

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-032

WHEREAS, the 88th Legislative Session began on January 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Round Rock (“City”) requests that the local delegation oppose certain legislation that is harmful to the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may also request that the members of the local delegation introduce certain legislation deemed necessary by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorizes the City’s representatives to oppose any legislation that limits the existing authority of the City to govern its own affairs, oppose the imposition of any state mandates that do not provide for a commensurate level of state funding, and introduce certain legislation deemed necessary for the City and its citizens; Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS,

That the local delegation be requested to assist the City with the following legislative proposals, and that the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager, City Attorney, City staff members, and the City’s legislative representatives be authorized to testify on behalf of the City for or against the following proposals as appropriate:

1. **Sales Tax** – The City requests its local delegation to oppose any change in the sales tax intrastate sourcing rule or that reduces the City’s sales tax allocation and introduce legislation related to these issues at the City’s request.
2. **Appraisal Caps, Revenue Caps, Property Tax, and Adoption of the Annual Budget** - The City requests its local delegation to oppose any legislation that (1) will place additional appraisal caps on property, (2) will place revenue caps on the City, and (3) will limit or impose additional restrictions on the City’s authority to adopt a tax rate and the annual budget.

3. **Annexation, Zoning, Regulating Development, and Eminent Domain** – The City requests its local delegation to oppose any legislation that would limit the City’s authority related to annexation, zoning, regulating property development, and eminent domain.
4. **Transportation Improvements** – The City requests its local delegation to support legislation that will enhance its ability to construct and improve transportation projects.
5. **Economic Development Incentive Authority** – The City requests its local delegation to oppose legislation that will limit the City’s authority to participate in local economic development projects, or which would impose state oversight. The City requests its local delegation to support legislation to appropriate funds for the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Governor’s University Research Initiative (GURI).
6. **Issuing City Debt** – The City requests its local delegation to oppose legislation that would expand election requirements for issuance of any city debt, impose a petition/election procedure where none currently exists, or that would otherwise erode the ability of a city to issue debt in any way.
7. **Higher Education Appropriations** – The City requests its local delegation to support any and all requests by Texas State University, Texas A&M, and Austin Community College for expansions or improvements of their Round Rock campuses.
8. **Public Property, Rights-of-way, and Easements** - The City requests its local delegation to oppose legislation which would place limits or impose additional restrictions on the City’s legal authority to manage the City’s public property, including rights-of-way and easements.
9. **Municipal Elections** - The City requests its local delegation to oppose legislation which would place limits or impose additional restrictions or requirements on the City, on its current authority with respect to setting election dates or which requires council candidates to declare a political party affiliation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager, City Attorney, City staff members, and the City's legislative representatives be authorized to testify in opposition to any legislation that would limit or erode the City's power to self-govern, or in any way be of detriment to the City's authority to exercise the powers prescribed by the citizens of the City in their elected officials and oppose the imposition of any state mandates that do not provide for a commensurate level of state funding.

The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

RESOLVED this 9th day of February, 2023.

CRAIG MORGAN, Mayor
City of Round Rock, Texas

ATTEST:

MEAGAN SPINKS, City Clerk