

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

23-0017

AD HOC LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER CARA MENDELSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [5] Mendelsohn, Atkins, Gracey, Narvaez, Stewart

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Secretary Staff

Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT C.

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EXHIBIT A

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Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs

December 11, 2023

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2023 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Narvaez (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Stewart, West	GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT West (C), Blackmon (VC), Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Moreno (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Gracey, West, Willis	PARKS, TRAILS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT Stewart (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Narvaez, West
PUBLIC SAFETY Mendelsohn (C), Stewart (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Willis	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Bazaldua (C), Resendez (VC), Blackmon, Gracey, Ridley, Schultz, Willis
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Narvaez (C), Gracey (VC), Atkins, Mendelsohn, Resendez, Schultz, Stewart	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY Schultz (C), Arnold (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Resendez, Ridley, Willis
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS Atkins (C), Mendelsohn, Moreno,	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS Mendelsohn (C), Gracey, Johnson, Schultz, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS Ridley (C), Resendez, West	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Gracey, Narvaez, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS Atkins (C), Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez, Stewart, West, Willis	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Gracey (C), Blackmon, Johnson, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez, Schultz

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

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"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."

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Call to Order

MINUTES

1. [23-3255](#) Approval of the September 28, 2023, Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. [23-3256](#) Update on status of code amendments based on the 88th Legislature and code sections suggested for revision or repeal.
[Casey Burgess, Executive Assistant City Attorney]

Attachments: [2023 bill ordinances updated](#)

- B. [23-3257](#) Review of 2025 Legislative Priorities to date
[Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs; Linley Youderian, Senior Government Affairs Coordinator]

Attachments: [Ad Hoc Committee Legislative Update](#)

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

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EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Item 1: Approval of the September 28, 2023, Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs
Minutes

Councilmember Stewart moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Willis and unanimously adopted.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2023

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item A: Update on status of code amendments based on the 88th Legislature and code sections suggested for revision or repeal.

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Casey Burgess, Executive Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2023

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item B: Review of 2025 Legislative Priorities to date

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs; and
- Linley Youderian, Senior Government Affairs Coordinator, Office of Government Affairs

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EXHIBIT C



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Update on Status of Code Amendments Based on the 88th Legislature

**Ad Hoc Legislative
Committee
December 11, 2023**

Casey Burgess, Deputy Chief of General Counsel,
City Attorney's Office

Presentation Overview



1. Background
2. Status of ordinances in response to 88th Legislative Session
3. Chapters/sections of the code recommended for revision or repeal



Background



- The 88th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature met between January and May 2023.
- After each legislative session, the City Attorney's Office conducts a comprehensive review of bills to determine which bills affect the city and which bills may require code amendments.



Background



- Reviewed over 140 bills that potentially affected the city to see if any code amendments are necessary.
 - Identified 17 bills that could result in code amendments, but amendments are not required for all 17 bills.



Subject:

- Zoning notice and nonconforming uses

Client Departments:

- Planning and Urban Design
- Development Services

Status:

- Approved by ZOAC on November 14, 2023
- Anticipate ordinance to be heard at CPC in January 2024

Subject:

- Parkland dedication for multifamily and hotel/motel developments

Client Departments:

- Park and Recreation
- Planning and Urban Design

Status:

- Park Board briefed on October 19, 2023
- Parks Trails and the Environment Committee briefed on November 6, 2023



Status (cont'd):

- City Council resolution designating dwelling unit factor and density factor approved on November 8, 2023
- City Council hearing scheduled for December 13, 2023 to designate areas of the city as suburban, urban, or CBD
- ZOAC, CPC, and City Council hearings to follow in 2024



HB 1922 and HB 3492



Subject:

- Building permit fees (HB 1922) and platting fees (HB 3492)

Client Department:

- Development Services

Status:

- Rolled into Development Services fee ordinance
- Scheduled for City Council on December 13, 2023



Subject:

- Charter schools

Client Department:

- Planning and Urban Design

Status:

- Rolled into ordinance already under consideration by Planning and Urban Design

Subject:

- Cemeteries

Client Department:

- Planning and Urban Design

Status:

- Ordinances drafted. Under review by department.

HB 1750 and HB 2947



Subject:

- Agricultural operations

Client Department:

- Potentially multiple

Status:

- Awaiting guidance from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service



Subject:

- Food trucks

Client Department:

- Code Compliance

Status:

- Working on interlocal agreement with Dallas County. Possible code amendment dependent on agreement.

Subject:

- Food service managers

Client Department:

- Code Compliance

Status:

- Ordinance drafted. Under review by department.

Subject:

- Campaign finance reports

Client Department:

- City Secretary's Office

Status:

- Ordinance drafted. Under review by department.

Subject:

- Juvenile curfews

Client Department:

- Dallas Police Department

Status:

- Ordinance drafted. Under review by department.

Subject:

- Third party reviews and inspections

Client Department:

- Development Services

Status:

- Ordinance drafted. Under review by department.

Subject:

- Catalytic converters

Client Department:

- Dallas Police Department

Status:

- Working with department to draft ordinance

Subject:

- Emergency vehicles

Client Department:

- Aviation

Status:

- Ordinance drafted. Under review by department.

Subject:

- Solar pergolas

Client Department:

- Development Services

Status:

- No code amendment necessary.
- Addressed administratively through Service First Bulletin No. 101.



Subject:

- Plats and engineering plans

Client Department:

- Development Services

Status:

- No code amendment necessary.
- Working with the department to determine if code amendment is desirable.



Recommended for Revision or Repeal



- Chapter 20: Earned Paid Sick Time
 - Preempted by state law
- Section 31-35: Panhandling/Solicitation
 - Overturned by court
- Chapter 39: Railroads
 - Chapter largely preempted by federal law





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Update on Status of Code Amendments Based on the 88th Legislature

**Ad Hoc Legislative
Committee
December 11, 2023**

Casey Burgess, Deputy Chief of General Counsel,
City Attorney's Office



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2025 Legislative Priorities Submitted To-Date

**Ad Hoc Committee on
Legislative Affairs
December 11, 2023**

Carrie Rogers, Director
Linley Youderian, Sr. Government Affairs Coordinator
Office of Government Affairs
City of Dallas

Overview



- Process Overview – Looking Ahead
- Proposed Process for Legislative Priorities Going Forward
- Submitted 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities
- Key Dates
- Next steps





336 days until pre-filing begins
in Austin

110 items submitted for consideration



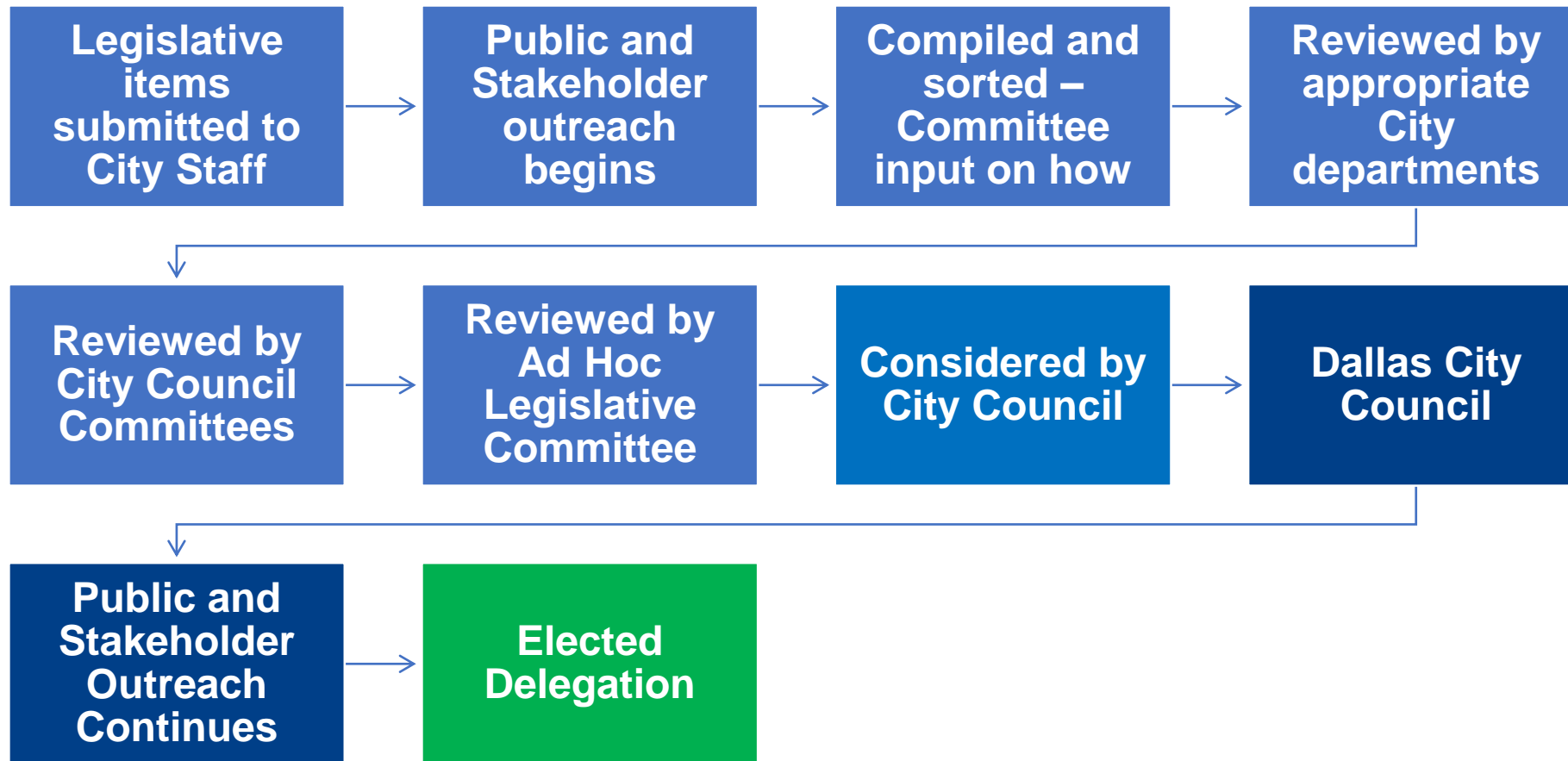
Proposed Process for Legislative Priorities



- Prior to each legislative session, the City Council adopts a state and federal legislative agenda outlining official City of Dallas positions on various legislative issues.
- Input is sought from the Mayor and City Council, City executive leadership, City departments, and external organizations.
- The program serves as guiding principles for City elected officials, City staff, and the legislative team engaged in outreach and policy discussions
- The agenda is communicated to elected offices upon adoption.



Proposed Process for Legislative Priorities



Proposed Process for Legislative Priorities



September 2023:

- OGA call for priorities

October – December 2023:

- Present legislative briefings to Committees
- Gather feedback from all committees and present items to Ad Hoc Committee (Dec. 11)
- Gather feedback from Ad Hoc Legislative Committee by Dec. 15
- Committee memos sent to Ad Hoc Lege Chair for consideration (proposed week of December 18)

January – February 2023:

- Jan. 8, 2024 – Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting to review all legislative priorities to advance to full City Council
- City Council to consider adoption of program (not currently scheduled)



Process Overview – Looking Ahead



Summer 2024

- All legislation from 88th needs to be resolved by end of June 2024

Fall 2024

- Dallas Delegation Legislative Luncheons (August – September)

November 2024

- Austin Pre-filing begins

January 2025

- 119th Congress – First Session convenes

January – June 2025

- 89th Texas Legislature convenes
- Testimony will be requested of departments throughout the session

July 2025

- Post-session – Work with departments to implement passed legislation and conduct stakeholder outreach



Process Suggestions



- Categorize proposed submitted legislative priorities by them and/or Texas Legislature committees rather than City committees
- Include line item to show committee overlap
- Include line item to score proposed priorities



Economic Development Priorities: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Clarify provisions in HB 14, relating to third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of an improvement related to such a document	State
Clarify provision in SB 929, relating to the notice and compensation a municipality must provide before revoking the right to use property for a use that was allowed before the adoption of or change to a zoning regulation or boundary.	State
Clarify jurisdiction provisions in HB 2878 Mobile Food Unit (MFU).	State
Qualifying all Southern Dallas City as an opportunity zone or other "zones".	Federal



GPFM Priorities: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item

State/Federal

Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations.

State

Ensure privacy and security of resident and commercial data.

State

Require mandatory disclosure of residential and commercial real estate prices.

State

Establish a database of homestead exemptions.

State

Preserve local authority to collect franchise fee revenues.

State

Expand options for publication of legal notices.

State

Amend Government Code Chapter 2274 regarding prohibition from service contracts with institutions that have policies that may restrict gun or ammunition sales and fossil fuels investments.

State

Clarify the local government procurement process to include price consideration is purchasing goods.

State

Continue existing funding streams.

Both



Housing & Homeless Priorities: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Preserve owner prosperity for the elderly in rapidly developing communities.	State
Protect rental subsidies from landlord discrimination.	State
Support tenant protections, including a right to cure, throughout the eviction process.	State
Remove barriers to growing the housing stock, including availability of condos.	State
Continue expanding funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.	Federal
Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to include blight remediation.	Federal
Enhance Point in Time standards on number of hours to search to ensure homeless threshold is accurately reflected.	Federal
Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.	Both



Parks, Trails and Environment: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Support legislation that encourages the donation of pre-consumer edible food from food service vendors directly to those in need	State
Support legislation that advances or incentivizes grid improvements and distributed energy resources	State
Establish and fund an Office of Environmental Justice in TCEQ's Office of the Public Interest Counsel	State
Support legislation that requires collaboration between TCEQ and local governments; increase engagement with residents	State
Support legislation that bans the disposal into landfills of certain recyclable and organic materials	State
Support legislation that requires and incentivizes the recycling of certain construction, remodeling, and demolition debris	State
Support legislation requiring air quality as a consideration in industrial zoning	State
Prevent the narrowing of the definition of State waters	State



Parks, Trails and Environment: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Support legislation that incentivizes the pickup and delivery of food and organic waste from food service vendors for composting and food donation.	State
Support legislation that allows per ton surcharges on materials disposed in landfills to fund a variety of waste reduction and diversion activities.	State
Support legislation that encourages transformational funding for building and transforming underutilized or abandoned property into sustainable and productive spaces (AQ4.)	State
Support legislation that requires the incorporation of reusable and recyclable materials into municipal road construction and maintenance projects.	State
Support legislation to expedite consequences for industries that fail to meet air quality standards.	State
Water availability and funding.	State
Protect and fully fund the State's Nursing Home Ombudsman programming.	State
Support legislation that can support investments and incentives for weatherization and utilities efficiency.	State



Parks, Trails and Environment: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Support legislation that provides incentives to Cities to advance litter and homeless abatement.	Both
Support legislation that incentivizes companies to make products out of recycled materials.	Both
Support legislation that expands producer responsibility.	Both
Support legislation to update substandard home stock.	Both
Support legislation that supports green job creation and training.	Both
Support legislation that encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation.	Both
Support legislation that advances or incentivizes the use of electric vehicles and EV infrastructure.	Both
Support legislation that incentivizes green infrastructure, particularly in communities with environmental justice concerns.	Both
Support legislation that reduces harmful greenhouse gases and makes our Cities more resilient to climate change.	Both



Parks, Trails and Environment: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Increase funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.	Both
Create a narrow exemption in CERCLA designating MSW landfills as "passive receivers" of PFAS compounds.	Federal



Transportation & Infs.: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Permit lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour	State
Amend the provision within Chapter 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code which imposes a limitation on expenditures not to exceed \$1.5 million for a "civil works project," in order to harmonize with the provisions articulated in Subchapter D, 2269, of the Government Code.	State
Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles.	State
TxDOT litter and mowing pick up.	State
Clarify municipal authority to designate roadways as a High Injury Network (HIN) roadway.	State
Elevate broadband service as a critical utility.	Both



Public Safety Priorities: Submitted



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations.	State
Clarify statutory language supporting police access to less lethal device.	State
Properly align responsibilities and seek funding for school crossing guard programs.	State
Seek funding for emergency protection equipment accidents (blockers).	State
Consider establishing the Department of Public Safety as the primary first responder on state highways.	State
Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities.	State
Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and abusers.	Both
Increase funding for re-entry services.	Both



Quality of Life Priorities: Submitted



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Seek funding and resources for the physical and mental healthcare for all residents of Dallas.	Both
Reduce barriers to sober/supportive housing and medication- assisted treatment.	Both
Decriminalize the use of fentanyl testing strips.	Both
Seek funding for parks, trails and international events.	Both
Increase funding for the Texas Cultural Association's Culture District Program.	State
Increase funding for the Texas State Library Archives Commission relating to technology and digital inclusion.	State
Clarify the regulation of public libraries.	State
Amend the parks code as it relates to rental car tax.	State
Seek funding for the police and fire pension (gambling).	Both



Quality of Life Priorities: *Submitted*



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Support the legalization of marijuana.	Both
Ban the Box.	State
Support legislation requiring air quality as a consideration in industrial zoning.	State
Support Medicaid expansion.	Both
Increase opioid harm reduction resources such as decriminalize the use of fentanyl testing strips and Medication Assisted Treatment.	Both



Workforce, Education, Equity: Priorities Submitted



Submitted Legislative Item	State/Federal
Protect immunization requirements for vulnerable populations.	State
Protect and strengthen State Senior Ombudsman program for nursing homes and assisted living facilities.	State
Support funding and resources for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses.	Both
Expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infants and Children Program benefits to include diapers and period products and improve electronic access for applicants.	Both
Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services.	Both
Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees.	Both
Support for foster and post foster children.	Both
Ban the Box.	State
Support post incarceration programs and re-entry services.	Both
Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees.	Both



Key Dates and Next Steps



- Receive and incorporate committee feedback on process and to develop a streamlined document for further consideration
- December 15 – Due date for legislative priorities
 - Committee memos provided to each Chair to affirm priorities to advance to Legislative Committee
- January 8 – Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting to review all legislative priorities submitted by each committee
- January 24 – Soonest date for City Council to consider adoption of program (not currently scheduled)
- Communications and outreach to key stakeholders





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Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities

**Ad Hoc Committee on
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