



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Municipal Building, Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. REVIEW OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR SHOULD EXPIRE ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH A RUNOFF ELECTION IS HELD OR SCHEDULED TO BE HELD.

Language recommended to change the beginning and end date of terms such that a new term would begin (and the prior term end) on the first Tuesday following certification of the election results for the new term. CRC vote unanimous. At the Special Session of August 3, 2021, Council rejected the proposal as written to allow for additional Council discussion.

2. REVIEW OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 22 TO CONSIDER ALLOWING THE OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER CREATING THE VACANCY TO APPOINT HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR, UNLESS SUCH VACANCY HAS BEEN CREATED DUE TO REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AS A RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, OR WHETHER TO DELETE LANGUAGE ALLOWING COUNCIL TO APPOINT A SUCCESSOR AND INSTEAD REQUIRE A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING SUCH VACANCY.

Language recommended to clarify that Council can either appoint someone to fill the vacancy or call a special election. Language also recommended to eliminate confusion about appointments being for the remainder of the term. CRC vote unanimous. At the Special Session of August 3, 2021, Council rejected the proposal as written to allow for additional Council discussion.

3. ARTICLE XIII, RECALL OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE LANGUAGE SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

The Charter Review Commission recommended changes to Article XIII to address potential timing conflicts with existing elections, ensuring the Clerk has adequate time to review signed petitions, and incorporating state law where appropriate in light of *In re: Petition to Recall Ward Three City Comm'r Ezzell*, 2021 OK 5. CRC vote unanimous. At the Special Session of August 3, 2021, Council rejected the proposal as written to allow for additional Council discussion.

4. ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTER TO REQUIRE THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE TO INCREASE CITY UTILITY RATES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Language recommended to require Staff to prepare a rate study for each utility annually and requiring Council to submit a rate increase for one or more utilities at the next Council election, and making provision for situations where an additional rate increase may be needed to meet an unexpected need. CRC vote unanimous. At the Special Session of August 3, 2021, Council rejected the proposal as written to allow for additional Council discussion.

5. RESOLUTION AS FOR REVIEW TO CONSIDER ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE CHARTER TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE FOR APPROVAL OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT OVER \$5,000,000.

The motion voted on was to recommend the electorate vote on all Sales Tax Increment Finance Districts. CRC vote 5-5. At the Special Session of August 3, 2021, Council rejected the proposal as written to allow for additional Council discussion.

ADJOURNMENT