

Legislative Priorities - City of Mission

Date/Location: October 25, 2024, City of Mission CEEDs building

Attendees: City Council, City Manager, Rene Ramirez, Rigo Villarreal, Caso Law Firm, and other City Staff

These were set out as the priorities, in ranked order:

1. **Water Supply Study**
 - **Priority:** Secure \$2 million for a study on treating groundwater as Rio Grande River water levels decline.
2. **Water Plant and ETJ Water Rights**
 - **Priority:** \$40 million funding for a new water plant.
 - **Issue:** Landowners developing within Mission's ETJ must pledge water rights to the City of Mission.
 - **Proposal #1:** Seek funding for water plant.
 - **Proposal #2:** Enforce water rights donation in ETJ areas receiving city water.
3. **Western Loop Project**
 - **Priority:** Continue Western Loop along Military Highway for commercial/residential growth, connecting Anzalduas Bridge to regional areas.
4. **May Elections Cost Reduction**
 - **Issue:** May elections are costly; residents prefer November elections.
 - **Proposal:** Shift to November to align with other elections and reduce expenses.
5. **Regulation of Fiber Internet Companies**
 - **Issue:** Fiber companies are installing lines without city oversight, disrupting landscaping, lacking coordination, and avoiding franchise fees.
 - **Proposal:** Require coordination with the city to ensure oversight and allow cities to recover costs for managing these activities effectively.