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**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
STATE LEGISLATIVE  
POLICY WORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

# IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

**COUNCIL WORK SHOP ON  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**OCTOBER 9, 2012**

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
ON FUTURE AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 16, 2012**

**CITY COUNCIL ADOPT  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

**PRE-FILING OF  
LEGISLATION BEGINS  
FOR 83RD REGULAR  
SESSION**

**JANUARY 8, 2013**

**83RD REGULAR SESSION  
OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE  
CONVENES**

**MARCH 8, 2013**

**BILL FILING DEADLINE**

# LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- **PRIORITY** – WILL ACTIVELY PURSUE AND SUPPORT/OPPOSE THE POLICY, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, SEEKING INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE PURELY LOCAL CORPUS CHRISTI BILLS AND VERY IMPORTANT LEGISLATION OF STATEWIDE APPLICATION.
- **ACTIVELY SUPPORT/OPPOSE** – WILL AGGRESSIVELY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE PASSAGE/DEFEAT OF A MEASURE IF IT IS INTRODUCED BY SOME OTHER ENTITY.
- **ENDORSE** – WILL MAKE ITS SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION KNOWN, BUT WILL NOT ACTIVELY PURSUE THE ISSUE.

# TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML)

## CATEGORIES OF EFFORT

- **SEEK INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE** – WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND A SPONSOR, WILL PROVIDE TESTIMONY, AND WILL OTHERWISE ACTIVELY PURSUE PASSAGE. KNOWN AS “TML BILLS.”
- **SUPPORT** – WILL ACTIVELY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PASSAGE OF THE INITIATIVE IF IT IS INTRODUCED BY SOME OTHER ENTITY. TML WILL PROVIDE AND/OR ARRANGE FOR TESTIMONY.
- **ENDORSE** – WILL MAKE ITS SUPPORT KNOWN BUT WILL NOT ACTIVELY PURSUE PASSAGE.
- **OPPOSE** – WILL ACTIVELY AND VIGOROUSLY ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO MEMBER CITIES.
- **NO POSITION** – TML WILL TAKE NO ACTION.

*There may be times when City position differs from TML.*

**THE CITY SUPPORTS LEGISLATION AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS THAT:**

- **PROTECT AND ENHANCE CITY REVENUES.**
- **REDUCES OR ELIMINATES COSTS TO THE CITY.**
- **SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL.**
- **PROTECTS POLICIES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY CITY LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE CHARTER, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MASTER PLANS.**
- **PROVIDE INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND REGION BY SUPPORTING ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES.**

**THE CITY OPPOSES LEGISLATION AND/OR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS THAT:**

- **UNDERMINE THE PRINCIPLE OF HOME RULE AND LOCAL CONTROL BY THE CITY.**
- **RESULTS IN THE LOSS OF REVENUE OR NEGATIVELY IMPACTS POTENTIAL REVENUE GROWTH TO THE CITY.**
- **DIMINISHES THE AUTHORITY OF CITIES TO REGULATE AND MANAGE THEIR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.**
- **NULLIFY OR UNDERMINE THE CITY'S POLICIES CONTAINED IN EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MASTER PLANS, UNLESS SUCH CHANGES EXPAND THE CITY'S ABILITY TO MANAGE ITS OWN AFFAIRS.**
- **IMPOSES UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT REQUIRES ANY EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY UNLESS ALL COSTS ARE FULLY REIMBURSED BY THE MANDATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.**

# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **PRIORITY**

- 1. EXEMPT THE CORPUS CHRISTI AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY (ASR) DISTRICT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF DEVELOPING A “DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION” OF THE AQUIFER IN CHAPTER 36, WATER CODE.**
- 2. EXPAND AUTHORITY OF JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD IN CHAPTER 241, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE RADAR INTERFERENCE.**
- 3. VALIDATE ACTIONS OF THE LOWER NUECES WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT TO PROTECT CITY’S REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS IN OR NEAR LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI.**

# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **PRIORITY**

- 4. ALLOW A COUNTY TO USE ITS TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATIONS FOR A COMPANY THAT IS IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF A CITY THAT IS NOT IN THAT COUNTY.**
- 5. ALLOW TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATIONS TO BE BROKEN DOWN INTO HALVES OR QUARTERS.**
- 6. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING GAMING AT DESTINATION LOCATIONS IN TEXAS.**
- 7. WINDSTORM INSURANCE REFORM**



# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **PRIORITY**

**8. AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LEVY A LOCAL FEE OR TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

**9. CREATE A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN THE 2012 STATE WATER PLAN.**

**10. ELIMINATE THE POPULATION BRACKET LIMITATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE TO ALLOW SMALLER CITIES TO USE ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT METHODS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.**

# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **ACTIVELY SUPPORT**

- 1. LIMITATION ON BOATING SALES TAX TO CREATE INCENTIVE FOR LARGE BOATS TO BE REGISTERED IN TEXAS.**
- 2. FUNDING TO PROTECT TEXAS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FROM FUTURE BUDGET CUTS OR BRAC-LIKE ACTIONS BY PURCHASING DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OR LAND OUTRIGHT TO ENSURE COMPATIBLE LAND USE STRATEGIES.**
- 3. FAIR AND EQUITABLE SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM THAT STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE, MAXIMIZES LOCAL CONTROL AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND PREPARES THEM FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE.**

# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **ACTIVELY SUPPORT**

**4. ENHANCE EXISTING FORMULA FUNDING TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGE GRADUATES FROM TEXAS UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO THE SUPPORT THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PROVIDING A SKILLED WORK FORCE FOR THE TEXAS ECONOMY.**

**5. REINSTATE THE DISPERSAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION (LEOSE) FUNDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES ACROSS THE STATE TO DEFER THE COST OF THE REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION OF TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS.**

# PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION

## ACTIVELY OPPOSE

1. CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ONE PERCENT FRANCHISE FEE FOR STATE CABLE FRANCHISES.
2. FLOW CONTROL RESTRICTIONS IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.
3. CHANGES THAT MAY WEAKEN THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TMRS).
4. CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL START DATE.
5. LIMITATIONS ON LOCAL CONTROL AND RESTRICTIONS ON CITY'S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

# PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION

## ACTIVELY OPPOSE

6. REVENUE CAPS OR EROSION OF LOCAL CONTROL OVER BUDGETING PROCESS;
7. LIMITS ON LAND USE REGULATORY AUTHORITY;
8. LIMITS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES;
9. REDUCTION IN REVENUE COLLECTED FOR RIGHT OF WAY RENTAL (I.E. FRANCHISE FEES); AND
10. ELIMINATION OR LIMITS ON THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

# **PROPOSED CITY LEGISLATION**

## **ENDORSE**

- 1. BENEFIT PLAN FLEXIBILITY.**
- 2. CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND FUNDING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.**
- 3. CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR STATE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES IN THE COASTAL BEND, INCLUDING PARKS AND WILDLIFE, COMMISSION ON THE ARTS, HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND OTHERS.**

# **OTHER IDEAS – No ACTION TAKEN**

**AMEND CHAPTER 451, TRANSPORTATION CODE, TO CHANGE CITY APPOINTMENT TO RAPID TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD REPRESENTING TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.**

**AMEND CHAPTER 1251 AND 1331, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO GIVE MUNICIPALITIES FLEXIBILITY TO GROUP SUBJECTS FOR BOND BALLOT LANGUAGE.**

# WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

- **NUECES COUNTY**

- ✓ Pass a constitutional amendment (authorize referendum) to protect local governments from unfunded mandates.
- ✓ Clarify subdivision regulation laws to allow unilateral enforcement of subdivision regulation in the ETJ of cities, while not hampering the ability of a city or county to apply for and receive grant funding for subdivision improvements.

- **DEL MAR COLLEGE**

- ✓ Workforce Alignment;
- ✓ Student Success Funding;
- ✓ College Readiness;
- ✓ Transfer and Articulation;
- ✓ Fully fund Adult Basic Education programs for community colleges.



# WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

- **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CC**

- ✓ Maintain Base Funding and Minimize Additional Cuts
- ✓ Special Item funding requests for:
  - Engineering programs;
  - New Life Sciences Research Building;
  - Student Success initiative, and
  - New Arts and Media Building

- **METRO 8 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

- ✓ Economic Development;
- ✓ Education & Work Force;
- ✓ Health Care;
- ✓ Transportation, and
- ✓ Water

# WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

- **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

## **POLICY COMMITTEES**

- ✓ General Government;
- ✓ Revenue and Tax;
  - ✓ Subcommittee on Streamlined Sales Tax, Sales Tax Reallocation, and Internet Sales Tax Sourcing;
- ✓ Regulation of Development;
- ✓ Utilities and Transportation;
  - ✓ Subcommittee on Utility Rate Case, and
- ✓ Personnel and Pension Reform

# **WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING (FUTURE)**

- **CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
- **PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY**
- **CORPUS CHRISTI ISD**



QUESTIONS?  
DISCUSSION?

