

# **CITY OF TUALATIN**

# Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Megan George, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** December 9, 2024

#### **SUBJECT:**

2025 Federal Legislative Agenda Preparation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On May 13, 2024, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Thorn Run Partners, LLC ("Thorn Run") to provide government affairs and lobbying services for the City. Their scope of work includes activities at the State and Federal level including building relationships with legislators, facilitating development of project funding asks, and communicating progress with City staff and the City Council.

On July 29, 2024, and August 26, 2024, the City Council met with Thorn Run to learn more about their team, receive an overview of the legislative process at the State and Federal levels, discuss policy themes and priorities, and adopt a 2025 State Legislative Agenda. In August, the City Council directed staff to return following the November 5, 2024, election with items to consider for a 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Tonight's presentation will include a recap, an update on the upcoming Oregon Legislative Session, and discussion of a 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda. To aid in the discussion, a draft of the agenda and accompanying discussion questions are included in the presentation.

## **OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Staff will bring a resolution to the January 13, 2025, City Council Meeting for the City Council's consideration and adoption.

Following adoption, Thorn Run's team will share the agenda with Tualatin's congressional delegation. They will provide regular communication on policy discussions and funding opportunities and identify opportunities for the City Council to engage on the agenda and other relevant discussions.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Presentation