

Item 1, continued:

Ms. June Tyhurst, 1000 Woodland Drive, asked why there is a rush for the City of Norman to abandon its existing law until the state has worked through any changes they may wish to have made. Ms. Bell said the state has made it very clear that cities cannot have separate filing requirements so if the current ordinance is not amended by January 1, 2015, the City will be inconsistent with state law. Ms. Tyhurst is concerned there may be reconsiderations in the Legislature and if the City rushes, they will have abandoned a law that has been on the books for a long time. She said if the Legislature changes their minds, the City will have to start over. Ms. Tyhurst asked if anyone has specifically stated to the Legal Department that the City of Norman must change their ordinance and Mr. Bryant said that is the Legal Department's recommendation.

Councilmember Jungman said Norman's ordinance is more restrictive than the state's and his understanding is that preemption allows stricter local rules so unless the City is told they are preemptive on campaign limits, he does not understand why the City would abandon them. Mr. Bryant said the Legal Department's recommendation is consistent with the directive of the state. Mayor Rosenthal said her experience with preemption is precisely to preempt more restrictive local laws. She suggested Staff follow up with OML to see if there may be areas of modification and Mr. Bryant said he would do that.

Councilmember Castleberry asked about rules for corporations and Ms. Bell said corporations and labor unions are not allowed to contribute to campaign committees or municipal political committees. A limited partnership or limited liability corporation that has one or more incorporated members would also be precluded from contributing to a campaign committee or municipal political committee; however, each corporation and labor union does have the ability to form its own municipal political committee to issue its own election communications.

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated October 20, 2014, from Kristina L. Bell, Assistant City Attorney, through Jeff Harley Bryant, City Attorney, to the Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
2. Draft legislatively notated ordinance
3. Draft ordinance
4. 2014 Ethics Commission Rules
5. Registration: Committee form (R-1)
6. Campaign Contributions and Expenditure Report form (C-1)
7. Financial Disclosure Statement form (F-1)
8. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Municipal Campaign Reporting," City Council Conference, October 28, 2014

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Item 2, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING THE DATES FOR THE 2015 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION AND RUN-OFF ELECTION.

Mayor Rosenthal said Wards One, Three, Five, Seven, and Eight will be on the ballot in 2015. Ward Eight is on the ballot due to the resignation of Councilmember Chad Williams and Mr. Dan Quinn, former Ward Eight Councilmember, agreed to fill the position until the next City Council election.

Item 2, continued:

Mayor Rosenthal highlighted potential dates as follows:

POTENTIAL ELECTION DATES	OTHER ELECTIONS
February 11, 2014	School Board Elections
March 3, 2015	
April 7, 2015	School Board Run-off
May 12, 2015	
June 9, 2015	

Councilmember Holman favored the April 7th date with the run-off on May 12th. Councilmember Jungman favored March 3rd. Councilmember Miller said there is a large enough gap of time between when a person is elected and when they are seated in July so she preferred April/May and other Councilmembers agreed.

Mayor Rosenthal said there seems to be consensus for April 7th for the Municipal Election and May 12th for the run-off election. A resolution establishing those dates will be included on the November 10th City Council agenda

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated October 28, 2014, from Brenda Hall, to Mayor and City Councilmembers

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The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor