

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: April 3, 2023

Topic:

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Legislative Items at the 2023 Texas Legislative Session on items including:

Resolution No. 2023-17, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, adopting legislative priorities for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature to include any special called sessions; and providing an effective date.

Resolution No. 2023-18, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, expressing opposition to House Bill 3921 and Senate Bill 1787 which are being considered in the 88th Texas Legislature, that would adversely impact the ability of Texas cities to make decisions directly impacting their residents and communities; and providing an effective date.

Resolution No. 2023-19, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, expressing support for legislation that promotes local farmers, cottage food production, and farmers markets which are being considered in the 88th Texas Legislature; and providing an effective date.

Background:

The 88th Session of the Texas Legislature began on Jan. 10, 2023, with early bill filing beginning in Nov. 2022. Since the Session began, 6,497 House bills have been filed and 3,088 Senate bills have been filed, for a total of more than 9,500 filed pieces of legislation.

Thousands of filed bills impact Texas cities in a variety of ways, including limiting local authority on key issues such as community development and land use, public safety, transparency, finance and revenue, and more. Staff has prepared a draft resolution that adopts legislative priorities for the City Council and guides staff on how to provide information to our legislators. In addition, Resolution 2023-19 was drafted to express the City's support for bills that would impact the Tomball Farmers Market at the Markets' request. And, Resolution 2023-18 expresses the City's opposition to HB 3921 and SB 1787, which restrict the City's ability to have a minimum lot size greater than 1,400 square feet.

Origination: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Resolutions 2023-17, 2023-18, and 2023-19.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Jessica Rogers, Assistant City Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account: # _____ To Account: # _____

Signed:	<u>Jessica Rogers</u>	<u>3/29/2023</u>	Approved by:	_____
	Staff Member	Date		City Manager Date