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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/DCM/ACM: Sara Hensley

DATE: March 24, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton amending the City of Denton's 89th State Legislative Program; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Legislature has convened for 89th Legislative Session. As a political subdivision of the State, the City of Denton has a vested interest in the actions taken by the State Legislature during session. To ensure that the City's priorities are effectively represented at the state level, Council has approved a Legislative Program that outlines key policy areas that are most important to the City and guides the City's legislative efforts.

At the March 4 Work Session, staff presented an update on the 89th Legislative Session. Following this presentation, the Council directed staff to amend the City's Legislative Program to incorporate specific language addressing the potential limitations on municipal contracts with legislative consultants and/or lobbyists.

DISCUSSION

The 89th Legislature has seen the introduction of over a dozen bills that seek to restrict municipalities from engaging registered lobbyists. While the final outcome of these legislative efforts remains uncertain, the City of Denton maintains a vested interest in preserving its ability to utilize the expertise of registered lobbyists and consultants. Therefore, the Council has directed the inclusion of explicit opposition to such restrictions within the City's Legislative Program. In the event that restrictions are imposed, the City seeks to ensure that municipalities retain the authority to contract for non-lobbying legislative services.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

The 89th State Legislative Program was presented to Council at the October 22 Work Session, and then subsequently approved by Council on November 19, 2024.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Revised 89th State Legislative Session Program
3. Resolution

Respectfully submitted:
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