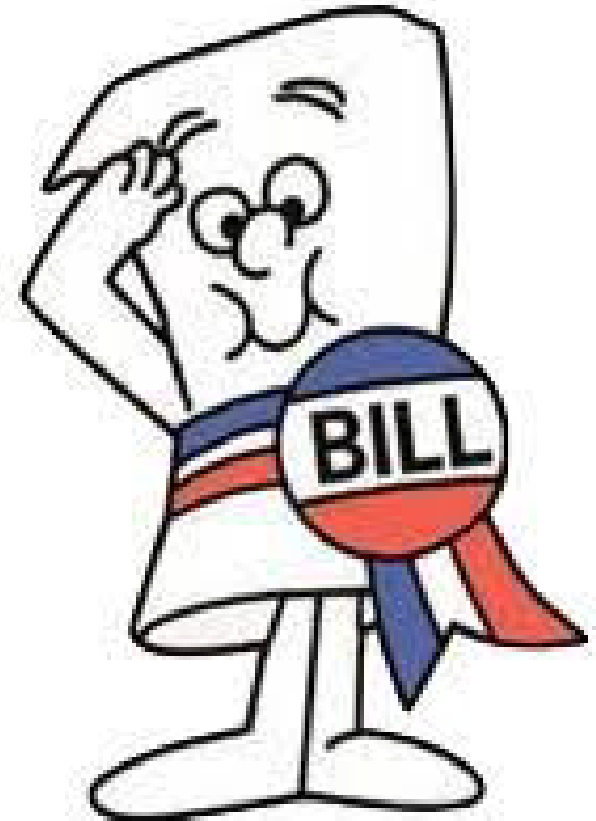


Legislative Priorities Discussion

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- Session opens on January 10, 2023
 - Lasts for 140 Days
 - 2-Year Cycle
 - Approximately 7,000 bills filed in a typical session
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- Council adopts a Resolution to Support / Oppose Legislation on key topics.
 - Staff communicates these to Addison's Representatives.
 - Staff monitors bills and will follow up with Representatives to convey Council's Legislative Priorities.



Session Outlook

Governor Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Patrick were re-elected.

The Speaker of the House is determined by a vote of the House.

Republicans retained a solid majority in both chambers.

The agenda regarding local government will mirror recent sessions and likely include bills that:

- Reduces municipal authority / local control.
- Impact local control for property tax decisions and appraisals.
- Impact local control on debt issuance.
- Impact economic development.
- Limit or prohibit municipal officials from communicating with legislators.



Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way, would impose an unfunded mandate, or would otherwise be detrimental to cities.

Oppose legislation that would provide for state preemption of municipal authority in general.

Oppose legislation that would require candidates for city office to declare party affiliation to run for office.

Oppose legislation that would limit or prohibit the authority of city officials to use municipal funds to communicate with legislators; or limit or prohibit the authority of the Texas Municipal League to use any revenue, however derived, to communicate with legislators.

TOWN OF ADDISON
RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS ADOPTING THE TOWN'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACT WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Legislative activities are ongoing in Congress and the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommended 2023 Legislative Priorities and is of the opinion that such legislative priorities are in the best interest of the Town and its citizens, should be adopted, and should be forwarded for consideration by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the further opinion that the City Council, the Town's legislative consultants and the City Manager and his designees should be directed to take action with regard to the legislative priorities as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The Town of Addison 2023 Legislative Priorities, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted and approved as the 2023 Legislative Priorities for the Town.

Section 2. The City Council and each of its members, the Town's legislative consultants and the City Manager or his designees are directed to communicate the items included in the Town's 2023 Legislative Priorities to members of Congress, the Texas Legislature, in general, and/or to the appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others as appropriate.

Section 3. For those items designated as "support," the City Manager or his designees are directed to actively pursue passage of the appropriate legislation if it is introduced by some other entity. The City Manager's efforts to obtain passage of the legislation may include drafting appropriate legislation, seeking a sponsor, and actively pursuing passage of such legislation by providing testimony and through other means.

Section 4. For those items designated as "oppose," the City Manager or his designees are directed to attempt to impede the passage of any such legislation.

Section 5. It is recognized that Addison's legislative priorities will often be implemented in the context of numerous legislative proposals being considered within short time periods. Town representatives, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Town consistent with the necessary broad policy concerns set forth in this list of priorities.

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Support local responsibility for property taxation decisions and appraisals.

- Oppose legislation that would impose a revenue and/or tax rate cap of any type or place limitations on overall city expenditures.
- Oppose legislation that would erode the ability of a city to issue debt.
- Oppose any legislation that would limit local governments from adopting budgets that they deem appropriate for their respective communities or that would require voter approval for increases in expenditures.
- Oppose state or federal legislation that would erode the authority of a city to be adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way and/or erode municipal authority over the management and controls of rights-of-way.

Draft Resolution (continued)

Economic Development

- Support legislation that helps Texas remain competitive by continuing the use of all economic development tools that incentivize growth and promote the recruitment of larger employers. Job creating programs begin by reducing regulatory barriers for business. Our economic growth relies on a stable, predictable, and business-friendly regulatory environment.

Sales Tax

- Oppose legislation or Comptroller rules that change the sales tax origination definitions.

Regulation of Development

- Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority related to development matters, including with respect to the following issues: (1) annexation, (2) eminent domain, (3) zoning, (4) regulatory takings, (5) building codes, (6) tree preservation, (7) short-term rentals.

Transportation

- Support legislation that would: (1) allow for greater flexibility by cities to fund local transportation projects; (2) amend or otherwise modify state law to help cities fund transportation projects; or (3) provide cities with additional funding options and resources to address transportation needs that the state and federal governments are unable or unwilling to address.

Draft Resolution (continued)

Are there any items that Council would like to remove?

Are there any items that Council would like to add?

Are there any items that Council would like to reword?

Are there any other questions or concerns?

Staff plans to bring the Resolution for Council at the first meeting in January 2023.