

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS**



**Monday, January 13, 2025
5:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given of a Special meeting of the Tomball City Council, to be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM, City Hall, 401 Market Street, Tomball, Texas 77375, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Tomball City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session for consultation with attorney on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

The public toll-free dial-in numbers to participate in the telephonic meeting are any one of the following (dial by your location): +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); +1 646 876 9923 US (New York); +1 301 715 8592 US; +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston); +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose); +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose); or +1 253 215 8782 US (Tahoma) - Meeting ID: 848 0383 2005 Passcode: 084894. The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically, as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comments and Receipt of Petitions; *[At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed three minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law - GC, 551.042.]*
- C. New Business
 - 1. Discussion, direction, and possible action regarding the City of Tomball's legislative priorities during the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature.
 - 2. Executive Session: The City Council will meet in Executive Session as Authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the Following Purpose(s):

Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with the City Attorney regarding a matter which the Attorney's duty requires to be discussed in closed session

Sec. 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property

D. Adjournment

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Tomball, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 9th day of January 2025 by 7:00 PM, and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Tracylynn Garcia, TRMC, MMC, CPM
City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (281) 290-1019 for further information.

City Council Meeting Agenda Item Data Sheet

Meeting Date: Jan. 13, 2025

Topic:

Discussion, direction, and possible action regarding the City of Tomball’s legislative priorities during the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature.

Background:

The 89th Session of the Texas Legislature will began on Jan. 14, 2025. Over the course of the session, thousands of bills will be filed that will impact Texas cities in a variety of ways, including potentially limiting local authority on key issues such as community development and land use, public safety, transparency, finance and revenue, and more.

Members of the Tomball City Council will be traveling to Austin on Jan. 14, opening day of the Texas Legislature, to provide members and their offices with information regarding the City’s position on legislative issues. A draft of a letter that will be provided to Representatives Oliverson, Swanson, and Harless and Senator Bettencourt is attached for Council review and approval.

Origination: City Manager’s Office

Recommendation:

N/A

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Jessica Rogers, Assistant City Manager

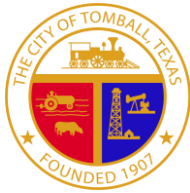
FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account: # _____ To Account: # _____

Signed: Jessica Rogers 1/8/2025 **Approved by:** _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date



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January 14, 2025

[NAME]
[CHAMBER]
[ADDRESS]
[ADDRESS]

[NAME],

The City of Tomball appreciates the opportunity to communicate with you and your office regarding the 89th regular session of the Texas Legislature and the City's priorities. You and your team have always been valued members our community and we are sincerely grateful for the work you have done for Tomball.

We know that the work of a legislator is difficult, and requires you to weigh many competing interests in order to vote on the thousands of bills that come before you. As such, we feel it is necessary to communicate our position on a number of legislative issues. Over the past few sessions, the Legislature has taken up a number of bills that restrict cities' ability to govern themselves. As a democratically elected body, the City Council of Tomball strongly opposes these efforts.

Like yourself, we have been elected to represent and respond to the needs of our community. The families and businesses that make up our city have put their trust and faith in us and they expect us to make decisions, adopt ordinances, enforce policies, and fund programs that directly benefit them and our community as a whole. When the Legislature removes this ability, our community suffers.

We are particularly concerned with the following:

- Bills that restrict our ability to participate in statewide organizations, such as the Texas Municipal League, that provide valuable and cost-effective services for our community;
- Bills that preempt municipal authority and restrict our ability to respond to the needs and wants of our citizens;
- Bills that erode our ability to collect needed revenues, including bills that further revenue caps or tax caps of any kind;
- Bills that restrict our ability to issue debt for critical infrastructure projects, including bills that would further limit the use of certificates of obligation;
- Bills that allow for voluntary deannexation of property and lead to inefficient service gaps in our community;
- Bills that remove or restrict our ability to use eminent domain; and
- Bills that remove or restrict our ability to make land use or zoning decisions for our community, including bills that restrict our ability to make decisions regarding lot size, tree preservation, accessory dwelling units, short term rentals, and building codes.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our positions. We stand ready to provide you and your office information as to how these bills impact Tomball and are willing and available to be present in Austin to testify if needed.

Lastly, we sincerely appreciate your tireless efforts to support Tomball. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Lori Klein Quinn
Mayor

John Ford
Councilman, Position 1

Paul Garcia
Councilman, Position 2

Dane Dunagin
Mayor Pro Tem/Councilman, Position 3

Lisa A. Covington
Councilman, Position 4

Randy Parr
Councilman, Position 5

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Background:

Origination: David Esquivel, City Manager

Recommendation:

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

David Esquivel, City Manager