

RESOLUTION NO. 24-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 89th SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL CALLED SESSIONS OF THE 89th LEGISLATURE AND THE INTERIM.

WHEREAS, local government is the most direct and frequent point of contact with its residents; and

WHEREAS, the process for local government is a public and participatory process whereby the actions of local governments are subject to the public scrutiny of the residents; and

WHEREAS, local government is responsible for providing basic and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, local governments are the first responders in local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the ability of local government to provide those services is dependent on the ability to have the necessary resources and authority to carry out its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, local government officials are elected by the residents they represent to provide a wide array of services; and

WHEREAS, state representatives and senators are charged with working in the best interest of the citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, residents of the state of Texas expect elected government officials representing local governments to make every effort to be informed on the needs of the constituents and the local government to ensure that local governments have the necessary authorities and resources in which to fulfill the desired needs of the citizens who have elected them; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:

Section 1. That City Council members will meet with area state representatives and senators to discuss the City's legislative agenda and provide both information and assistance on all matters relating to bills and other legislative matters that come before the Legislature to ensure that they have the resources to call upon in making decisions that impact the lives of their constituents.

Section 2. The City of Sugar Land shall proactively seek the filing and passage of any legislation identified as being sought in Exhibit A.

Section 3. The City Council IG Committee and the City's representative at the Texas Municipal League (TML) Business Meeting shall work with TML, peer cities in the State and other appropriate entities to jointly pursue the passage or defeat of legislation that is listed as "supported" or "opposed" by the City of Sugar Land in Exhibit A.

Section 4. The City Manager and his staff shall:

- a. Take all necessary actions to inform Sugar Land residents of the City's legislative agenda; and
- b. Encourage residents to make every effort to be aware of the local and state governing and legislative process and expect their elected representatives from all levels to seek a proactive and positive relationship that does not pass a burden from the State to the County or City without providing the tools and resources to undertake the added responsibility.

Section 5. That it believes it is incumbent of all legislators to work in consort with City and County government to ensure that the entire governing process is as effective as possible and, to that end, seek input and advice from the local level of government on issues that have a direct impact on their ability to undertake their responsibilities.

Section 6. That it expects elected representatives of state government to fully understand the implications of legislation they act upon to ensure there are no negative impacts on the community and to strongly support and take all actions necessary in furtherance of the attached legislation agenda, as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 7. That it believes the state legislative body should not exempt its members from any regulation that they impose upon any other member of a political subdivision unless it can clearly be shown that there is a clear and compelling need to do so.

Section 8. That it adopts the Legislative Agenda for the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature as shown on Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated into this resolution by reference.

APPROVED on _____, 2024.

Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Attachment: Exhibit A - Legislative Agenda for the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature

EXHIBIT A