



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: September 22, 2025

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 5917-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2026 State Legislative Agenda
Resolution No. 5918-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 5917-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2026 State Legislative Agenda and Resolution No. 5918-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Thorn Run Partners, LLC ("Thorn Run") provided the City Council with a recap of the 2025 State Legislative Session and an update on federal advocacy on August 25, 2025. City staff returned on September 8, 2025, to brainstorm potential topics for the 2026 legislative agendas with the City Council. From that discussion, there seemed to be consensus on which policy themes to prioritize in the next calendar year. Most of the themes were carried over from the previous year, although the council identified one additional (noted below).

- Transportation
- Housing
- Social services
- Resiliency and emergency preparedness
- Environment
- Downtown revitalization
- Local control and unfunded mandates
- Capital projects
- Economic stimulation (*new*)

The policy themes will be used throughout the year to determine where to prioritize the City's advocacy efforts. In addition, the City Council discussed specific items for the legislative agendas. Those agendas are included in the attached resolutions and exhibits. If the City Council feels comfortable, the agendas can be adopted this evening. If the City Council would like to see changes, staff can bring them back to a future meeting for adoption.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

Thorn Run's team will share the legislative agendas with Tualatin's representatives at the State and Federal levels. In addition, they will continue to provide regular communication on State and Federal policy discussions and funding opportunities. Finally, their team will identify opportunities for the City Council to engage with Tualatin's representatives on the legislative agendas and other relevant policy discussions.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council may direct staff to make changes to the 2026 State or Federal Legislative Agendas prior to adoption, or at a future date. Thorn Run will continue to be flexible and opportunistic when representing the City of Tualatin at the State and Federal level, as the context changes and new opportunities arise.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no immediate financial implication. The City has a contract with Thorn Run through June 30, 2027, and included \$110,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for this work. The 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda includes \$3 Million in funding for the Riverfront Park Project. If the City's application is successful, funding will not be received until the following year (Fiscal Year 2026-2027), at the earliest.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Presentation
- Resolution 5917-25
- Resolution 5918-25
- Exhibit A: 2026 State Legislative Agenda
- Exhibit B: 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda