

**Notice of Meeting for the
Legislative Task Force
of the City of Georgetown
October 22, 2020 at 4:30 PM
at Virtual**

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- A Roll Call --Bridget Hinze Weber, Assistant to the City Manager
- B Call to Order-Bridget Hinze Weber, Assistant to the City Manager
- C Consideration and possible action regarding the 87th Texas State Legislative Agenda and next steps for the City of Georgetown Legislative Program – Bridget Hinze Weber, Assistant to the City Manager

Adjournment

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Robyn Densmore, City Secretary

City of Georgetown, Texas
Legislative Task Force
October 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

Consideration and possible action regarding the 87th Texas State Legislative Agenda and next steps for the City of Georgetown Legislative Program – Bridget Hinze Weber, Assistant to the City Manager

ITEM SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Shirley Rinn on behalf of Bridget Hinze Weber, Assistant to the City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Description		Type
□	87th Texas State Legislative Agenda	Backup Material

City of Georgetown
2021 State Legislative Agenda - Draft
87th Legislature

Protect City of Georgetown Interests

The City of Georgetown (City) supports legislation that benefits the City and opposes legislation detrimental to the City, including bills that:

- Limit the City's ability to abide by the principle of self-government;
- Mandate increased City costs;
- Mandate decreased City revenue;
- Limit the City's ability to advocate on behalf of the community through trade associations and consultants; and
- Diminish the City's authority to provide for the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Preserve Municipal-Government Policy Enactment

The City supports legislation that protects the rights of elected municipal officials to enact ordinances that address the policy priorities and needs of cities' residents, businesses, and visitors.

Provide Property Tax Relief While Preserving Current Sales Tax Revenue

The City supports legislation that provides meaningful property tax relief to owners of property in the City's jurisdiction.

- The City supports transparency regarding property tax rates, property values, and property tax income.
- The City opposes expansion of revenue, tax, or appraisal caps which limit the City's ability to raise sufficient funds to pay for critical municipal public policy services.
- The City opposes shifting the tax burden from one taxpayer to another taxpayer.
- The City supports maintaining provisions for debt financing so it can issue financial debt to pay for such expenditures as infrastructure and equipment.

The City supports legislation allowing for the local sourcing of sales and use taxes for internet orders.

Protecting Taxpayers' Investment in Public Utilities and Assets

The City supports legislation that ensures the City can continue to own and operate the City of Georgetown Utility Systems.

The City opposes legislation that negatively impacts the service level, stability, or return-on-investment for its residents.

The City supports legislation that maintains state and regional water plans and while preserving authority to continue the City of Georgetown Water Utility's current operational system within its current jurisdictional boundaries.

The City opposes legislation that would deny the City from being adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way, would erode municipal authority over the management and control of rights-of-way, or both.

Keeping Georgetown Competitive

The City supports legislation maintaining incentives that supplement local economic development strategies to fund employee recruitment and retention.

The City supports the continuation of Type A and Type B sales tax that can be used to pursue and retain primary employer jobs.

Transportation Funding for Current and Future Growth

The City supports legislation that would allow municipal-elected officials, municipal voters, or both to approve city funding options to pay for construction, maintenance, and repair of streets, sidewalks, and transportation authorities.

The City supports efforts to ensure the equitable distribution of state funding and the continued full funding of Propositions 1 & 7, as well as the extension of the Proposition 1 sunset provision.

Planning and development to Maintain Georgetown's Unique Character

The City supports legislation to maintain the municipal election officials' authority to regulate city growth and development through city land development ordinances.

Annexation:

- Primary Position: The City supports a position which would allow for pre-2017 annexation requirements.
- Secondary Position: The City supports retaining requirements established in 2019 while expanding opportunities for voluntary annexation by property owners that are not contiguous to the city limits and allowing for pre-2017 annexation requirements for areas surrounded by City limits for contiguous City boundaries.

Development Process:

- Primary Position: The City supports legislation that clarifies that House Bill 3167 (86th Regular Session) only applies to changes made to an application intake process or unified-development-code-approval process while improving the opportunity to collaborate with applicants to solve problems and challenges.
- Secondary Position: Support the retention of House Bill 3167 (86th Regular Session) for only the largest of Texas cities or else allow for local control on decision making regarding an applicant's request for a waiver relating to House Bill 3167 requirements.

Building Codes and Materials:

- The City supports legislation that repeals amendments to House Bill 2439 (86th Regular Session) which preempted cities from regulating building materials.

Parks and Recreation Investment for a Healthy Georgetown

The City supports legislation that enhances the investment in parks and open spaces and conserves open spaces that connect communities safely to the mental, social, and physical benefits of outdoor and recreational opportunities.

Continuation of a Vibrant Arts & Culture Community

The City supports legislation that funds the arts and libraries to support a strong and vibrant City of Georgetown arts and cultural industry by:

- Preserving the use of Municipality Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) to fund the arts; and
- Maintaining municipality autonomy in allocation of HOT revenue