

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 31, 2014

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 31st day of March, 2014, at 3:00 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
Elizabeth Windes
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Consideration and acceptance of Candidates' Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reports.

Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2, 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 City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Aleisha Karjala for Ward 2 was accepted.

Leal for Ward 2

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report form for Leal for Ward 2 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Leal for Ward 2, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 2, continued:

Leal for Ward 2, continued:

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

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Leal for Ward 2 accepted.

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Clint Williams for Norman

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Clint Williams for Norman be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Clint Williams for Norman, 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 City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Clint Williams for Norman was accepted.

Ms. Joy Hampton, The Norman Transcript, asked if the Treasurer and Designated Agent must be the same person and Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said a candidate can have a Treasurer that is a different person than the Agent designated to file campaign reports on their behalf.

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Hickman for Ward 4

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Hickman for Ward 4 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Hickman for Ward 4, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 2, continued:

Hickman for Ward 4, continued:

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| YEAS: | Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman |
| NAYES: | None |

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Hickman for Ward 4 was accepted.

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Jungman for Ward 4

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Jungman for Ward 4 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 27, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Jungman for Ward 4, a vote was taken with the following result:

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| YEAS: | Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman |
| NAYES: | None |

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Jungman for Ward 4 was accepted.

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Griffith for Ward 6

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Griffith for Council be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Griffith for Council, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 2, continued:

Griffith for Ward 6, continued:

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

NAYES: None

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Friends of Jerry Lang

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Friends of Jerry Lang be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 28, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Friends of Jerry Lang, 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 City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Friends of Jerry Lang was accepted.

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Williams for Ward 8

Member Hilbert moved that the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. City Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 25, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8, a vote was taken with the following result:

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

NAYES: None

Item 2, continued:

Williams for Ward 8, continued:

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the City campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8 was accepted.

Member Hilbert moved that the State campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. State Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report filed March 25, 2014

and the question being upon accepting the State campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8, a vote was taken with the following result:

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| YEAS: | Members Allen, Hilbert, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman |
| NAYES: | None |

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the State campaign contribution and expenditure report for Williams for Ward 8 was accepted.

Item 3. Update on complaint filed by William Hickman on March 24, 2014.

Chairman Hardiman said Mr. William Hickman filed a complaint against Councilmember Greg Jungman on March 24, 2014, and the Norman Election Committee (NEC) requested an opinion from the Legal Department. Mr. Jeff Bryant, City Attorney, said the Legal Department reviewed the complaint, but does not have a conclusion for the NEC at this time. He said as far as the charge of the NEC, this complaint will probably fall under the Ethics Policy as to whether or not Councilmember Jungman acted ethically by using his City e-mail for transmitting campaign messages. He visited with Councilmember Jungman regarding that and Councilmember Jungman assured Mr. Bryant he did not use the City e-mail for any type of transmission of campaign messages and the Legal Department is reviewing the complaint. He said his review of the complaint, so far, has been that no violation has occurred and any review under the Ethics Policy would not be something the NEC would discuss.

Chairman Hardiman said as Committee Chair he responds to any written complaints submitted to the NEC with a written response and he will do so when the Legal Department has finished their review.

Mr. Bill Hickman, Hickman for Ward 4, said he requested copies of emails on March 14th and asked the timeframe of obtaining those emails and Mr. Bryant said the emails were collected from the City server onto a disc and Councilmember Jungman asked to be allowed to review them to make sure there are no personal information that would be exempted.

Item 3, continued:

Ms. Hampton stated emphatically that City emails are open records and nothing personal is supposed to be in City emails and to withhold those emails for the length of time that has passed since the record request was made seems to be an egregious violation of the Open Records Act (ORA). She asked how the City could legally justify withholding the emails for Councilmember Jungman to review prior to releasing them to Mr. Hickman. Chairman Hardiman said he understands the question regarding the timeline, but this subject is not under the NEC's purview and Ms. Hampton could meet with Mr. Bryant after the meeting.

Item 4. Miscellaneous Discussion.

None

Item 5. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.