

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

Consider a memorandum/resolution adopting State Legislative Principles for the 85th Texas Legislative Session

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 85th Texas Legislative Session is January 10 through May 29. The Texas Legislature meets every two years and considers and passes legislation that impacts Killeen. The City of Killeen will work throughout the 85th Session to represent the interests of the citizens of Killeen related to their municipal government.

A formal list of State Legislative Principles has been developed to guide the City's efforts in the 85th Session. It enumerates positions of support and opposition that can be applied to proposed legislation. The City can then register its position during the legislative process.

The City of Killeen has engaged Schlueter Group for consulting and lobbying services since 2002. Adoption of State Legislative Principles for 2017 will provide guidance to help Schlueter Group effectively represent the City.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Adoption of State Legislative Principles will establish a framework for staff, elected officials and lobbyists to utilize in efforts in the 85th Texas Legislative Session. Enumerates positions of support and opposition, providing guidance and establishing expectations will assist the City of Killeen in successful representation at the state level.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution to establish State Legislative Principles for the 85th Texas Legislative Session.