

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, AND LOCAL ZONING CONTROL.

WHEREAS, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (the "Authority") is currently entitled to a portion of the sales tax collected within the City of Lago Vista (the "City") equal to one cent per dollar spent; and

WHEREAS, due to geographical limitations, the services provided to the City by the Authority are limited in proportion to the amount of sales tax foregone by the City under such arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the City may hold an election to withdraw from participation in the Authority and has previously held such elections, including in 2016 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has supported prior state legislation in 2017, 2019, and 2021 to allow cities to hold withdrawal elections more frequently than currently permitted under the Texas Transportation Code and to improve the calculation of financial obligations owed by a withdrawn city to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, HB 1344, filed by Representative Ellen Troxclair, seeks to prioritize financial assistance from Texas Water Development Board funds for communities like Lago Vista located within 50 miles of Austin, addressing critical water infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of increased funding opportunities for water infrastructure projects to support sustainable growth, protect public health, and ensure access to clean water for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City opposes legislative efforts to remove local zoning control, which could mandate high-density housing developments incompatible with Lago Vista's small-town character and community priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages its elected officials, including Representative Ellen Troxclair and Senator Donna Campbell, to champion legislation aligned with these priorities and to oppose legislation that undermines local control or limits funding for critical infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Support for CapMetro Reforms.

The City Council supports legislation authorizing the City to:

1. Hold an election on the question of withdrawal from the Authority more frequently than currently allowed under the Texas Transportation Code;

2. Amend the ballot proposition language for such elections;
3. Require the Texas Comptroller to determine each element of the financial obligations owed by a withdrawn city to the Authority; and
4. Provide the Comptroller discretion to determine reasonable credits for disparities in transit services provided by the Authority, including credits reflecting a lack of rail service.

SECTION 2. Support for HB 1344 and Water Infrastructure Funding.

The City Council supports:

1. HB 1344 and similar legislation prioritizing financial assistance for communities within 50 miles of Austin;
2. Legislation providing increased funding opportunities for water infrastructure projects benefiting cities like Lago Vista.

SECTION 3. Opposition to Local Zoning Preemption.

The City Council opposes any legislation that removes or preempts local zoning control, including efforts to mandate high-density housing developments incompatible with Lago Vista's growth strategy and infrastructure capabilities.

SECTION 4. Advocacy by Elected Officials.

The City Council supports Representative Ellen Troxclair, Senator Donna Campbell, and other elected officials in filing legislation aligned with these priorities and encourages their opposition to legislation counter to these goals.

SECTION 5. Advocacy Efforts.

The City Council directs Councilman Shane R. Saum to communicate this resolution to state legislators and to actively engage with stakeholders to advocate for these legislative priorities during the 2025 Texas Legislative Session.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December 2024.



ATTEST:



Maria Franco, City Secretary



Kevin Sullivan, Mayor