



Culinary Community Kitchen (CCK) 4401 N. Belt Line Rd.

#### Groundbreaking / Grand Opening Highlights



Rosa's Cafe 2080 N Town E Blvd.

> The Pickle Juice Company 3325 Innovative Way



#### **BRE Events – Entrepreneurs Day**





### WELCOME TO ENTREPRENEURS DAY

3 p.m.:Registration and networking4 p.m.:Welcome<br/>First roundtable sessions4:20 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises4:30 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises5 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises5:30 p.m.:Keynote featuring Luke Silver6 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises6:20 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises6:30 p.m.:Break/Networking/Franchises6:30 p.m.:Last concurrent session7 p.m.:Networking, follow-up

Luke Silver of Steve Silver Co was keynote





#### **BRE Events – Manufacturing Day**

#### Dallas College presenting



Highly engaged Vanguard High School students touring Pickle Juice







Highly engaged Vanguard High School students visiting Ferguson's booth



#### BRE Events – Manufacturing Day









#### **Economic Development Marketing / Press**





 Easy access to DFW and the North Texas region with urban and suburban style homes among neighborhood schools.

 Communities surrounded by retail and amenities: Mesquite Arts Center, 70+ parks, Mesquite Golf Club, award-winning schools and the new Vanguard, a career and technical education high school.

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Dallas Next Relocation Guide ad

#### Trade shows



Mesquite named 3<sup>rd</sup> of 29 top Economic Development Agencies by the Dallas Business Journal for 2021: \$451 Million in deals

	AGENCY WEBSITE	CONTACT	VALUE OF DEALS 2021 ↓	TOP LOCAL EXECUTIVE(S)
0	SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION sedco.org	307 W. Washington St. #102 Sherman, TX 75090 903-868-2566	\$30.07 billion	Kent Sharp, President
2	CITY OF FORT WORTH fortworthtexas.gov	200 Texas St. Fort Worth, TX 76102 817-392-1234	\$569 million	David Cooke, City Manager
3	CITY OF MESQUITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT mesquiteecodev.com	1515 N. Galloway Dr. 2nd Fl. Mesquite, TX 75149 972-216-6340	\$451 million	Kim Buttram, Director of Economic Developme



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#### **Convention & Visitors Bureau**



#### MARKETING

- Completion of the Hotel Market Study with McCaslin Consulting
  - Shared with City Council, all stakeholders, and study participants
- Connected the Mesquite Championship Rodeo with CVB website developer
  - Created a new rodeo website and seamless ticketing
  - Ticket sales topped \$1.4 million (double a normal year the highest attendance in a decade)
- Hired two new part-time staff members
  - Leisl Christensen and Violet Rivera Visitor Center Specialists
- Attended Texas Association of Convention Visitors Bureau and Texas Travel Alliance annual conferences
  - Obtained continuing education hours to earn the Texas Destination Management Specialist Certification
- Hosted travel writers for multi-day familiarization tours
  - Included Atlas Obscura, Texas Travel Talk, Learners and Makers, and 405 Magazine
- Received coverage by the Travel Channel
- Focused marketing to promote Doggie Splash day and Guts and Gory Zombie Fun Run
- Promoted new restaurant openings; Cinnaholic, Alejandro's, CCK, and Water Ice Box



Texas State Parks magazine ad for Downtown Mesquite sponsorship



Hosted the Eritrean Festival which brought in 10,000 people

#### Sales Impact on Hotel Occupancy Taxes and Hotel Room Revenues



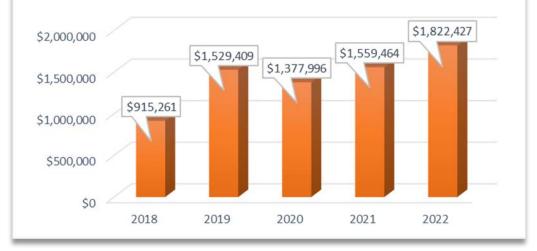


Hotel room revenues have increased 31.02% (\$7,184,517) since 2018.

Hotel Occupancy Tax equals to 7%, and it is distributed as follows: 4% Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1% Arts in Mesquite, 1% Historic Mesquite and 1% reserves. The CVB went under new leadership in April 2018. Since that time...

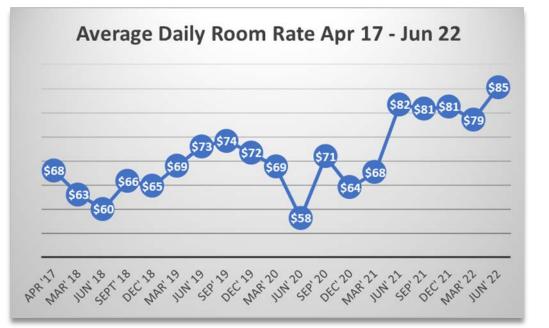
## Hotel Occupancy Taxes have doubled from \$915,261 to 1.8 million in 2022.

Hotel Occupancy Taxes Fiscal Year 2018-2022



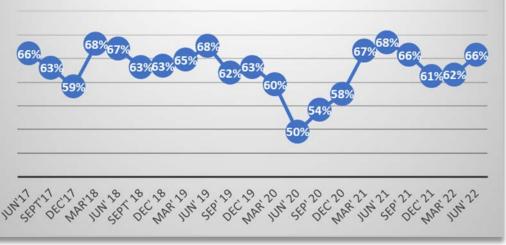
#### **Other Key Performance Indicators**





Even though it appears there is no progress on the Occupancy Rate % chart below, the overall revenue has increased 31.02% since 2018

#### Occupancy Rate % Apr 17 - Jun 22



#### Downtown

#### PRIVATE SECTOR REINVESTMENT

- Carroll Place exterior rehab completed
- Cumulative private reinvestment since 2019: \$3.1 Million
- Private reinvestment this FY to date: approximately \$1M
- Provided technical design services at numerous sites
- Alejandro's @ Front Street Station opened
- Property sales picking up pace
- New screenprinter
- Multiple serious prospects



#### PUBLIC REINVESTMENT

- Heritage Plaza completed
- Heritage Plaza alleyway and sidewalk completed
- Multiple public art installations

#### DESIGN

- Provided multiple design services free of charge
- Carroll building façade completed
- Facade grant program
- Outdoor room



#### EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

- Farmers Market
- Small Business Saturday Nov. 26
- Christmas on the Square Nov. 29
- Digital marketing/social media
- 2023: growth of market, additional targeted events





#### ORGANIZATION

- Achieved National Accreditation third year in a row
- James Johnson hired as Downtown Development Coordinator
- Mesquite focus of multiple presentations
- Two statewide award finalists

## **Get Involved**

#### Residents

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Economic Development Strategic Plan public input process
- Serve on the Mesquite
  Quality of Life Corporation,
  Economic Development
  Advisory Board, Downtown
  Advisory Board or a
  Downtown Committee
- Shop Mesquite
- Write a good review of a business and/or post photos to your social media or on their Google listing / brag on Mesquite businesses
- Attend business's promotional events

#### Businesses

- Volunteer to speak at Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) events
- Volunteer to sponsor BRE events
- Submit business news and resources for potential inclusion in BRE enewsletter

Juan Davila, Owner of Dos Panchas and Mike Garvey, Director of Operations for Whataburger Mesquite, serve as panelists on the 2021 Business Marketing Panel

