

## CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES

October 24, 2017

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a conference at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 24th day of October, 2017, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allison, Bierman,  
Clark, Hickman, Holman, Karjala,  
Wilson, Mayor Miller

ABSENT: Councilmember Castleberry

Item 1, being:

### DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING THE FILING DATES AND ELECTION DATES FOR THE 2018 CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MUNICIPAL RUN-OFF ELECTION.

Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said Article II, Sections 5 and 6, of the Charter provides for the Council to set by resolution in November the dates of the City Council Municipal and Runoff Elections for the following year. She said the proposed Charter Election scheduled for November 14, 2017, includes amendments to Article II, Sections 5 and 6, of the City Charter to remove the November notation and Section 10 to remove the specific January filing dates to provide Council with flexibility to select the filing dates each year by resolution in accordance with dates that are currently allowed by state law. Sections 5 and 6 pertaining to election dates of the municipal election and municipal runoff election, respectively, are being amended to allow municipal elections conducted by the Cleveland County Election Board to be set on dates allowed under applicable state law while specifying a preference for a February/April municipal election/municipal runoff election cycle to provide consistency among the ward races. The amendments are being proposed to address the current inconsistencies with state law and to provide Council maximum flexibility to select election dates within current state law without the need to keep amending the City Charter every time the state election laws change.

Ms. Hall said an item will be scheduled on the Council's agenda on November 28, 2017, to formally set the dates following the Charter Election with notice to the Cleveland County Election Board on November 29, 2017. Keeping in line with the proposed Charter change for a preference of a February Municipal Election and an April Municipal Run-Off Election, the dates for said elections would be February 13, 2018, and April 3, 2018, respectively.

Ms. Hall said the filing dates proposed for Council would be December 18 through 20, 2017. These dates would comply with the notice provision to the Election Board of 15 days prior to the beginning of the filing dates and the second provision which states the close of filing shall be no less than 45 days prior to the election.

Councilmembers agreed to move forward with the resolution on November 28th to establish the filing and election dates as presented.

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Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated October 16, 2017, from Brenda Hall, City Clerk, to Mayor and City Councilmembers
2. Potential Election Dates for 2018

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The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor