



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026		Subject: 2027 Legislative Preview and League of Oregon Cities(LOC) Ballot Staff Member: Everett Wild, Government Affairs Manager Department: Administration	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
☐ Motion ☐ Public Hearing Date: ☐ Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: ☐ Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: ☐ Resolution ☒ Information or Direction ☐ Information Only ☐ Council Direction ☐ Consent Agenda		☐ Approval ☐ Denial ☐ None Forwarded ☒ Not Applicable Comments:	
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Council provide direction on the City's priorities for the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) legislative agenda ballot.			
Recommended Language for Motion: N/A			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
☐ Council Goals/Priorities:	☐ Adopted Master Plan(s):	☒ Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Briefing on anticipated topics for the 2027 Legislative session and approval of the City's vote on the LOC member ballot, which informs LOC's legislative agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

2027 Legislative Preview

The 84th Legislative Assembly will convene for its regular session (colloquially referred to as “Long Session”) on January 11, 2027 and must conclude by June 19, 2027. The exact composition of the legislature will not be known until after the General Election on November 3, 2027. That being said, the current Legislature holds informational days to receive economic forecasts and briefings on the implementation of prior legislation, as well as to plan for the upcoming session. Major issues expected to arise during the 2027 session include:

- State budget, including an anticipated structural deficit, decreased federal funds for healthcare (Medicaid) and rural hospitals, and potentially revisiting federal tax code disconnect that was passed in the 2026 Short Session
- Transportation funding
- Economic development and tax reform based on the recommendations of the Governor’s Prosperity Council
- Housing production (which may include streamlining and additional clarity surrounding recent housing legislation)
- Land use and data centers
- Education and student success

LOC Legislative Priorities and Member Ballot

Like the City, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) prepares a legislative agenda that guides their activity. LOC’s process begins with establishing policy committees comprised of elected officials and staff from across the state. The committees are Broadband, Cybersecurity, AI, and Telecommunications; General Government; Housing, Land Use, and Community Development; Energy and Environment; Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development; Transportation; and Water and Wastewater. Each committee receives informational briefings, discusses policy and technical issues, and forwards one or more policy positions to the member ballot. This year’s list comprises 27 priorities (Attachment 1).

Member cities are asked to vote for their top five (5) priorities from the list; see Attachment 2 for the official ballot. The LOC Board of Directors uses cities’ aggregate input to select top issues for LOC’s two-year legislative agenda (2027-28). Staff has evaluated all 27 proposals based on relevance to Wilsonville, alignment of policy position between the City and LOC, and importance of LOC’s involvement as some issues are more sensitive or complex than the City is effectively able to manage alone. Based on those criteria, staff recommends the City support the following policy options:

- Public Meetings Law Clarity
- 2027 Transportation Package
- Infrastructure Funding
- Strengthening Workforce and Economic Development
- Administrative Procedures Act Reform

For Council's consideration, other policy proposals identified by staff as strong alternative options are Right of Way (ROW) Local Control, Full Funding and Streamlining for Housing Production, and [Utility] Ratepayer Assistance.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Council directs staff which legislative priorities to submit to the LOC Board of Directors via Wilsonville's ballot.

TIMELINE:

LOC has requested ballots be submitted by September 25, 2026.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

Legislation that appropriates state funds to local governments, creates new or increased grant opportunities, or reduces unfunded or partially-funded mandates by state government would benefit the City.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

City legislative priorities are guided by issue-specific public engagement processes as well as documents such as the City Charter, City Code, and Comprehensive Plan. LOC legislative priorities are developed by member cities' participation on policy committees comprised of elected officials and staff from across the state.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

State legislation may, depending on the nature of the policies, programs, and/or capital projects within individual legislation, be of benefit or detriment to the City of Wilsonville and its residents and businesses.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could modify the proposed LOC legislative priorities. Council could choose not to participate in the LOC legislative priorities ballot process.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. League of Oregon Cities 2026 Member Voter Guide
2. League of Oregon Cities 2026 Member Voter Ballot