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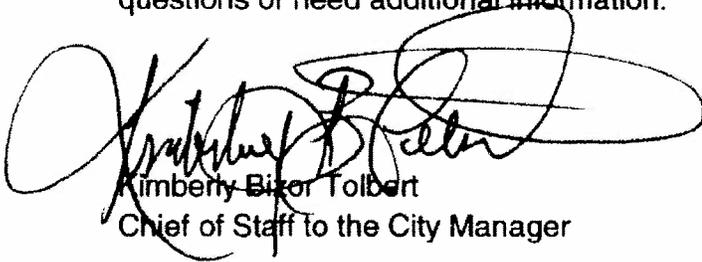
TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **85th Texas Legislature Overview**

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, you will be provided a brief overview of the 85th Texas Legislature. This briefing is intended to be a short, high-level summary of the regular session. As you know, Governor Abbott has called a special session, which will begin on July 18th. We will come back to you in August with a final legislative wrap-up.

Additionally, several items included in this briefing, as well as other bills from the legislative session, will require further analysis, including possible ordinance/operational changes. We are developing interdepartmental working teams to ensure that City operations will be in compliance with any new State laws. We will be bringing these issues back to the appropriate City Council committees for further discussion as needed.

The briefing materials are attached for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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Presentation Overview

- 85th Session Summary
- Public Safety Priorities Met
- Preemptive Legislation Passed
- Important Budget Items
- Bills of Interest that Failed Passage
- Special Session Called



85th Session Summary

- On October 16, 2016, the Dallas City Council approved the *Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature*
- Throughout the regular session, the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office and lobbyist team worked to pursue the priorities laid out in the legislative program
- The 85th Texas State Legislative Session concluded on May 29, 2017
- 6,631 bills were filed. The City tracked, analyzed, and/or acted on 1,645 city-related bills
- Lawmakers worked to negotiate a \$217 billion budget in a tight fiscal year



Public Safety Priorities Met

- **HB 3158 (Flynn/West)** – State legislative fix passed for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Fund
- **SB 12 (West/King)** – \$25 million for the biennium for state bullet proof vest grant program
- **SB 128 (Garcia)** – Requires training course on human trafficking for commercial driver's license applicants
- **Public Safety Priorities** – \$2 million for Texas Task Force 2



Preemptive Legislation Passed

- **Possible Ordinance Changes**
 - **HB 100 (Paddie)** – Regulation of transportation network companies
 - **SB 1004 (Hancock)** – Small cell network nodes in public rights-of-way
 - **SB 744 (Kolkhorst/Phelan)** – Tree planting credits
 - **SB 1913 (Zaffrini/Thompson) and HB 351 (Canales/Hinojosa)** – Ability to pay municipal court fees
- **Preemption**
 - **SB 4 (Perry)** – Sanctuary Cities
 - **SB 1172 (Perry/Geren)** – Regulation of seeds
 - **HB 1449 (Simmons/Nelson)** – Linkage fees



Important Budget Items

New Costs and Revenue Lost

- **HB 3158 (Flynn/West)** – Dallas Police and Fire Pension Fix; \$40.8 M in added costs for the City in 2018 (\$882.5 M over 30 years)
- **SB 1004 (Hancock/Geren)** – Small cell network nodes; \$22.5 M in annual revenue lost (estimated for 10,000 network nodes built over 5-10 years)
- **SB 2065 (Hancock/Kuempel) and SB 1556 (Kolkhorst/King)** – Requires an election that could result in the abolishment of Dallas County Schools

Funding for Texas Task Force 2

- Texas Task Force 2 - \$2 M for the 2018-19 biennium (funding for regional USAR team)

Grants of Interest in SB1

- Library Resource Sharing – \$37.6 M
- Local Library Aid – \$7.15 M
- Local Parks Grants – \$28.7 M
- Bulletproof Vests – \$25 M
- Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Fund – \$12 M
- Automobile Theft and Burglary Grants – \$5.6 M
- Texas Film Commission – \$22 M



Bills of Interest that Failed Passage

- **SB 2 (Bettencourt/Bonnen)** – Legislation that would have lowered the property tax rollback rate and required mandatory elections
- **SB 6 (Kolkhorst) and HB 2899 (Simmons)** – Mandate on use of bathrooms by birth sex
- **HB 3761 (Giddings)** – Transfer of Dawson Jail to City of Dallas
- **HB 1053 (Meyer) and HB 2480 (Johnson)** – Incentivize the development of affordable housing and homeownership in Dallas
- **SB 451 (Hancock) and HB 2551 (Parker)** – Restrictions on short term rental ordinances
- **HB 3081 (Capriglione) and SB 1530 (Estes)**– Restrictions on payday lending ordinances
- **SB 87 (Hall) and SB 88 (Hall)** – Restrictions on red light camera ordinances and contracts
- **SB 385 (Burton)** – Voter approval of federal funds for passenger rail



Special Session Called

- 30 day special session starts on July 18 and includes the following items:

Local Government:

- Property tax reform
- Caps on state and local spending
- Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
- Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
- Speeding up local government permitting process
- Municipal annexation reform
- Texting while driving preemption

Regulatory:

- Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
- Mail-in ballot fraud



Special Session Called Continued

Regulatory (continued):

- Sunset legislation
- Strengthen patient protections for do-not-resuscitate orders
- Extending maternal mortality task force

Social Issues:

- Privacy measures (bathroom legislation)
- Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
- Pro-life insurance reform
- Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise

Education:

- Teacher pay increase of \$1,000
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring/retention practices
- School finance reform commission
- School choice for special needs students



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