

Attachment A

MINUTES

**NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES
CANDIDATE ORIENTATION**

January 20, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Council Chambers at 201 West Gray on the 20th day of January, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Allen
Richard Hilbert
Chairman Ty Hardiman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elizabeth Pierce
Elizabeth Windes

Item 1. Chairman Hardiman provided opening comments and introduced members of the Norman Election Commission and the City Clerk.

Item 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Member Hilbert nominated Ty Hardiman for Chairman and Member Allen nominated Member Hilbert as Vice-Chairman. Both nominations were voted on with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Allen, Hilbert, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES:

None

Chairman Hardiman declared Ty Hardiman elected as Chairman and Richard Hilbert elected as Vice-Chairman.

Item 3. Review of the political sign regulations from a representative of the City of Norman Code Compliance Division. Mr. Kelvin Winter, Code Compliance Officer, explained the regulations for political signs and answered questions specific to the size and placement of signs.

Items submitted for the record

1. Regulations for Political Signs

Item 4. Role of the Norman Election Commission. Chairman Hardiman highlighted the duties and responsibilities of the Norman Election Commission.

Item 5. Presentation and discussion of the Oklahoma State Ethics Commission regulations regarding the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act with City Council Candidates, Elected Officials and/or their designated agents.

Reports and who must file

- *Statement of Organization*
- *Financial Disclosure Statement*
- *Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports*
 - *Report Due Dates*
 - *Criteria included in reports*
 - *Contribution limits*
 - *Definition of contribution and expenditure*

City Clerk Brenda Hall provided an overview of the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act. Areas covered included Financial Disclosure Statements; Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports – who must file reports, where to file reports, and due dates for filing reports; contribution limits; and definitions of the various contribution types and expenditures. City Clerk Hall fielded questions from candidates and their representatives.

Items submitted for the record

1. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "City Council Candidate Orientation, presented by the Norman Election Commission, January 21, 2015"
2. 2016 City Council Candidate Manual

Item 6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 8, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 8th day of February, 2016, at 2:03 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Allen
Richard Hilbert
Elizabeth Pierce
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS TARDY:

Elizabeth Windes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Review of Statement of Organization Forms and Quarterly Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports from the following candidates and elected officials.

NAME ON REPORT	STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT	CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT - FINAL
Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)		X	
Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)		X	
Clint Williams for Norman (2014)			X
Leal for Ward 2 (2014)			X
Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014)			X
Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)		X	
Lynne Miller for Norman (2013)		X	
Friends of Jerry Lang (2014)		X	X
Holman for Norman (2015)		X	
Allison for Ward 8 (2014)		X	X
Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016	X		
Leal for Ward 2 2016	X		
Hickman for Ward 4 2016	X		
Friends of Jerry Lang (2016)	X		
Friends for Breea Clark (2016)	X		
Allison for Ward 8 2016	X		

Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal dated January 28, 2016

Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013), continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) was accepted.

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Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) dated January 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) was accepted.

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Clint Williams for Norman (2014)

Member Hilbert moved that the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Clint Williams for Norman (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Clint Williams for Norman (2014) dated January 28, 2016

Clint Williams for Norman (2014), continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Clint Williams for Norman (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Clint Williams for Norman (2014) was accepted.

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Leal for Ward 2 (2014)

Member Hilbert moved that the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 (2014) dated January 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 (2014) was accepted.

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Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014)

Aleisha Karjala's report was listed on the agenda in anticipation that a report would be filed for the Commission to review at this meeting. Ms. Karjala is still working on closing out her 2014 campaign; therefore, the report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) dated January 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) was accepted.

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Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2013)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2013) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2013) dated February 1, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2013), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2013) was accepted.

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Friends of Jerry Lang (2014)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) dated January 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) was accepted.

Member Hilbert moved that the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) dated January 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Friends of Jerry Lang (2014) was accepted.

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Holman for Norman (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Holman for Norman (2015) dated January 28, 2016

Holman for Norman (2015), continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Candidate Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015) was accepted.

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Allison for Ward 8 (2014)

Member Hilbert moved that the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Quarterly Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) dated December 31, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Quarterly Municipal Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) was accepted.

Member Hilbert moved that the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Campaign Committee Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) dated January 8, 2016

Allison for Ward 8 (2014), continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Allison for Ward 8 (2014) was accepted.

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Chairman Hardiman said there were six Statement of Organizations received for 2016:

Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016
Leal for Ward 2 2016
Hickman for Ward 4 2016
Friends of Jerry Lang 2016
Friends for Breea Clark 2016
Allison for Ward 8 2016

Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said a candidate is not required to register their campaign committee until the \$1,000 threshold has been met and additional Statement Organization forms would be received.

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Member Windes arrived at 2:35 p.m.

Item 3. Discussion regarding Senate Bill 438 related to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, which authorizes municipalities to enact comprehensive code of campaign finance and personal financial disclosure ordinances.

Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said Council adopted Resolution R-1415-63 on December 9, 2014, which asked the State Legislature to allow cities to modify some part of the new rules relative to contribution limits. She said Senate Bill 438 (SB438) allows municipalities to opt out of the State Ethics Commission rules and allow municipalities to adopt their own ordinances regulating contributions and expenditures and financial disclosure. She said financial disclosure was never required under our local ordinance. She said additionally the enforcement provision has to be done by the municipality, which would entail submitting something to the State Ethics Commission stating that they are opting out and supplying evidence that laws are in place that would take the place of the state rules.

Chairman Hardiman said this act came about as a result of a resolution that came from the Norman City Council acting on a recommendation of the Norman Election Commission (NEC). He said the act is co-authored by Senator John Sparks and State Representative Emily Virgin, both representing portions of Cleveland County that include Norman. He said this Bill gives the City an option, to pursue or not to pursue our own regulations. He said NEC has previously discussed some of implementation technicalities of going back to the original system versus going with the State system.

Ms. Hall said since SB438 was approved some citizens have reached out to the Mayor and Councilmembers asking why the City has not changed back to local election regulations and have asked if the NEC was going to recommend changes to Council.

Item 3, continued:

Chairman Hardiman said he stated in the minutes of November 9th that the Commission should make a decision on this in 2016 so it will be in effect for the 2017 Election cycle. He said the next step would be to prepare a draft showing the pros and cons of enacting new laws and placing it on the next agenda for further discussion.

Member Hilbert said this suggestion was initiated by citizens of Norman who contacted their Councilmembers who then in turn adopted a Resolution that was acted upon by Senator Sparks and State Representative Virgin and the citizens should not be ignored.

Member Allen asked if changes are made, will they have to be changed every time the State makes change. Chairman Hardiman said no, the City would stop following all State rules regarding municipal contributions and adopt a City ordinance to regulate any monies taken in for campaigns. Ms. Hall said the only way this would change is if the State were to repeal this law.

Member Pierce asked how the NEC dealt with enforcement prior to the State pre-empting cities from local regulations. Ms. Hall said NEC developed a complaint form several years ago that allowed citizens to register a formal complaint with NEC of potential campaign violations and the NEC would conduct an investigation to determine whether a violation of the City's ordinance had occurred. If it was felt a violation had occurred, the Commission would make a recommendation to the City Attorney to consider formal charges against the violator. She said the Legal Department looks at the totality of each issue and whether or not there was willful intent to violate the ordinance and ultimately be the one to determine whether or not charges would be filed. She said if compliance is met, then most likely charges would not be filed.

Member Hilbert said the Director of the State Ethics Commission decided that the best way to get compliance is through education not through negative sanctions. He said citizens disagreed with the Director and his philosophy. He said if the City opts out, the ordinance would require some enforcement procedures that would have negative sanctions.

Ms. Hall said the State has a blackout period where they do not accept complaints until after the campaign cycle because they do not want to be used in political posturing. She said another concern raised by local citizens about the new state regulations was that contributions limits were too high.

Ms. Hall said the comments from the Council meeting where the concerns were first raised have been transcribed and she would forward those comments to the Commission. She agreed with Member Hilbert that there are citizens that want repercussions for not following the rules and a representative from the Legal Department will need to discuss these issues with the Commission while working through the process.

Member Hilbert said citizens make the assumption that a threatened punishment will deter candidates from violating the rules. He suggested changing a few rules in the existing system, not changing the whole system.

Member Allen asked how many people want these changes, 10 people or 1,000 people. Chairman Hardiman said there is a group of people who feel it is important to follow the path of the money and they are petitioning on behalf of all voters of Norman.

Chairman Hardiman proposed that the agenda for the meeting contain an item to continue the discussion and the Commission and City staff will bring back some information to discuss. He said one thing to consider is what aspects of State law would be improved if this ordinance is changed. He suggested a list should be compiled of what State law could do better than a local ordinance; for example, the legal penalty might be higher if State law was violated and visa versa. He said on the other hand, the Commission might create a better system by taking out

the blackout period and campaign contribution limits could be lowered to a level that would be more satisfactory to the citizens.

Ms. Hall said her only concern is changing the laws again creating confusion for the candidates. Member Hilbert agreed and said these would be very few changes and they would be very simple.

Chairman Hardiman said NEC will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Item 4. Miscellaneous Discussion.

The next meeting will be held on March 30, 2016, to review the pre-election reports.

Item 5. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 30, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 30th day of March, 2016, at 3:11 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Hilbert
Elizabeth Pierce
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS TARDY:

Robin Allen
Elizabeth Windes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney
Jeff Bryant, City Attorney
Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Consideration of approval of the Norman Election Commission minutes from the November 9, 2015, Norman Election Commission City Council Candidate Orientation Session minutes of January 20, 2016, and the Norman Election Commission minutes of February 8, 2016. Member Pierce moved that the Norman Election Commission minutes of November 9, 2015, Norman Election Commission City Council Candidate Orientation Session minutes of January 20, 2016, and the Norman Election Commission minutes of February 8, 2016, meetings be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Hilbert;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Election Commission minutes of November 9, 2015
2. Norman Election Commission City Council Candidate Orientation Session minutes of January 20, 2016
3. Norman Election Commission minutes of February 8, 2016

and the question being upon approving the minutes from the Norman Election Commission minutes of November 9, 2015, Norman Election Commission City Council Candidate Orientation Session minutes of January 20, 2016, and the Norman Election Commission minutes of February 8, 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Hilbert, Pierce, and Chairman Hardiman

NAYES:

None

Chairman Hardiman declared the motion carried and the minutes from the Norman Election Commission minutes of November 9, 2015, Norman Election Commission City Council Candidate Orientation Session minutes of January 20, 2016, and the Norman Election Commission minutes of February 8, 2016, were approved.

Item 3. Review of Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports from the following candidates and elected officials.

NAME ON REPORT	STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT	CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT - FINAL
Barksdale for Mayor 2016		X	
Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016		X	
Leal for Ward 2 2016		X	
Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016		X	X
Hickman for Ward 4 2016		X	
Supporters of Christina Owen 2016		X	
Friends of Jerry Lang 2016		X	
Friends for Breea Clark 2016		X	
Allison for Ward 8 2016		X	

Barksdale for Mayor 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016 was accepted.

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Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016 filed March 28, 2016

Item 3, continued:

Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016 was accepted.

Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said Lynne Miller will have a final report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5, but since it was not listed properly on the agenda it will be included on the next Norman Election Commission agenda for formal consideration.

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Leal for Ward 2 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports for Leal for Ward 2 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016 was accepted.

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Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014)

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014) filed February 12, 2016

Item 3, continued:

Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2014, continued:

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014) was accepted.

Member Hilbert moved that the Final Campaign Contribution Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 (2014) filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Municipal Campaign Contribution Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016, was accepted.

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Hickman for Ward 4 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Hickman for Ward 4 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Hickman for Ward 4 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 3, continued:

Hickman for Ward 4 2016, continued:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016 was accepted.

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Supporters of Christina Owen 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporter of Christina Owen 2016 was accepted.

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Friends of Jerry Lang 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports for Friend of Jerry Lang 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 3, continued:

Friends of Jerry Lang 2016, continued:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016 was accepted.

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Friends of Breea Clark 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports for Friend of Breea Clark 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016 was accepted.

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Allison for Ward 8 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016 filed March 28, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 3, continued:

Allison for Ward 8 2016, continued:

YEAS: Members Hilbert, Pierce, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016 was accepted.

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Item 4. Continued discussion regarding Senate Bill 438 related to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, which authorizes municipalities to enact comprehensive code of campaign finance and personal financial disclosure ordinances.

Chairman Hardiman said discussion of Senate Bill 438 (the Act) began in December 2014, when the State took control over municipal elections. In 2015, the State gave municipalities the option of reasserting authority over their elections, but it was all or nothing. The Norman Election Commission (NEC) is currently evaluating the State process and comparing that to the previous City of Norman Code, Chapter 7.5. He said a comparison of pros and cons could lead the NEC to a clear path of what might be best for the citizens of Norman. He said Senate Bill 438 took effect in November 2015.

Chairman Hardiman said Ms. Hall provided a copy of Ordinance O-1415-23, which is the previous ordinance that includes annotations that were made to comply with State law. He said if the City reasserted local authority, this ordinance could be used as a template for a new ordinance and he highlighted some of the previous local requirements. The previous ordinance did not require financial disclosure, which the State requires and Ms. Hall said any new ordinance would have to include State requirements such as financial disclosure, Statement of Organization, enforcement, penalties, etc.

On December 9, 2014, City Council adopted Resolution R-1415-63, which asked the State Legislature to allow cities to modify part of the new rules relative to contribution limits. Senate Bill 438 allows municipalities to opt out of the State Ethics Commission rules and allow municipalities to adopt their own ordinances regulating contributions and expenditures and financial disclosure.

Chairman Hardiman said in City Council's Meeting of November 25, 2014, Council discussion indicated that some Councilmembers wanted to retain local jurisprudence and a vote led to failure of adoption of the new State regulations; however, after a short recess Councilmembers voted to reconsider the ordinance and decided to conform to State law and settle the issue at a later time.

Chairman Hardiman said NEC needs to consider the pros and cons of following State law as it stands or adopting a new local ordinance. If the City re-adopted a local ordinance, the City could set contribution levels lower than the \$2,700 allowed by State law. He said a lower contribution level could limit elections to people who have the personal wealth to self-fund their election or it might help reduce the influence of money keeping Council elections from turning into \$50,000 events. He said a couple of campaign reports reviewed today did include \$2,700 contributions, which would not have been allowed under the previous ordinance. Secondly, he said the State has a blackout period where they essentially do not pursue allegations during the campaign process and Ms. Hall said the State will not allow anyone to file a complaint during the election period. Chairman Hardiman

Item 4, continued:

said local regulations would allow the City to conduct active investigations of complaints during the election period, which the City did do when it had local control.

Chairman Hardiman asked Ms. Hall to explain, under the local level, the requirement of all candidates registering and filing reports regardless of the amount contributed or expended. Ms. Hall said, currently, the State threshold of \$1,000 has to be met before anyone is required to file a Statement of Organization and Financial Disclosure form. If \$1,000 is not received or expended, no paperwork is required to be filed. There are currently three candidates in this year's elections that have not filed paperwork for that reason. She said the previous ordinance required candidates to file reports regardless of how much money was received or expended so the reports captured every dime spent or received.

Chairman Hardiman said in the previous ordinance, a local political committee had to file reports if there were any expenditures, but the current State limit is \$1,000. Ms. Hall said under the previous ordinance the threshold was \$500 before a report had to be filed. Chairman Hardiman said a local ordinance would allow the City to set a lower limit, which had benefited the community in knowing the financing behind those political committees.

Ms. Joy Hampton, The Norman Transcript, said State law allows a person and their spouse to donate \$2,700 whereas the City's previous ordinance had a maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household. Chairman Hardiman said some households could exceed \$10,000 in contributions and if NEC were to pursue going back to a local system, NEC would want to confirm through legal review whether or not the concept of a household limitation even stands the test of the 2016 State law. Ms. Hall said under State law, a person has to be 18 years of age to donate so households cannot donate under the name of their children unless the children were 18 years old.

Chairman Hardiman said a local ordinance could require a list of encumbrances prior to receiving an actual invoice, which is not required by State law at this time so this type of disclosure would not have to be reported until the filing of the final report.

Chairman Hardiman said NEC should consider how it would pursue allegations of non-compliance against a candidate. Would an investigation be conducted by the City Clerk, Legal Department, or an agent of NEC? Would the City Attorney be able to have an impartial investigation that would satisfy the people making the allegations?

Ms. Hall said, in the past, people making an allegation did not believe the City Attorney could be impartial in investigating a Councilmember or potential Councilmember and there has been discussion as to whether or not outside legal representation should follow up on the allegations. Mr. Jeff Bryant, City Attorney, believes his office could perform an impartial investigation, but since these are political issues and political elections, both sides are very spirited about what they believe, what they stand for, and which candidate they are supporting so rarely is there a finding that satisfies both sides. Usually one side or the other is convinced that the investigation was biased, some stone was unturned, or something was not done correctly because the answer they were looking for was not the answer they received. He said that puts Staff into somewhat of an awkward position if the determination ends up being adverse to the candidate who gets elected. He said if Council decided to use local rules and not refer disputes to the State's Ethics Committee, the City Attorney's Office would encourage the hiring of outside Counsel to conduct the investigation.

Item 4, continued:

Chairman Hardiman said, in the past, not all complaints were resolved by the City Attorney's Office. He said the NEC would simply write a letter to the accusing party regarding how the complaint was addressed. He asked if that could be the first step in a new complaint process. Ms. Hall said as the NEC Staff liaison, she performed the investigations and many times it was simply a case of someone not being aware a report needed to be filed. She would contact them about filing a report and the complaint would be resolved in that manner and the result of the investigation would be brought to the NEC for review or input, which sometimes required a legal opinion. Mr. Bryant said the City's goal has always been to bring the reports and the conduct of the candidates into compliance with the rules so usually the most effective tool has always been the City Clerk sitting down with the candidates one-on-one about the alleged violation and getting that resolved. He said 99% of the complaints are resolved in this way and usually the City Attorney only becomes involved when the issues cannot be resolved and someone is looking for a pound of flesh because they believe someone has willfully and intentionally violated a particular election law. He said this is point where it usually gets pretty spirited about who is right and who is wrong and it puts City Staff in an awkward position as far as the outcome of that investigation, especially if the conclusion is adverse to the candidate that ends up being elected.

Chairman Hardiman asked if outside legal counsel has been retained to represent a Commission or Board in some type of legal situation and Mr. Bryant said there was an issue about an irregularity in a final paycheck of a former City Attorney in the 1980's where the City hired outside legal counsel to do an independent investigation and make a recommendation.

Ms. Hall said the previous ordinance fined candidates a filing late fee of \$10 per day with a maximum of \$100 per report; however, current State regulations fine candidates \$100 per day with a maximum of \$1,000. She was not always able to collect the fines when they were owed. Chairman Hardiman said it was his understanding that any fine over a certain amount constituted a right to a jury trial or some form of a De Novo appeal process and Ms. Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney, said, currently, a fine exceeding \$500 or carrying jail time gives the defendant the right to a jury trial. The City has two jury trials per year so the jury docket could possibly fall well after the election is over. She said a De Novo appeal process gives the defendant the right to go to District Court where no discretion is given to the Municipal Court's decision. Chairman Hardiman asked under what circumstances is a defendant entitled to a De Novo Appeal process. Is it any fine or only fines exceeding \$500 or a jail term sentence and Ms. Bell said defendants can actually appeal a traffic ticket. Chairman Hardiman said if a local ordinance is adopted and that ordinance had a maximum fine of \$400 would that trigger a jury trial process in Municipal Court or could any action of any fine be appealed in District Court and Ms. Hall said the late fees in the previous ordinance were not a charge in Municipal Court they were just a fee the candidate had to pay when they filed a late report. She said a late fee penalty would be different than a violation of the law and Chairman Hardiman felt that was important information for NEC to understand. Mr. Bryant said Norman Municipal Court is not a Court of Record and State statute provides the De Novo appeal to the District Court so any criminal charge heard in Municipal Court can be appealed at the District Court level basically starting the trial process over.

Member Hilbert said NEC needs to know what led to Senate Bill 438, what were the political considerations? What do the citizens of Norman want NEC to do? Why did citizens go to Senator Sparks and Representative Virgin to change this law? Ms. Hall said the resolution Council adopted only asked the legislature to allow municipalities to set their own contribution limits, but it came out in the end that it was all or nothing. Chairman Hardiman said when he reads the discussion from the November 25, 2014, Council meeting he hears the Council saying the State needs to stop writing every piece of legislation as a matter of State concern and co-opting the home rule of a City like Norman who has demonstrated it is capable of making its own ordinances and policies. Senate Bill 438 is one of a string of legislation that has impacted the City and Council was not necessarily rejecting the ideas in the State law, it was rejecting the fact that the City had a process that was preempted by State law. Member Hilbert asked if Council had any criticisms of State law and Chairman Hardiman said there was criticism

Item 4, continued:

Regarding the campaign threshold amounts increasing, but most of the concern was related to the manner in which this law was forced onto the City.

Mr. Bryant said what got the State Legislature's attention about this particular Act had to do with an Oklahoma City, City Council race. There was some unhappiness about how that was handled and the internal ethics policies while Norman citizens were a little frustrated with the enforcement process and how determinations were made prior to an election. He said the State had already taken away a municipalities ability to require landlord registration, regulate the oil and gas, regulate Uber and Lyft Public Transportation, etc., so this was just one more thing in a long list of things the State took away from home rule.

Chairman Hardiman said discussion of local regulations will continue at the next meeting. Mr. Bryant suggested the Commission be provided a copy of the Council resolution that more specifically spells out the majority of Council's concerns about the Act.

Ms. Hampton said media's concerns are always about government transparency and, personally, the only thing she feels any concern about is that people can make huge contributions that are not disclosed until after the election. Mr. Bryant agreed and said under the previous ordinance, the NEC would meet the Monday after reports were filed before an election and the report were put online for the public, but under State law reports do not have to be filed before the day of the election unless the \$1,000 threshold is met.

Items submitted for the record

1. Senate Bill No. 438
2. Legislatively notated copy of Ordinance O-1415-23
3. Verbatim excerpts from the November 25, 2014, Council meeting
4. Consideration for a Municipal Ordinance Regulating Election Regulations – Pros and Cons

Item 5. Miscellaneous Discussion.

If no reports are filed on April 4th, the next NEC meeting is scheduled for May 2nd to review quarterly reports of seated Councilmembers.

Item 6. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

MAY 2, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 2nd day of May, 2016, at 2:03 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Pierce
Elizabeth Windes
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robin Allen
Richard Hilbert

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney
Jeff Bryant, City Attorney
Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Consideration of approval of the Norman Election Commission minutes of March 30, 2016, as corrected. Member Windes moved that the Norman Election Commission minutes of March 30, 2016, as corrected, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Election Commission minutes of March 30, 2016, as corrected

and the question being upon approving the Norman Election Commission minutes of March 30, 2016, as corrected, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

Chairman Hardiman declared the motion carried and the Norman Election Commission minutes of March 30, 2016, as corrected, were approved.

Item 3. Review of Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports from the following candidates and elected officials.

NAME ON REPORT	STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT	CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT - FINAL
Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)		X	
Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)		X	
Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)		X	
Holman for Norman (2015)		X	
Lynne Miller for Norman City Council (2015)			X

Item 3, continued:

Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)

Member Windes moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) filed April 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) was accepted.

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Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)

Member Windes moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) filed April 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015) was accepted.

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Item 3, continued:

Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)

Member Windes moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) filed April 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) was accepted.

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Holman for Norman (2015)

Member Windes moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Holman for Norman (2015)

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015) was accepted.

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Item 3, continued:

Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2015)

Member Windes moved that the Final Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Final Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2015) filed February 9, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Final Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Final Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 (2015) was accepted.

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Item 4. Continued discussion regarding Senate Bill 438 related to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, which authorizes municipalities to enact comprehensive code of campaign finance and personal financial disclosure ordinances.

Chairman Hardiman said the Norman Election Commission (NEC) has had continued discussion as to the desire of City Council for campaign requirements for local elections. What was the City's response? He said City Council approved Resolution R-1415-63 on December 9, 2014, requesting the State allow municipalities to enact local regulations to provide greater transparency of campaign donations and expenditures.

Chairman Hardiman said the NEC has not received any letters of complaint during the current election cycle nor have there been any accusations made, to his knowledge. Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said she received two phone calls and one visit regarding illegal signs and a possible violation of the City Charter, but these are not types of complaints NEC would have acted on.

Chairman Hardiman said the State has given municipalities the opportunity to draft their own regulations; however it would be all or nothing. If the City of Norman adopted an ordinance regarding campaign contributions and expenditures, the City would have to enforce those rules and the State Ethics Commission would basically wash their hands of the situation. He said NEC has talked extensively with the City's Legal Department regarding the pros and cons of taking this on and NEC has fleshed out a lot of answers to its questions regarding whether or not this is something to recommend to City Council. He said if NEC takes no further action and decides not to continue this discussion, he believes citizens will want to know why. He said one option is to prepare a report to the public and City Council that outlines the pros and cons of items NEC has discussed or hold a public meeting for people who are interested in having input on whether or not this is something that would benefit Norman.

Item 4, continued:

Chairman Hardiman asked Ms. Hall what the next step for NEC should be and Ms. Hall said if part of the goal of having local control is to be able to resolve matters more quickly prior to an election the likelihood of that happening even at the local level would be unrealistic because of the time it takes to investigate a complaint and make a determination on whether or not a violation has taken place. She said if the complaint resulted in charges being filed the due process piece would definitely not take place before an election. She said sometimes complaints have merit and sometimes they do not and that gets aired publicly during the NEC meetings, but it has never been a quick process. The NEC could hold a public meeting to receipt input and that could be included in the recommendation to City Council as an appendix to the Final Report in September.

Chairman Hardiman felt it would be a simple matter to draft an ordinance regarding contribution limits and expenditure reporting rules because NEC is really limited in scope to financial disclosure and an ordinance would reflect the basics of that. He said NEC does not want to get into issues, such as illegal political signs, when the Code Enforcement Department already handles that. Ms. Hall said there is a lot of passion over where political signs are placed and a lot of volunteers not aware of the City's rules so signs are always posted in places they should not be. She does think NEC would want to limit the scope of the ordinance to financial reporting, financial disclosure statements, and quarterly reports. She does not know if year round reporting would still need to be done as mandated by current State rules.

Chairman Hardiman said the crux of the matter is whether or not City Council or the public have very strong feelings about pushing for local rules and in order to make that determination they need to know what NEC has learned during these discussions, such as the accused being entitled to a jury trial if a fine exceeds a certain amount and the fact that they can take it to District Court if they do not like the outcome of the Municipal Court findings, etc. He thinks those explanations are really going to steer what people want NEC to do because if the fines are so restrained that they appear to have no effect then people will just want to stick with State rules. Ms. Hall said during this election cycle there have been three or four contributions that have hit the State's maximum \$2,700, but there was a general fear there would be a lot more than that. She said this is the lowest funded Mayoral race in recent history and did not live up to those fears. She said the two benefits from local rules are 1) the first \$1,000 spent that is not currently reported would be reported under local rules and 2) the State's blackout period could be avoided. The downside would be the educational component because changing the rules over and over becomes convoluted and confusing to candidates.

Ms. Hall said if the City adopted a new ordinance and opted out of State rules, the State would have to approve that ordinance to ensure the ordinance still covered all provisions of the State.

Chairman Hardiman asked if NEC should prepare a presentation and call a public meeting for people that want to hear the pros and cons of a local ordinance. He said they cannot possibly know the level of detail NEC has delved into and it may only be a meeting with five people and Joy Hampton, The Norman Transcript, but given the accountability of this Board to the public, a public meeting would ultimately help NEC with their decision for a recommendation to City Council. He did not know if NEC should make a final decision without further discussion with Council and the public. Ms. Hall said after the public input, the report back to Council needs to be some type of recommendation from NEC as to what NEC's opinion is based on what they have learned and what they have heard from the public.

Chairman Hardiman felt that Council should be part of the public input process as well, and Ms. Hall said Council could be invited to attend the public meeting. She said Council is ultimately impacted because not only were they candidates at one point and time, they are still involved in the reporting process.

Item 4, continued:

Chairman Hardiman asked if a public meeting could be scheduled and Ms. Hall said the next regular meeting is June 22, 2016, so a public meeting could be scheduled before then. Chairman Hardiman asked if NEC members supported moving forward with a public meeting and members concurred. Ms. Hall felt a public meeting could be scheduled prior to June 22nd and said she would provide NEC members options on dates.

Items submitted for the record

1. Resolution R-1415-63
2. Senate Bill No. 438
3. Legislatively notated copy of Ordinance O-1415-23
4. Verbatim excerpts from the November 25, 2014, Council meeting

Item 5. General Election report to be submitted to City Council on May 10, 2016.

Chairman Hardiman said the General Election report to be submitted to Council will consist of a short narrative and minutes from all the NEC meetings. He said the final report will be submitted to Council once the election cycle is complete and that report will be more comprehensive.

Item 6. Miscellaneous Discussion.

None

Item 7. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 22, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 22nd day of June, 2016, at 3:06 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Allen
Richard Hilbert
Elizabeth Windes
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Consideration of approval of the Norman Election Commission minutes of May 2, 2016. Member Hilbert moved that the Norman Election Commission minutes of May 2, 2016, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Election Commission minutes of May 2, 2016

and the question being upon approving the Norman Election Commission minutes of May 2, 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

Chairman Hardiman declared the motion carried and the Norman Election Commission minutes of May 2, 2016, were approved.

Item 3. Review of Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports from the following candidates and elected officials.

NAME ON REPORT	STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT	CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT - FINAL
Friends of Jerry Lang 2016		X	
Friends of Breea Clark 2016		X	

Item 3, continued:

Friends of Jerry Lang 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016 dated June 19, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Jerry Lang 2016 was accepted.

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Friends of Breea Clark 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016, filed June 20, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Breea Clark 2016 was accepted.

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Item 4. Continued discussion regarding Senate Bill 438 related to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, which authorizes municipalities to enact comprehensive code of campaign finance and personal financial disclosure ordinances.

Chairman Hardiman said discussion of Senate Bill 438 (the Act) began in December 2014, when the State took control over municipal elections. In 2015, the State gave municipalities the option of reasserting authority over their elections, but it was all or nothing. The Norman Election Commission (NEC) has been evaluating the State process and comparing that to the previous City of Norman Code, Chapter 7.5 to try to determine whether or not it would be beneficial for the City of Norman to opt out of the State Ethics Commission rules and adopt its own ordinances regulating contributions and expenditures and financial disclosures.

Chairman Hardiman felt a public meeting would be appropriate in helping NEC with their decision and did not believe NEC should make a final decision without further discussion with the public and City Council. After the public meeting, the report back to Council would need to be some type of recommendation from NEC as to what NEC's opinion is on this subject based on what they have learned and what they have heard from the public.

Ms. Hall said if the City adopted a new ordinance, the State would have to approve that ordinance and Chairman Hardiman asked if that meant the State Ethics Commission would glance at it and say ok or would there be a formal hearing. Ms. Hall did not believe there would be a formal hearing, but in order to opt out the City would need to provide proof that whatever ordinance it has in place complies with the current State regulations.

Chairman Hardiman said NEC discussed scheduling a public meeting in June, but the Storm Water Utility (SWU) process became more time consuming for Council than anticipated and he did not want to put more on Council's plate. Ms. Hall said the SWU process for Council is pretty much finished and between now and August there will be more of an educational process for the public so NEC could schedule a public meeting in July if they wished. She said it would be helpful for NEC to have some type of presentation regarding the State regulations and the responsibilities of the City if it chose to opt out of the State requirements.

Chairman Hardiman said public feedback could be incorporated into a report for Council and Ms. Hall said after the public meeting, NEC should probably schedule a meeting to discuss the feedback received and decide if they want to recommend making a change to Council and, if so, what that would look like. She said a draft ordinance would then be prepared that would be submitted as part of the NEC report to Council; however, a Council Committee would probably review the recommendation prior to being presented to the full Council.

Member Hilbert asked about the timeline for this and Ms. Hall said she would like to have an ordinance adopted and effective before the end of the year so when the filing period opens in January, candidates know what rules to follow. She said it is very important to know the rules you are playing by once you file for office. Chairman Hardiman felt there was enough time to do that if NEC stayed diligent.

Member Hilbert asked how the public would be informed of a meeting and Ms. Hall said a press release would go out from Ms. Claudia Deakins, Chief Communications Officer, who would also put the information on Facebook, Twitter, Norman's website, etc. The press release would need to be written in such a way that the public would understand the purpose of the meeting.

Chairman Hardiman said in the late 1960's Norman's Council system was an at-large system and transitioned to a ward based system which was a huge shift in the composition of Council and it was during that time the United States (US) was in a politically active climate on a national and local level. He said NEC was a direct outcome of the social changes happening at that time and Chapter 7.5 was created.

Item 4, continued:

Member Allen said there does not seem to be much difference between what the City had and the State rules. Ms. Hall said the two biggest issues, in her opinion, would be the enforcement mechanism because the State has a blackout period for filing complaints *and* no expenses or contributions have to be reported until a candidate hits a \$1,000 threshold. Those are the two things the City could benefit from, but basically everything else that Norman had previously is covered in the State rules.

Chairman Hardiman said he would love to sit down with the State Ethic's Commission and have them explain how the blackout system works and Member Hilbert agreed. Ms. Hall said she spoke with the Ethics Commission and was told the Ethics Commission does not accept complaints during a campaign period and if a complaint comes in, it basically goes into a box and is not reviewed until after the election. For instance, Norman receives a lot of political sign complaints and most of the complainants want immediate action and the Ethics Commission does not want to be used as a pawn in the campaign process.

Chairman Hardiman said there seems to be agreement that a public meeting should be held to discuss these issues and asked Ms. Hall for potential public meeting dates. Ms. Hall said Monday dates include July 11th, July 18th, July 25th, or Wednesday dates of July 6th, 13th, and 27th.

Chairman Hardiman suggested a Wednesday meeting, but not on July 6th because that is too close to the July 4th holiday. After some discussion, members agreed on Wednesday, July 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Hardiman said he would like a representative from the Ethics Commission to attend the meeting and Ms. Hall said she would ask, but was not sure they would be willing to attend.

Item 5. Miscellaneous Discussion.

None

Item 6. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 1, 2016

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 1st day of August, 2016, at 2:07 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Allen (left at 2:50 p.m.)
Richard Hilbert
Elizabeth Pierce (arrived at 2:10 p.m.)
Elizabeth Windes
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Consideration of approval of the Norman Election Commission minutes of June 22, 2016. Member Wines moved that the Norman Election Commission minutes of June 22, 2016, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Hilbert;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Election Commission minutes of June 22, 2016

and the question being upon approving the Norman Election Commission minutes of June 22, 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

Chairman Hardiman declared the motion carried and the Norman Election Commission minutes of June 22, 2016, were approved.

Item 3. Continued discussion regarding Senate Bill 438 related to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, which authorizes municipalities to enact comprehensive code of campaign finance and personal financial disclosure ordinances.

Chairman Hardiman said discussion of Senate Bill 438 began in December 2014, when the State took control over municipal elections. In 2015, the State gave municipalities the option of reasserting authority over their elections, but it was all or nothing. The Norman Election Commission (NEC) has been evaluating the State process and comparing that to the previous City of Norman Code, Chapter 7.5, to determine whether or not it would be beneficial for the City of Norman to opt out of the State Ethics Commission rules and adopt its own ordinance regulating contributions and expenditures and financial disclosures.

The NEC felt that a public meeting would be appropriate in helping them with their decision and did not believe they should make a final decision without further discussion with the public and City Council. A public meeting was held on July 27, 2016, and Ms. Joy Hampton, [The Norman Transcript](#), wrote an article summarizing the public meeting discussion. Chairman Hardiman said in the course of the public meeting he delivered a presentation and the audience asked questions.

Item 3, continued:

Chairman Hardiman said the purpose of collecting campaign information for the public and candidates is served regardless of whether the City is under State or local rules. A component discussed at the public meeting included the State's \$2,700 contribution limit and if Norman wanted to specifically choose its own limit and the only means to do that is through a local ordinance. He said that does not change the concept of collecting and distributing information, but has more to do with the amount of a contribution. He is not sure by what method the NEC would determine whether City Council and the citizens of Norman feel strongly about lowering the limits. He is sure there are people who do not like the limit of \$2,700, but there are others that probably love the limit. He said one of the fundamental reasons for a local ordinance would be to change the contribution amount.

Chairman Hardiman said another reason for a local ordinance is to require third party, non-candidate committees to file reports. There have been times when the City has desired to have financial information from a non-candidate committee and as it currently stands with the State, a committee would have to spend \$1,000 before they are required to file a report. If the City had a local ordinance, they could make the limit \$200 so there would be reporting contribution and expenditure thresholds. Under the old Code in Chapter 7.5, the City's threshold for reporting City Council candidates was \$0, but under State rules that threshold is \$1,000.

Member Hilbert said he spoke with Mr. Lee Slater, Former Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, about the State's threshold of \$1,000 and Mr. Slater said if you add inflation to the initial threshold you come up with the current threshold and Member Allen agreed because she has made that calculation.

Member Allen said as far as the State's blackout periods, it does not seem as if action against a candidate is resolved until after the election anyway. Ms. Hall agreed and said oftentimes a conclusion or resolution is not found until after the election. Chairman Hardiman said there was a rather awkward quote of him in the newspaper article, but what he was trying to say was that sometimes two candidates get into a spat and the City does not want to get into the middle of that and is not equipped to respond in a timely manner. Ms. Kristina Bell, Assistant City Attorney, said if there is an initial accusation against a candidate then a lot of times there will not be a resolution until after the election, but on the other hand simple accusations, such as an error in addition or subtraction on a report, do get handled in a timely manner. She said most candidates comply because they do not want the public to have a bad perception of them; however, compliance depends on the nature of the issue.

Chairman Hardiman asked Ms. Hall about her thoughts on the subject and Ms. Hall said she is here to serve and will follow whatever rules are in place; however, she does work very closely with candidates during the campaign reporting period. She said a lot of time is spent obtaining reports from candidates in a timely manner, reviewing reports, obtaining more detailed information from candidates, correcting errors, etc. Her only concern is that every time the City changes the rules it makes it more difficult for the candidates to remember which rules to follow.

Chairman Hardiman said if NEC made a recommendation to City Council to make a change for local control, would that be discussed by a Council Committee first? At what point is NEC drafting an ordinance prior to knowing if Council is interested in a local ordinance? He said no Councilmembers attended the public meeting, but Councilmember Holman contacted him the evening of the meeting and said "when local control was taken over by the State, I disagreed with that." Chairman Hardiman said that is not to infer that Councilmember Holman wants to return to local control, but Councilmember Holman's position in 2014 was for local control to remain.

Ms. Hall said it is fair to ask if there is a desire by Council to really look at this seriously because NEC could spend quite a bit of time establishing an ordinance for local control and if there is no support from Council, it would be wasted. She suggested NEC put their recommendation into the final report which goes to Council on September 27th and make that a focus of the report so if Council really wants to entertain looking at a local ordinance they could give NEC direction at that time. Or if NEC wants to look at a local ordinance, Staff can work on drafting an ordinance for their review to submit to Council. Ms. Bell asked if it would be feasible to schedule a Study Session or Conference to discuss the pros and cons with Council before an ordinance is drafted and Ms. Hall said that could be a way to see if there is interest from Council.

Item 3, continued:

Chairman Hardiman said NEC could submit a summary of what they have discovered over the past year in the final report and Ms. Hall said that would work and suggested Chairman Hardiman give a short verbal update to Council for feedback. Chairman Hardiman asked if any NEC members are strongly opposed to the idea of a local ordinance or are they comfortable with considering a local ordinance if directed. Member Pierce said she is not opposed, but when you balance out all of the work to craft an ordinance versus the fact that there have not been negatives with any of the campaigns it may not be worth the effort. Chairman Hardiman asked if it was fair to say that if NEC worked on a local ordinance Member Pierce is not opposed, but is aware of the complexities involved and Member Pierce said that is correct. Members Hilbert and Allen felt the same way. Chairman Hardiman said he will let Council know the NEC does not want to go down this path unless Council is supportive.

Member Hilbert felt Chairman Hardiman should stress to Council the problems involved in making another change because there is a lot of work involved and it would create more confusion about what it is the City really wants to accomplish. Member Allen asked if any of the changes would open the City to any type of legal issues and Ms. Bell said she did not think so because the State clearly amended the statute to give municipalities the opportunity to have local control if they wanted. She said there could be specific issues that would have to be researched and the ordinance would need to be very comprehensive. Member Hilbert asked if there would be any violations of State law if the City adopted the same ordinance it had in place before the State exemption and Ms. Hall said the City could not adopt the exact ordinance because the City would be responsible for everything if they opted out of the State Ethics Commission rules so things would need to be added. Chairman Hardiman said the ordinance would need to be modeled after the State's rules rather than the old ordinance. Member Hilbert said as far as he is concerned that complicates matters.

Chairman Hardiman asked about the timeline if Council directed NEC to draft a new ordinance and Ms. Hall said the goal is to have rules in place before the filing period in January so candidates will know what rules to follow when they sign up for office. A new ordinance would need to be adopted in November to be fully effective by January, which basically leaves the month of October to get the ordinance completed or NEC could spend the next year drafting the ordinance for the 2018 election cycle.

Chairman Hardiman said he will present the report to City Council on September 27th and see where that leads.

Item 4. Review of Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports from the following candidates and elected officials.

NAME ON REPORT	QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT	CONTRIBUTION & EXPENDITURE REPORT - FINAL
Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)		X
Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)	X	
Leal for Ward 2 2016	X	
Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2	X	
Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)	X	
Hickman for Ward 4 2016	X	
Supporters of Christina Owen 2016	X	
Friends of Breea Clark 2016	X	
Holman for Norman (2015)	X	
Allison for Ward 8 2016	X	
Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016	X	
Barksdale for Mayor 2016	X	

Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013)

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Final Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Final Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) July 15, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Final Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Final Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal (2013) was accepted.

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Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends of Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), dated July 22, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Greg Heiple for Ward 1 (2015), was accepted.

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Leal for Ward 2 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016, dated July 21, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Leal for Ward 2 2016, was accepted.

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Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016, dated August 1, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 2016, was accepted.

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Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015) be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015), dated August 1, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Castleberry for Ward 3 (2015), was accepted.

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Hickman for Ward 4 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016, dated July 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Hickman for Ward 4 2016, was accepted.

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Supporters of Christina Owen 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016, dated August 1, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Christina Owen 2016, was accepted.

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Friends for Breea Clark 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends for Breea Clark 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends for Breea Clark 2016, dated August 1, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends for Breea Clark 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Friends for Breea Clark 2016, was accepted.

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Holman for Norman (2015)

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015), be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Holman for Norman (2015), dated July 26, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015), a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Holman for Norman (2015), was accepted.

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Allison for Ward 8 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Supporters of Allison for Ward 8 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016, dated July 15, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Allison for Ward 8 2016, was accepted.

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Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, dated July 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Lynne Miller for Mayor 2016, was accepted.

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Barksdale for Mayor 2016

Member Hilbert moved that the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016, be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016, dated July 29, 2016

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report for Barksdale for Mayor 2016, was accepted.

Ms. Hall said until Mr. Barksdale closes his account by donating his balance to another campaign or committee he will have to continue filing a quarterly report even if there is no activity.

Item 5. General Election report to be submitted to City Council on September 27, 2016.

Chairman Hardiman said he will prepare the final report for City Council's review on September 27th and include information regarding Senate Bill 438.

Item 6. Miscellaneous Discussion.

None

Item 7. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.