



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2026-020, establishing an Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Subcommittee of the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills and Legislative Task Force.

PRESENTER: Paulette Hartman, City Manager

SUMMARY:

Due to ongoing legislative changes at the state and federal levels and the potential impacts these changes may have on the City, staff recommends establishing an Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Program that includes both a City Council Subcommittee and a resident-led Legislative Task Force. The Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, composed of the Mayor and two City Council Members, would provide high-level policy guidance and lead the City's intergovernmental coordination efforts. The Legislative Task Force would support these efforts by evaluating the community impacts of legislation and offering resident input to help shape the City's legislative agenda.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills continues to encounter legislative developments at the state and federal levels that directly affect the City's ability to govern effectively and provide essential municipal and community services. To proactively respond to these developments, staff recommends establishing an Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Program to coordinate and advance the City's legislative interests. The program is intended to strengthen the City's position through active participation in the legislative process, the development of strong intergovernmental relationships, and collaboration with community leaders and partner organizations to support the priorities of North Richland Hills residents.

To enhance these efforts, staff recommends the establishment of an Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Subcommittee of the City Council. Creating this standing subcommittee would provide a structured forum for coordinating City policies related to state and federal legislation, including the development of legislative agendas, positions on issues involving local utilities and solid waste collection agencies, review of interagency cooperation initiatives, and other advocacy efforts important to the



community. The subcommittee would be composed of the Mayor and two Council members.

The following individuals are recommended to be named as the Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Subcommittee of the City Council. These individuals will serve for an initial term of two years beginning May 2026 and ending April 2028. All future terms and any vacancy on the Subcommittee shall be filled by majority vote of the City Council.

- Jack McCarty Mayor
- Danny Roberts Councilmember
- Billy Parks Councilmember

Complementing the proposed subcommittee is the recommended establishment of a Legislative Task Force. The Legislative Task Force would serve as a resident-led advisory body composed of nine (9) NRH volunteer members who would be recommended by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council. The purpose of the Task Force would be to evaluate the potential community impacts of state and federal legislation and to provide input to ensure that the City's legislative agenda reflects the priorities of North Richland Hills residents. Members would serve two-year terms beginning in May of the year prior to a regular session of the Texas Legislature, with the inaugural terms beginning in May 2026 and concluding in April 2028. Each subsequent term would end in April of the year following a regular legislative session.

This item is presented to the City Council for consideration and action regarding the establishment of the Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Subcommittee and the Legislative Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-020, as presented.