RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 89TH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature begins on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grapevine has a strong interest in legislative activities that may affect the City; and

WHEREAS, once the legislative session starts, legislation moves quickly and oftentimes a City position must be expressed on an issue before the City Council has an opportunity to meet; and

WHEREAS, the passage of a broad legislative agenda will allow staff to communicate the legislative priorities of the City on behalf of the entire City Council; and

WHEREAS, all constitutional and statutory prerequisites for the approval of this resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems the adoption of this resolution to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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

Section 1. That all matters stated in the above preamble are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2. That the legislative agenda attached as "Exhibit A" will serve as the official Legislative agenda for the City of Grapevine.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS on this the 7th day of January, 2025.

APPROVED:

William D. Tate
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tara Brooks
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew C.G. Boyle
City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS
89th LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA

General Legislation

- Oppose legislation that would restrict the City's right to regulate short term rentals
- Monitor changes related to sales tax sourcing
- Oppose legislation that would restrict eminent domain authority of local governments
- Support legislation to achieve equality and fairness in the appraisal process
- Oppose additional revenue caps
- Oppose unfunded mandates
- Monitor changes to 4B and CCPD legislation
- Support changes to Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) legislation to require consent from the hosting community for another community to create an HFC outside of its own jurisdiction.
- Oppose legislation that allows property owners to unilaterally de-annex from the City

Elections

- Oppose any legislation that would further restrict a municipality's rights to hold an election
- Oppose legislation that would make local elections partisan

Human Resources

- Support legislation that would allow cities in TMRS to opt out of cost of living (COLA) increases for one or more years without a "catch up" penalty when COLA's are reinstated
- Oppose legislative changes that would expand the Meet and Confer law

Library

- Oppose further cuts to State funding of local libraries and endorse additional funding that would increase digital content for patrons and funding for remote workforce development activities in libraries

Parks and Recreation

- Support legislation that would increase funding for State Parks and the Texas Recreation & Parks Account
- Oppose the diversion of the sporting goods sales tax away from Texas Parks & Wildlife to other uses

Police

- Support legislation increasing law enforcement training and management of critical incidents and high-risk responses
- Support legislation that would further service/care delivery of individuals in need of mental health services

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

- Support legislation to allow municipalities authority over the location of gas pipelines
- Support legislation that allows cities to require reasonable exterior materials (not just brick) that maintains health, safety and property value, follows current national and international standards for building code materials and maintains character, property values, and economic vitality of identified districts within their community

- Support legislation modifying the timing requirements put in place by HB 3167 so they give the developers more certainty yet have timeframes that are reasonable to ensure future residents' safety and the economic value of developed properties
- Oppose legislation that would restrict the City's right to enforce the tree preservation ordinance
- Oppose mandatory "30 day approval" deadlines for the plat and site plan review process
- Oppose any legislation weakening the ability of a City to enforce nuisance ordinances
- Oppose state-mandated building codes that restricts the City's ability to regulate building standards
- Oppose state mandates relative to lot sizes and accessory dwelling units

Tourism

- Support preservation of full funding for Texas tourism (Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division)
- Support protection of the summer travel market by opposing legislation that allows school to start prior to the 4th Monday in August
- Support preservation of the Event Trust program
- Support reasonable transportation infrastructure policies that impact the Texas travel industry
- Support preservation of state funding for programs that benefit travel and tourism at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TP&WD), Texas Historical Commission (THC), Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA)
- Oppose legislation that would redirect hotel/motel tax to any other entity or earmark its use for any particular purpose

Fire

- Support the repeal of legislation that limits a city's ability to require sprinkler systems in residential dwellings

Transportation and Public Works

- Support statewide efforts to address water supply issues

Economic Development

- Support a revised incentive program for a Texas "deal closing fund" for large scale projects in which a Texas location is competing directly with other states for the investment
- Support policies which enhance workforce development