

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Megan George, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: July 27, 2020

SUBJECT:

2021 Legislative Agenda for the League of Oregon Cities

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council direct staff to submit the attached ballot to the League of Oregon Cities indicating the City's top priorities, secondary priorities, and other feedback.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is soliciting input from cities on their top legislative priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session. Over the last few months, policy committees comprised of city staff and elected officials from across the state met to review issues and develop policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session. The complete list of priorities is included in the attachments. Each city has the opportunity to return a ballot indicating their top four priorities and any additional comments for the LOC Board of Directors to consider in shaping their legislative agenda.

The Executive Team reviewed the list of issues and identified four priorities:

- F. Expedited Siting for Shelter and Affordable Housing
- Q. Mental Health Service Delivery
- R. Municipal Broadband and Municipal Pole Protection
- W. Right-of-way/Franchise Fees Authority Preservation

These issues were selected because they have pressing relevance to the City of Tualatin. Each issue also has local control implications. Staff did not prioritize issues related to COVID-19 recovery or property tax reform because we presumed they would already be a priority for the LOC and other groups. Finally, staff also included a list of secondary priorities related to funding, which include:

- A. Beer and Cider Tax Increase
- K. Local Climate Action Planning Resources
- N. Long Term Transportation Infrastructure Funding
- P. Marijuana Tax Local Rate Limitation Increase

X. State Highway Funds Formula

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

Tualatin's ballot will be considered along with all other ballots submitted by cities in Oregon by the LOC Intergovernmental Relations team and LOC Board of Directors. The LOC Board of Directors will then adopt a list of priorities to guide their work in the upcoming 2021 legislative session.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council may direct staff to make changes to the ballot. There are twenty-six issues listed and the opportunity to provide additional comments about the listed issues or other issues that did not make the list.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Tualatin Ballot (Staff's Recommendations)
- 2021 Legislative Priorities