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**ROANOKE LEGISLATIVE POLICY
COMMITTEE AGENDA
DECEMBER 12, 2024
7:00 PM**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR – COMMUNITY ROOM #132
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PUBLIC INPUT

This item is available for citizens to address the Legislative Policy Committee on any issues that are not the subject of a public hearing. No action by law may be taken on the topic. The presiding officer reserves the right to impose a time limit on this portion of the agenda.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and action to nominate and elect a President.
2. Consideration and action to nominate and elect a Vice President.
3. Discussion on the City of Roanoke's legislative initiatives and priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session and establish the City's position on key legislative issues.
4. Discuss dates to attend the 89Th Legislative Session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice was posted at City Hall, 500 South Oak Street, Roanoke, Texas, on Thursday, December 12, 2024, by 5:00 pm, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.



AGENDA FOR THE ROANOKE
ART & HISTORY TRAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING

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April S. Hill, City Secretary

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Legislative Policy Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Legislative Committee Members

SUBJECT: Elect President

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consideration and action to nominate and elect a President.

INFORMATION:**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:****SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:****FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

None



Legislative Policy Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Legislative Committee Members

SUBJECT: Elect Vice President

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consideration and action to nominate and elect a Vice President.

INFORMATION:**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:****SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:****FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

None



Legislative Policy Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Legislative Policy Committee Members

SUBJECT: Discussion - Key Legislative Issues

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ITEM SUMMARY:

Discussion on the City of Roanoke's legislative initiatives and priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session and establish the City's position on key legislative issues.

INFORMATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RES NO 2024-110R - Creation of Temporary Legislative Policy Committee
2. Roanoke Legislative Discussion Presentation
3. Legislative Session Resources
4. City of Roanoke - Legislative Agenda (Draft)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-110R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A THE CITY OF ROANOKE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF SAID COMMITTEE; APPOINTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 8.01(1) of the City of Roanoke Home-Rule Charter provides that “[t]he City Council shall create, establish or appoint, as may be required by the laws of the State of Texas or this Charter, or deemed desirable by the City Council, such boards, commissions and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City. The City Council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission and committee where such are not prescribed by law or this Charter”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas, finds and determines it is necessary for the City of Roanoke, Texas, to establish a temporary advisory committee to be known as the “City of Roanoke Legislative Policy Committee.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct legislative findings of the City of Roanoke, Texas, and are fully incorporated into the body of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas, does hereby establish the City of Roanoke Legislative Policy Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”). The Committee shall serve in a temporary advisory capacity to the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas, and shall consist of the following:

- (a) The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the City Council on the City’s legislative agenda prior to each legislative session. The Committee serves as the primary representative responsible for communicating the City’s legislative priorities to members of the Texas Legislature, appropriate legislative committees, staff members or agencies. The Committee shall work with the City’s staff to develop legislative strategies and tactical responses to support or oppose legislation in accordance with the City’s legislative agenda.
- (b) The Committee shall meet regularly with the City’s legislative delegation to build relationships and convey the City’s position on important legislative issues.
- (c) The Committee shall be subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- (d) The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the City Council. Not more than three (3) members shall be members of the City Council.
- (e) A quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) members in attendance at a meeting.
- (f) The Committee shall elect from its members a President and Vice-President to preside over the meetings of the Committee.

Section 3. That the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas, does hereby appoint the following members to serve as members of the Committee:

- (1) Victor Molaschi
- (2) Bryan Moyers
- (3) John Pullen
- (4) Susanna Lione
- (5) Holly Gray
- (6) LG Leonard
- (7) Connie Hodgins
- (8) David Thompson
- (9) Jenifer Marley
- (10) Cassie Webb
- (11) Stephanie Novak

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas, on this the 12th day of November, 2024.

APPROVED:

Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April S. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Moore, City Attorney

2025

Legislative Policy Committee

89th Legislative Session



Purpose

- **Recommending Committee**
- **Represent Roanoke's Priorities to:**
 - Members of the Texas Legislature,
 - Legislative Committees
 - Staff Members
 - Other Agencies

Our Representatives



Rep. Ben Bumgarner

District 63



Sen. Tan Parker

District 12

Highlights

88th Texas Legislature (2023)

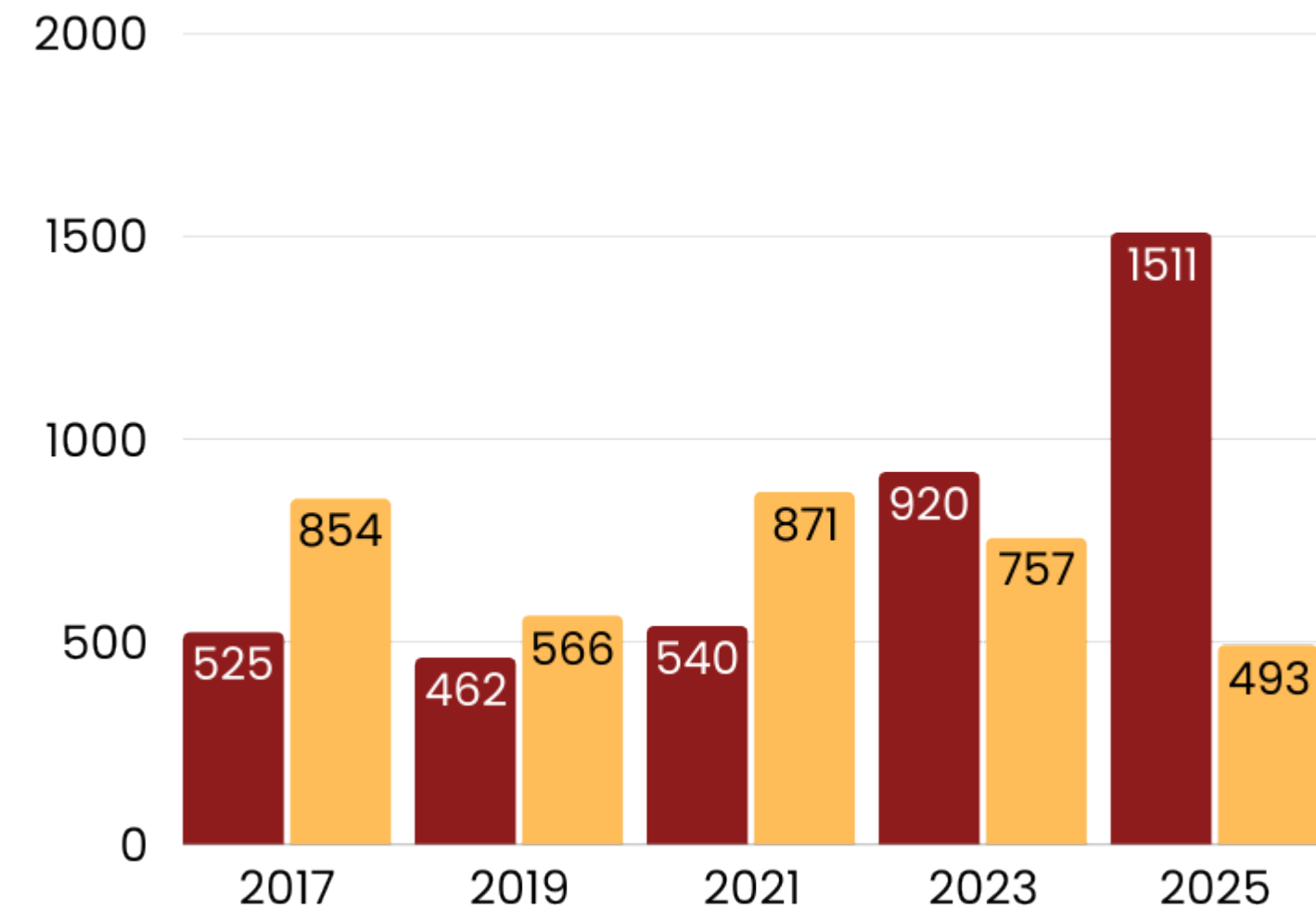
Regular Session (140 days)

- 8,344 bills and joint resolutions filed
 - (1,880 impacting local cities)
- 1,258 bills passed

Special Sessions

- Four Special Sessions called to consider: school choice, property tax relief, and border security
- Last Special Session ended 329 days later on December 5, 2023.

Prefiled by House and Senate (2025)



Key Dates



Monday, November 11

First day legislators and legislators-elect begin filing bills



Tuesday, January 14

89th Legislature convenes at noon.

Initial 60 days fo Regular Session:

- Bills and resolutions filed
- Committees conduct hearings (succeeding 30 days)
- Legislature may act on emergency appropriations and emergency items requested by the Governor.



Friday, March 14

60-day deadline for filing



Friday, March 21-22

Denton County Days



Monday, June 2

Last day of the 89th Regular Session

Action

- Testimony (in person)
- Letters and e-mails
- Phone calls and meetings
- Denton County Days



Local Control

- Rights and powers of locally elected officials
- Membership Organization and lobbyist involvement



Planning and Development

- Minimum lot sizes in SF zoning
- Restrictions on ADUs
- Building Materials (HB2349)
- Short-term Rentals



Finance

- Certificates of Obligations and other financing tools
- Transparency
- Revenue Tax or Appraisal Caps
- Local Sourcing (Sales and Use Tax)
- Municipal Rights-of-Way
- HOT Tax Use



Public Safety



- Use of EDOs
- Funding for Mental Health Attachments
- Mental Health Resources for First Responders
- Qualified Immunity
- Emergency Management

Infrastructure

Water

- Conservation
- Funding opportunities for municipal needs
- State and Regional Water Authorities

Electric

- Grid Resilience

Broadband

- Funding opportunities for municipal needs





Economic Development

- Preservation of local ED tools (380 Agreements)
- Expansion of financing tools (3 R's)
- Workforce development



Transportation

- Opportunities for state funding (construction, operations, safety improvements)
- Traffic Impact Fees
- E-bikes, Scooters, etc.



Education and Workforce

- Funding
- Expansion of Workforce Programs



Other

- Elections (May/November)
- Parks and Library Funding



LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
TML Advocacy Toolkit	Getting involved in the 2025 Legislative Session and TML Goals
TML 88th Legislative Wrap Up	88th Legislative Session Recap with City related bills
TML Legislative Updates	Regular updates regarding the upcoming 89th Legislative Session including pre-filed bills city related bills.
City Related Bills - 88th Session	Summaries of city related bills passed during the 88th Legislative Session.
Texas Legislative Glossary	Glossary
Texas House Bill Flowchart	Flowchart of the lawmaking process in the Texas House of Representatives.
Texas Senate Bill Flowchart	Flowchart of the lawmaking process in the Texas Senate.
Lt Governor Interim Charges	Issues identified by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to be reviewed and studied by senate committees.
Lt Governor Additional Interim Charges	Issues identified by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to be reviewed and studied by senate committees.
Speaker of the House Interim Charges	Issues identified by the Speaker of the House to be reviewed and studied by House committees.
House and Senate Bill Reports	Current reports of filed bills and analyses.
Texas Legislative Branch 101	Texas Civics Intro Video

CITY OF ROANOKE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

∞ 2025 _____

89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION



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LEGISLATIVE PHILOSOPHY

The following Legislative Agenda represents the City of Roanoke's legislative initiatives and priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session and establishes the City's position on key legislative issues. The City of Roanoke is committed to providing efficient and effective municipal government services to its residents, businesses, visitors, and community stakeholders.

Municipalities represent the level of government that is closest to the people, and local officials are best equipped to determine the unique needs of their communities. The City of Roanoke bears the primary responsibility for providing capital infrastructure, public safety, recreational and cultural activities, and other municipal services in response to the needs and preferences of City residents. Therefore, the City will support legislation that protects home rule authority, advances the principles of local decision-making, and enhances the health, safety, and welfare of its residents in the spirit of self-governance.

Conversely, the City will oppose legislation that preempts or erodes municipal authority on local matters or impedes the City's ability to allocate resources to locally-determined projects and services.

The City of Roanoke residents desire and expect exceptional municipal services. They want a high quality of life that is delivered through a beautiful and functional parks system, a variety of cultural amenities, exceptional public safety services, well-maintained roads, and outstanding City facilities. The elected and appointed officials who represent the City of Roanoke are committed to preserving the City's ability to provide the public goods and services our residents desire through revenue sources that are approved at the local level and free from state-mandated limitations.

The City of Roanoke's highest priority is to preserve the ability of locally-elected officials to govern and respond effectively and efficiently to the individual and market-driven needs of its residents, businesses, and stakeholders, according to the unique needs of the community.

Throughout this document, it is understood that a position statement supporting a legislative action also establishes opposition to legislative measures that would have the opposite effect.

CITY OF ROANOKE

CITY COUNCIL



MAYOR SCOOTER GIERISCH

MAYOR PRO TEM HOLLY GRAY



HOGAN PAGE

BRIAN DARBY



BRYAN MOYERS

DAVID BRUNDAGE



DAVID THOMPSON

2024/2025 LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE



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CASSI WEBB
STEPHANIE NOVAK

CODY PETREE, CITY MANAGER
JERIAHME MILLER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support legislation that seeks to fund local transportation and infrastructure projects
- Support legislation that provides funding to maintain and rehabilitate existing and aging infrastructure.
- Support legislation that promotes innovative financing tools and greater flexibility in the funding of the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of local transportation and infrastructure projects.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation that seeks to repeal, or makes beneficial amendments to, H.B. 2439 from the 86th legislative session (the building materials bill), which excessively prohibits the City from regulating building products, materials, or methods used in the construction of residential and commercial structures.
- Support legislation that seeks to limit state intrusion in the land development process by making beneficial amendments to H.B. 3167 from the 86th legislative session regarding subdivision platting procedures (the 30-day shot clock bill).
- Oppose legislation that preempts or would otherwise erode municipal authority related to land use and zoning, local amendments to building codes, local building permit fees, tree preservation, short-term rentals, and eminent domain.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation that preserves all economic development programs and tools currently available under state law.
- Support legislation and programs that help municipalities attract and retain new and existing businesses.
- Support legislation that promotes new and innovative financing tools that would leverage state funds to create jobs.
- Support legislation that would maintain funding for grants and programs that improve workforce training.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support legislation and measures that strengthen the integrity, effectiveness, and transparency of local law enforcement, and oppose any measures that weaken the same
- Support legislation that preserves qualified immunity for public safety personnel acting within the bounds of departmental policies and procedures in the performance of their official duties.
- Support legislation that clarifies the roles of state, county, and municipal governments in emergency management, and their respective authority, powers, and duties during a local state of disaster.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Support legislation that would preserve the City's use of certificates of obligation (COs) to fund necessary capital projects, and for the debt from COs to continue to be funded from the City's interest and sinking (I&S) tax rate.
- Oppose legislation that would erode the City's ability to control, manage, and collect reasonable compensation for the use of municipal rights-of-way.
- Oppose legislation that imposes additional revenue caps or tax caps of any kind that restrict the City's capacity to generate the revenue needed to provide the high level of municipal services expected by the City of Roanoke residents.
- Oppose legislation that would erode local taxing authority, including measures that would restrict the use of existing revenue streams.
- Oppose legislation that reduces the ability of municipalities to provide economic and efficient methods of financing local purchases and projects, including limiting the City of Roanoke's ability to control and manage its debt.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PREEMPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Support legislation that preserves local control and the right of Roanoke residents to govern themselves and to work with their municipal government to adopt and enforce ordinances that address the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- Support legislation that preserves local authority for property taxation, budgeting, permitting, and zoning decisions.
- Oppose legislation that limits or prohibits the City's current authority to use municipal funds to communicate with legislators or effectively participate in the legislative process on matters of public interest or pay dues to organizations or entities that advocate on the Town's behalf.
- Oppose legislation that provides for state preemption of municipal authority and/or creates unfunded mandates at the local level.

OPEN GOVERNMENT

- Support legislation that simplifies the budget and tax rate notification and adoption process with the goal of improving transparency.
- Support legislation that would allow required legal notices to be published on a municipality's website rather than requiring publication in an official newspaper.
- Support legislation that promotes increased flexibility to the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow for the expanded use of teleconference and videoconference technology in public meetings.

ELECTIONS

- Oppose legislation that eliminates the May or November uniform election dates.
- Oppose legislation that requires candidates for a City office to declare party affiliation in order to run for office.

WATER RESOURCES

- Support legislation that provides ample funding for developing affordable and reliable water resources across North Texas.
- Support legislation that provides funding for the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of new and aging water utility infrastructure.
- Support legislation that accelerates the permitting process for the development of new water resources in North Texas, preserves water storage options, and advances viable projects in the statewide water plan.

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that allows the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue for the construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails that connect parks, lodging establishments, and related public facilities.
- Support legislation that directly benefits public library services that support workforce, cultural, and educational programs.

BROADBAND ACCESS

- Support legislation that treats broadband service as any other critical utility infrastructure to ensure consistent and sustainable availability and affordability for residents and businesses.
- Support legislation to incentivize and recognize the importance of broadband service and the application of technology solutions through grants, awards, and other means.
- Support legislation that develops plans and revenue sources needed for greater broadband connectivity to enhance public access to education, healthcare, employment, information, and services.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- The City of Roanoke is committed to productive collaboration with several community partners, so all residents, businesses, and stakeholders enjoy innumerable amenities and a high quality of life and are proud to call Roanoke “home”.

As such, the City will support the Legislative Agendas and initiatives of the following:

- National League of Cities
- Metroport Chamber of Commerce
- North Texas Commission
- Texas Fire Chiefs Association
- Texas Police Chiefs Association
- Texas Municipal League

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Legislative Policy Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Legislative Committee Members

SUBJECT: Discussion - Attending the 89Th Legislative Session

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ITEM SUMMARY:

Discuss dates to attend the 89Th Legislative Session.

INFORMATION:**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:****SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:****FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

None