



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Council Meeting Date: January 3, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution Establishing Priorities for the 88th Legislative Session in Texas, and Authorizing Representation of the Municipality in Advocating Certain Positions.** *Sponsor: Councilmember Tahuahua*

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: Every two years the Texas Legislature meets to make decisions that affect the City of Dripping Springs. In anticipation for this, the City adopts a legislative program every other year. This year we asked our boards and commissions, as well as staff, to weigh in. Once we approve our legislative program, we will send it to the Texas Municipal League which is the non-profit organization that represents all cities in Texas and has a legislative staff dedicated to assisting cities. Here are the suggestions related to us by our boards, commissions, and staff so far.

City Staff

1. Beneficial exterior design and plat submission changes
2. Infrastructure-improvements to permitting and funding for projects
3. Oppose detrimental changes to lighting regulation authority

Planning and Zoning Commission

1. Maintain local control over land use in city and ETJ;
2. Improvements to wastewater permitting; and
3. Review the site development and subdivision “shot clock” provisions.

Transportation Committee

1. More transportation funding for TxDOT city projects;
2. Allow for greater flexibility for funding of transportation projects.

TIRZ

1. Maintain current authority related to TIRZ.

Parks

1. More options for funding of Parks.

Economic Development Committee

1. Local authority over economic development.

Commission Recommendations: See above.

Recommended Council Actions: Adoption of the program.

Attachments: Resolution and program.

Next Steps/Schedule: Send to the Texas Municipal League, the City's state representatives, and Hays County.