

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-____ (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY OF MCKINNEY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 87TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, desires to adopt the attached legislative priorities of the City of McKinney for the 87th session of the Texas State Legislature; and.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, the 87th Session of the Texas State Legislature will convene in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, during the 87th Session, it is anticipated the Texas State Legislature will decide many significant issues that directly and indirectly impact residents and businesses of McKinney, their local government, and their quality of life.

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

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, hereby approves and adopts the City of McKinney's Legislative Priorities for the 87th Session of the Texas State Legislature (Exhibit A).
- Section 2. The Mayor and Council hereby direct staff to distribute and communicate the approved Legislative Priorities for the 87th Session of the Texas State Legislature to its legislative consultant and other parties as appropriate.
- Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS ON THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

GEORGE C. FULLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK S. HOUSER
City Attorney

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City of McKinney 2021 State Legislative Priorities

The City of McKinney seeks to promote the following legislative priorities in collaboration with our state legislators.

Our Home – Our Decisions

- Support legislation that upholds the City of McKinney’s home-rule authority, and oppose any legislation that seeks to diminish municipal home-rule authority
- Support local responsibility for property taxation decisions and appraisals
- Support legislation that would maintain the current revenue structure of the City of McKinney and other home-rule municipalities in the state
- Support legislation recognizing the demands on high growth cities, like the City of McKinney, facing exponential growth to make our own decisions regarding our homes, our families and our businesses
- Support restructuring the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to allow for further representation from large to mid-size fire departments on the Commission and Fire Advisory Committee, and to provide regulation on limits of Fire Advisory Committee.
- Support amendments to House Bill 2439, as passed in the 86th Texas Legislature, to allow the City of McKinney to mitigate the unintended consequences of a reduction in development standards
- Support amendments to House Bill 3167, as passed in the 86th Texas Legislature, to allow for high growth cities, like the City of McKinney, to deliver better customer service to the development community

McKinney National Airport

- Support opportunities to link transportation and land use surrounding public use and general aviation airports
- Support legislation that provides tools that can be used at the local level to promote compatible growth around public use and general aviation airports
- Support increased funding to foster airport development for public use and general aviation airports to meet future demands

Economic Development

The City of McKinney supports policies that emphasize digital infrastructure and smart applications such as; mobile and wired broadband, smart electric grid, health IT, intelligent transportation systems, mobile payments, digital

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signatures, e-government, and kiosks and other self-service technologies that will transform the Texas economy.

Furthermore, McKinney supports policies that embrace the digital economy and trade policies that elevate the jobs, incomes, and material well-being of Texas residents.

- Support all economic development programs currently available under Texas law
- Support all state-wide programs which promote economic growth in the aerospace and aviation industries
- Support Type A/Type B Sales Tax Revenue, and oppose legislation that attempts to remove or amend the purposes of Type A/Type B Tax Revenue
- Support state and local utilization of tax abatements and other economic development incentives
- Support including Corporate Headquarters as an eligible project for Chapter 313 value limitation from local school districts
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute in a manner that provides all Texas cities the authority to spend hotel occupancy tax revenue on existing sports facilities and fields in a manner that promotes tourism within the City
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that would allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails/ sidewalks that connect parks, lodging establishments, and other tourist attractions, and related public facilities
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that would rebate a portion of the state Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenues to Texas cities for use in the development, maintenance, and operations of convention centers and other meeting facilities
- Support increased HOT collection authority for local governments and efforts to provide increased consequences for nonpayment
- Support the Texas Commission on the Arts as an important resource to foster growth of cultural arts including the Cultural Arts District designation program. Cultural arts are critical components the local community, and Historic Downtown McKinney Cultural District continues to utilize project funding to support programs that attract visitors and contribute economic gains to the district.
- Support the Texas Historical Commission and its programs. Downtown McKinney is anchored by a historic courthouse and its historic square contributes to the economic vitality of the city. Through the THC, McKinney is a state accredited Main Street that assists in the preservation and promotion of McKinney's historic district.

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Tax Reform

- Support continued property tax reform, namely reform related to public school finance
- Support the state in re-establishing their share of school funding to 50% of total funding

Education & Workforce

- Support funding measures to maintain a strong public school system
 - A strong public school system is a key component to economic development for companies that are expanding or relocating to the City of McKinney
- Support increased funding for workforce education programs in Texas high schools and Texas community colleges
- Support policies encouraging workforce and entry-level housing, allowing McKinney, Collin County, and the state to continue the 'Texas Miracle.'

Transportation

- Further increase Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) funding
- Advocate for proper allocation of transportation funding in fast growth communities, like McKinney and Collin County
- Support legislation that would allow for greater flexibility by cities to fund local transportation projects

McKinney Road Priorities:

- **US 380 Conversion to a Controlled Access Facility**
 - Improve mobility and safety by creating a regional controlled access facility.
- **Sam Rayburn Tollway extension from S.H. 121 to US 380**
 - Provide an alternative to U.S. 380 by extending the Sam Rayburn Tollway to US 380.
- **SH 5 Construction from F.M. 546 to U.S. 380**
 - Implement the findings of a city / NCTCOG / TxDOT study, including paving, median, sidewalk, landscape, lighting and other enhancements
- **Custer Road (FM 2478) From US 380 to FM 1461**
 - Increase roadway capacity and make geometric improvements to roadway safety
- **Wilmeth Road from Custer Road to Ridge Road and Lake Forest Drive to Hardin Boulevard**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.
- **FM 546 from McKinney National Airport to US 380 in Princeton**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.

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Water

- Support efforts and legislation that would allocate state funding to increase water supply within the state.
- Support legislation which promotes maintaining local authority of water conservation efforts within individual districts and/or municipalities
- Support legislation to streamline water project permitting process at both the state and federal level

Elections

- Support efforts and legislation to maintain the May and November Uniform Election dates

Open Government

- Support efforts to allow for internet publication of legal notices rather than requiring publication in a paper of record
- McKinney continues to be a champion for open government and supports continued local transparency efforts. For an example of how McKinney leads the state in transparency efforts, visit www.mckinneytexas.opengov.com