

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

Topic:

Discussion and possible direction regarding the 89th Legislative Session and the City's involvement in the legislative process.

Background:

The 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature began on January 14, 2025, and will run through June 2. During this time, the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate will convene to debate and consider various bills and resolutions, many of which impact city operations.

For the first 60 days of the session, legislators can file bills, but little action occurs since only those deemed a priority by the Governor can be considered. During this period, the Legislature primarily focuses on the Governor's key priorities and the state's biennial budget. After this phase ends on March 14, committee hearings and floor action will accelerate as both chambers begin reviewing the thousands of bills filed.

In the 88th Legislative Session, the City provided selective written input to legislators and relevant committee chairs when taking a position on a bill. The City also works closely with the Texas Municipal League (TML), leveraging its resources for education and outreach as needed. Given the potential for significant legislation this session and the need to act quickly, staff seeks direction from Council on how to engage legislators and take positions on bills for the remainder of the 89th Legislative Session.

Origination: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

N/A

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

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

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Signed: Jessica Rogers 3/11/2025 **Approved by:** _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date