

# AGENDA

The City of Oklahoma City  
**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
12:00 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE ONLY  
[405-534-4946 and enter Conference ID: 948326511#]

All members will be attending via Teleconference

Mark K. Stonecipher, Co-Chair  
Sharon Voorhees, Co-Chair  
Leslie Batchelor  
Miriam Campos  
James Cooper  
Stan Evans  
Rachel Pappy

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1. Call to Order
2. Approve minutes from May 19, 2020 meeting
3. Consider and discuss possible amendments to the Oklahoma City Charter
4. Recommend certain Oklahoma City Charter amendments to the City Council
5. Adjournment

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Manager's Office, 297-2345.

## **PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

The Charter Review Committee meeting will be held by teleconference meeting on June 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. The City encourages participation in the public meeting from the residents of Oklahoma City. City Hall will be closed and the only alternative to participate in the meeting will be by teleconference. Below are instructions on how to listen to the meeting or request to speak on certain items.

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The City of Oklahoma City  
**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020  
12:00 p.m.  
Council Executive Conference Room  
Municipal Building, Third Floor  
200 N. Walker  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Teleconference Meeting**  
**All members attended by Teleconference**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present

Sharon Voorhees, Co-Chair  
Leslie Batchelor  
Mariam Campos  
James Cooper  
Stan Evans

Members Absent

Mark Stonecipher, Co-Chair  
Rachel Pappy


2. Approve minutes from April 7, 2020 meeting  
APPROVED. Motion by Batchelor, second by Evans. Ayes: Voorhees, Batchelor, Campos, and Evans. Cooper not present for vote.
3. Consider and discuss possible amendments to the Oklahoma City Charter.  
With suggestions from Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor, the committee further discussed eight separate Charter amendments of previously discussed topics for the purpose to call and hold a special Charter amendment election on November 3, 2020. Exhibits A – H (inclusive proposing amendments to the text of the City of Oklahoma Charter) included in the packet, showed the Charter amendments in full however the propositions on the election ballot will be brief summaries of each of the proposed amendments.
- The committee also discussed two new suggested amendments under Article I, section 3 (General Grant of Powers) and Article IV, section 12 (Cannot Accept Passes or Favors [from certain businesses]).
4. Recommend certain Oklahoma City Charter amendments to the City Council

With suggestions from Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor, the committee discussed and recommended Exhibits A – G to the City Council.

APPROVED. Motion to recommend exhibits A – G to City Council by Evans, second by Batchelor. Ayes: Voorhees, Batchelor, Campos, Cooper and Evans

5. Adjournment at 1:05 p.m.

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF  
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

**TO:** Charter Review Committee  
**FROM:** Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor   
**DATE:** June 19, 2020  
**RE:** OKC Charter Amendment Topics and Text for Possible Discussion and Recommendation to Council at the June 23, 2020, Charter Review Committee Meeting.

Please find attached 10 possible Charter amendments, labeled as EXHIBITS A—J, inclusive. Since this is our last meeting, the Committee members may wish to re-read all the amendments again, with renewed discussions if questions still remain.

**EXHIBITS A-G, ALL PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDED, WITH CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.**

The seven attached “EXHIBITS” cover the 7 separate Charter amendments previously discussed and recommended by the Committee at its May 15, 2020 meeting. The changes made, as discussed on May 15, are highlighted in yellow.

Please note that previous Exhibit E, repealing Article III, Municipal Employees, in the Charter, has been deleted at the recommendation of the Labor attorneys. The sole reason for the amendment to begin with, which was requested by the Interim Personnel Director, was to change the name of the Personnel Department and Director to “Human Resources Department” and Director. These name changes can be implemented without repealing Article III, and the Labor attorneys advised that they sometimes use portions of the existing wording in Article III when dealing with issues relating to City employees.

Please note that current, attached EXHIBIT E was formerly EXHIBIT F; current, attached EXHIBIT F was formerly EXHIBIT G; and current, attached EXHIBIT G was formerly EXHIBIT H.

**EXHIBITS H, I, AND J—TWO PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, BUT NOT VOTED ON, AMENDMENTS (EXHIBITS H AND I); AND ONE NEW AMENDMENT AND TEXT (EXHIBIT J) SUGGESTED BY A WARD 2 RESIDENT.**

The final three attached amendments are EXHIBITS H, I, and J.

The first two, EXHIBITS H and I, were previously discussed on May 15, 2020. EXHIBIT H amends the section delegating general police power to the City. The purpose is to clarify and/or strengthen the language. EXHIBIT I restricts things of value the City officers or employees can legally receive from certain businesses. The current wording is not clear, and it is hoped the draft wording will make it easier to understand and apply.

The two sections that would be amended are Charter Article I, § 3 (General Grant of Powers) (Exhibit H) and Article IV, § 12 (Cannot Accept Passes or Favors [from certain businesses]) (Exhibit I)..

The final suggested change is EXHIBIT J, which provides new language for Article VII, § 2, relating to the City budget. This was one of the suggestions submitted by Ms. Elizabeth Sidler of Ward 2 (see attached email from Ms. Sidler). My answer to each suggested amendment is in red underneath Ms. Sidler's description of the idea.

**POSSIBLE ACTION BY COMMITTEE:** Consider, discuss, and finally recommend all the proposed Charter amendments, EXHIBITS A-J, inclusive, to the City Council.

## Jordan, Kenneth

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**From:** Jordan, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Jordan, Kenneth  
**Subject:** FW: Considerations for the Charter Review Committee

**From:** Martin, Debi A <Debi.Martin@okc.gov> **On Behalf Of** Ward8  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Jordan, Kenneth <kenneth.jordan@okc.gov>; Carpenter, Amanda B <amanda.carpenter@okc.gov>; Kersey, Frances W <frances.kersey@okc.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Considerations for the Charter Review Committee

Kenny, Amanda and Frances:

FYI  
Debi Martin

**From:** Elizabeth Sidler <deborahsidler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 8:17 PM  
**To:** The Mayor <mayor@okc.gov>; Ward8 <ward8@okc.gov>  
**Cc:** Ward2 <ward2@okc.gov>  
**Subject:** Considerations for the Charter Review Committee

Good evening Mayor Holt, Councilman Stonecipher, and Councilman Cooper,

Thank you for serving on this year's Charter Review Committee. Below are changes to the charter I would like to submit for the Committee's consideration.

### Proposed City Charter Amendments

#### Articles II, IV, X

- Replace "Councilman" and "Councilmen" with "Councilmember" and "Councilmembers" respectively.

### **This is already covered by Exhibit G (change Councilman, -men, etc.)**

#### Article II

##### Section 6

- Remove citizenship requirement from qualifications for Council
  - Precedent: on March 21, 1989, Article IX, Section 6 was repealed to remove the citizenship requirement for people to become City employees.

**This is not legally possible under State law, at least not at this time. This is because the Oklahoma Statutes in Title 11 provide that a candidate for municipal elective office must be a "registered voter;" and to become a "registered voter," an individual must be a "qualified elector," and under OK Const. Art .3, Section 1, "qualified electors" must be citizens. The Legislature could create exceptions, but it has not done so regarding US citizenship.**

##### Section 33

- Increase salary

- Ex: to \$40k for all positions, including Mayor, make Council positions full-time

**This idea was previously determined to be inadvisable at this time given the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Article VI  
Section 6

- Remove this language “Any person sought to be removed may be a candidate to succeed himself” that allows a person just removed from office by recall to be a candidate on the ballot to fill the vacancy.

**This is already provided for; an officer subject to a recall election can be a candidate on the ballot of the recall election, and if he or she receives the highest number of votes, then the recall fails.**

Article VII  
Section 2

- Include in the first paragraph a requirement for a public comment period no shorter than one month for the budgets of all municipal departments. Participatory budgeting resources from an organization like Participatory Budgeting Project or Citizen Labs could be used to manage the public comment period.
  - Current language: “On or before the first Monday in July of each year, or at such other times as the Council may require, the heads of all departments shall prepare and submit to the Council and City Manager an estimate in writing of the amounts required for the business and proper conduct of their respective departments during the next ensuing fiscal year, specifying same and the objects thereof in detail.”

**This is Exhibit J under consideration by the Committee on June 23, 2020. However, the suggested one-month comment period was changed to “20 days” to provide more flexibility regarding the adoption of the Budget.**

Article X  
Section 1

- Replace the current system of primary elections and general elections with a [ranked choice voting](#) system

**The Committee previously decided to go with the current system, but to change the names of the election to “General Election” and “Run-Off Elections.”**

I look forward to attending the virtual June 23rd meeting, and would be happy to discuss any of these proposed changes in advance of the meeting.

In solidarity,  
Elizabeth Sidler  
Ward 2



**EXHIBITS “A”—“J”, INCLUSIVE,**  
**PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF**  
**THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLES II AND X,**  
**ALL RELATED TO THE ELECTIONS FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Shall Article II, Section 2, and Article X, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, all of which relate to the elections for the Mayor and City Council of The City of Oklahoma City, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**ARTICLE II, Section 2. - Mayor and City Council Elections and Term of Office**

(a) The Mayor and Councilmembers shall be nominated and elected as provided in Article X of this Charter.

(b) The Mayor and each Councilmember shall qualify and assume office four weeks after the date of the City runoff election as provided in Article X of this Charter, and each officer shall serve a term of four years and hold office until a successor to such office has been elected, qualified and assumed office.

**SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE.**

~~Councilmen and the Mayor shall qualify and assume office on the Tuesday next succeeding their election. The Councilmen and the Mayor shall be nominated and elected as provided in Article X of this Charter. The Mayor shall be elected for a term of four years, except for the Mayor elected in the year 1991 whose term shall be limited to three years. The Mayor shall hold office until his successor has been elected and qualified. Two Councilmen from each ward, each for a term of four years, shall be elected, one of whom shall be elected at the regular election to be held on the first Tuesday in April in the year 1957, and one shall be elected at the next regular election to be held two years thereafter, and at the succeeding regular election held each two years one Councilman from each ward shall then be elected, whose term of office shall be four years, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified;~~

~~provided, however, when eight or more City wards are created then only one Councilman from each ward shall thereafter be elected and Councilmen serving at the time of the creation of eight or more wards shall continue in office during the remainder of the term for which they were elected without regard to any change in wards or the boundary lines therein. At the first primary general election following the creation of eight or more City wards one Councilman from each ward in which no Councilman then resides shall be nominated and elected for a term of four years and one Councilman from each ward in which the terms of office of all Councilmen therein residing will expire on the second Tuesday in April in such election year shall be nominated and elected for a term of four years, and at the second and each succeeding primary and general election following the creation of eight or more wards one Councilman from each and all wards in which the terms of office of the therein residing Councilmen expire on the second Tuesday in April in such election year shall be elected for a term of four years.~~

**ARTICLE X, Section 1. - PrimaryGeneral Elections and GeneralRunoff Elections for Mayor and Council.**

(a) ~~On the first Tuesday in March~~ second Tuesday of February of each odd-numbered year, a ~~primary-general~~ election shall be held in the City for the nomination of candidates for the office of Councilmember from each ward for which the term of the incumbent Councilmember expires in that year. Candidates for Councilmember shall be nominated by the qualified electors of the respective wards, of which wards said candidates must be residents.

(b) ~~On the second Tuesday in March of the year 2006~~ of February in the year 2022 and each succeeding fourth year thereafter, a ~~primary-general~~ election shall be held in the City for the nomination of candidates for the office of Mayor. Candidates for the office of Mayor shall be nominated by the qualified electors of the City voting at-large.

(c) At any ~~primary-general~~ election when there are two or more candidates for the office of Councilmember in any ward, then the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for such office shall be declared the nominees from that ward, and when there are two or more candidates for Mayor, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes from the City at-large shall be declared the nominees for Mayor, and the names of the candidates for Councilmember or for Mayor so nominated shall appear accordingly on the City ~~general runoff~~ election ballot ~~and shall be designated thereon as "Nominees of the Primary."~~ Provided, if any candidate for the office of Mayor or Councilmember is unopposed in the ~~primary-general election~~ or subsequent thereto, or receives a majority of all the votes cast in the ~~primary-general~~

election for all candidates for the office for which he or she was a candidate, then such candidate shall be deemed ~~the sole nominee and as such~~ duly elected to the office for which ~~he or she~~ such person was a candidate, and it shall not be necessary for his or her name to be placed on the ballot at the succeeding City ~~general-runoff~~ election, and it shall be the duty of the County Election Boards of each of the respective counties within which the corporate limits of The City of Oklahoma City are situated, to issue jointly to such candidate, within six days after the date designated for the of said City general-runoff election, a certificate of election in due and proper form as provided by law.

(d) In the event the Council exercises its authority under Section 2 of Article XI of this Charter to enact an ordinance creating more than eight (8) wards within the City, the Council shall provide in such ordinance for the initial special election of, and the initial terms of office for, the Councilmembers from the additional wards, which initial terms of office may commence on any Tuesday of the year specified in such ordinance by Council. The terms of office of the initial Councilmembers from the additional wards shall expire thereafter on the second Tuesday in April in the odd-numbered year or years specified in the ordinance by Council. The successors of the initial Councilmembers from the additional wards shall be elected in the odd-numbered year or years in which the terms of the initial Councilmembers expire in accordance with Subsections (a) and (c) of this section. Such successors shall serve full four (4) year terms as provided by Section 2 of Article II of this Charter. Any other applicable provisions of this Charter and Oklahoma law shall be followed by Council in carrying out the provisions of this Subsection.

#### **ARTICLE X, Section 2. - Declaration of Candidacy—Procedure.**

(a) Any person qualified to hold the office of Mayor or Councilmember under this Charter may become a candidate for such office by filing a declaration of candidacy with the Oklahoma County Election Board during the time period last three business days provided by State law and designated by the Oklahoma County Election Board in the month of January immediately preceding the Primary Election. The declaration of candidacy shall be in writing and shall set forth the following information:

1. The candidate's name as ~~he or she~~ the candidate desires it to appear upon the ballot, and
2. The candidate's address by street number, and
3. The candidate's ward, and
4. The office for which ~~he or she~~ the candidate desires to become a candidate.

(b) A declaration of candidacy must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$200.00; or in the alternative by a petition supporting the candidate's filing signed by 2,500 registered voters eligible to vote for the candidate if the filing is for the office of Mayor or by 500 registered voters eligible to vote for the candidate if the filing is for the office of Councilmember. If a cashier's or certified check is submitted to the Oklahoma County Election Board pursuant to this subsection, said check shall be forfeited to the said Election Board and the proceeds therefrom used to defray the costs of the election for the office for which the declaration of candidacy was filed; provided, said check shall be returned to the candidate immediately if the candidate is unopposed in the Primary general Election, receives more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast in the Primary general Election ~~for the office for which he or she is a candidate~~, or becomes a candidate in the General runoff Election.

**ARTICLE X, Section 3. – Mayor and City Council Elections—How Called-- Notice.**

~~It shall be the duty of t~~The Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer of The City of Oklahoma City shall to legally call the primary election and the elections of officers provided for in this Charter and its amendments, and ~~he~~the City Clerk shall give at ~~least 45 days'~~ notice of such elections as provided for by State law.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

**EXHIBIT “B”**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 6**

Shall Article II, Section 6 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 6. – Qualifications for Office of Mayor or Councilmember.**

No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Councilmember ~~unless he or she~~ such person meets the following qualifications prior to filing a declaration of candidacy as required by this Charter: be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma, at least 21 years of age, a qualified voter in The City of Oklahoma City, a resident of the ward for which representation is sought for at least six months, and shall have been for three years immediately preceding such election a resident of The City of Oklahoma City or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City.

- (a) The person must be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma;
- (b) The person must be at least 21 years of age;
- (c) The person must have been a resident of Oklahoma City or an area annexed into Oklahoma City for at least one year;
- (d) For the office of the Mayor, the person must have been a registered voter at an address within Oklahoma City for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy; and
- (e) For a Council position representing a ward, the person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.

FOR THE AMENDMENT  
 AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

**EXHIBIT "C"**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10**

Shall Article II, Section 10 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 10. - Vice-Mayor—Vacancies in Office of Mayor.**

(a) Each Councilmember shall serve as Vice-Mayor for a term of six months according to seniority based upon assumption of office, or when such office was assumed on the same date, according to alphabetical order of the Councilmembers' surnames. The Vice-Mayor shall act as Mayor during the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor and while so acting shall vote as Council member and not as Mayor.

(b) In the event the office of Mayor shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal from the City, conviction of a felony, judicial declaration of incompetency, or from any other cause, the Council shall, within ~~15~~ 30 days after the occurrence of such vacancy, call a special election to take place within the shortest period of time permitted by the election laws of the State of Oklahoma, to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such office; provided, if such vacancy shall occur within the final year of the Mayor's term of office, it shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Council within ~~15~~ 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

**FOR THE AMENDMENT**

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

**EXHIBIT "D"**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 11**

Shall Article II, Section 11 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 11. - Regular Meetings.**

The Council shall hold regular meetings ~~on Tuesday of each week, or~~ at such time as the Council may by ordinance designate, and may hold such adjourned meetings as it may find necessary for the dispatch of its business, provided that if the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held upon the next succeeding business day.

- FOR THE AMENDMENT
- AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

**EXHIBIT “E”**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4**

Shall Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (-----), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 4. - City Manager—Exclusive Control of Personnel—Certain Information May Be Provided to the City Manager by the Mayor or a Councilmember.**

(a) Neither the Mayor, the Council, nor any of its members shall direct or request the appointment of any person to, or ~~his~~ removal from, office by the City Manager or by any of the City Manager’s ~~his~~ subordinates, or in any manner take part in the appointment or removal of officers and employees in the administrative service of the City. Except for the purpose of inquiring, the Mayor, the Council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the City Manager and neither the Mayor, the Council, nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the City Manager, either publicly or privately. Any of the above officials violating the provisions of this section or voting for a resolution or ordinance in violation of this section ~~shall be guilty of~~ may be charged with a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall cease to hold office.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in Subsection (a) of this section, the Mayor or any Councilmember may at any time provide information to the City Manager regarding the positive or negative job performance of any officer or employee in the administrative service of the City. Such information must be based on the direct personal knowledge of the Mayor or Councilmember or on a signed written statement provided by a resident to the Mayor or Councilmember. Providing information to the City Manager pursuant to this Subsection (b) will never be considered to constitute a violation of Subsection (a) of this section.

[ ] FOR THE AMENDMENT  
[ ] AGAINST THE AMENDMENT



**EXHIBIT "F"**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6**

Shall Article IV, Section 6 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 6. - Division of Public Affairs and Division of Public Management.**

(a) The Division of Public Affairs, which is under the control of the Mayor and Council pursuant to Section 5 of this article, shall include all the following officers: those boards, commissions, offices, bureaus and personnel as provided by this Charter or by ordinance.

(1) The City Manager.

(2) The Municipal Counselor.

(3) The City Auditor.

(4) The Municipal Judges.

(5) All City boards, commissions, and committees created by the Mayor or created by the City Council; provided, the personnel of all boards, commissions, and committees created by the City Council shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent and approval of the Council.

(6) All other personnel placed in the Division of Public Affairs by ordinance passed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the City Council.

(b) The Division of Public Management, which is under the control of the City Manager as provided by this article, shall comprise all departments, functions, agencies, commissions and boards not specifically placed under the Division of Public Affairs by this Charter or by ordinance adopted hereafter pursuant hereto.

~~The personnel of all boards and commissions in the Division of Public Affairs shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent and approval of the Council.~~

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

**EXHIBIT "G"**

**PROPOSED SECTION 11 TO ARTICLE IX**  
**OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER**

Shall Section 11 of Article IX of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be enacted to read as follows:

**Section 11. – City Clerk to Amend Terms in the Charter to Consistently Refer to Officers Elected from Wards as “Councilmember” or “Councilmembers.”**

The City Clerk shall work with the Municipal Counselor to redraft all references to Councilman, Councilwoman, Councilmen, or Councilwomen to consistently refer to “Councilmember” or “Councilmembers,” as grammatically appropriate.

**FOR THE AMENDMENT**

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

## EXHIBIT "H"

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

Shall Article I, Section 3 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

#### **Section. 3 - General Grant of Powers.**

(a) The City shall have all powers given to it by the Oklahoma Constitution, the laws of this State, or by this Charter.

(b) The City shall have the power to enact and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect health, safety, welfare, life, or property within the City.

(c) The City shall have the power to define, prevent and summarily abate and remove nuisances and to preserve and enforce good government and order for the security of the City and its inhabitants

(d) The City shall have the power to enact and enforce all ordinances upon any subject.

(e) No ordinance shall be enacted that is inconsistent with the Oklahoma Constitution, the general laws of the State of Oklahoma that are of statewide interest and concern, or with this Charter.

~~Said City shall also have all other powers that may hereafter be given it by the Constitution and laws of this State; and where any provisions of this Charter shall be in conflict with any law, or laws relating to charter cities in force at the time of the adoption and approval of this Charter, the provisions of this Charter shall prevail and be in full force, notwithstanding such conflict, and shall operate as a repeal or suspension of such State law or laws to the extent of such conflict, and said City shall have power to enact and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect health, life and property and to prevent and summarily abate and remove nuisances and to preserve and enforce good government and order for the security of the City and its inhabitants, to protect the lives, health and property of the City; and to enact and enforce all ordinances upon any subject; provided, that no ordinance shall be enacted inconsistent with the general laws of this State, the State Constitution or this Charter.~~

**EXHIBIT "I"**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3**

Shall Article IV, Section 12 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (—), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section. 12 - ~~Cannot Accept Passes or Favors~~ Accepting things of value from certain privately-owned businesses operating pursuant to a City franchise or other contract—Exception.**

(a) No officers or employee of the City, elective or appointive, shall directly or indirectly accept or receive, ~~directly or indirectly,~~ any salary, commission, compensation, free or discounted service, or other thing of value of any kind upon terms more favorable than is granted to the public generally from any person, firm or corporation operating any of the following privately-owned businesses within the City pursuant to a franchise or contract with the City:

(1) any interurban railway, or street railway,

(2) any airlines,

(3) any bus line,

(4) any natural gas works, electric light or power plant or electricity service or business, or

(5) any telephone service business, exchange, heating plant or other business using or operating under a public franchise or franchises, any frank, free ticket or free service or accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any such person, firm or corporation any other service upon terms more favorable than is granted the public generally, or any salary, commission, compensation, or thing of value whatsoever.

(b) Any violation of this section shall be grounds for removal from office or employment by the responsible superiors of such officer or employee.

(c) ~~Provided that~~ This provision section shall not void the terms of any

~~franchise now outstanding,~~ or prevent the granting of a franchises or other contract conditioned upon free service to the City and to its officers and employees while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties.

## EXHIBIT "J"

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2

Shall Article VII, Section 2 of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as amended, be amended to read as follows, with current Charter language to be deleted stricken-through (———), and Charter language to be added underlined (\_\_\_\_\_):

**Section 2. – Adoption of City budget each fiscal year; filing of a proposed budget with the City Clerk and availability of such budget to the public; public comment period on proposed budget; and deadline for adoption of City budget prior to beginning of the fiscal year; amendments to adopted budgets. Assessments of Needed Funds and Budget Accounts.**

(a) In the month of May of each calendar year, the City Manager shall prepare and post on the City website a proposed budget for the City for the fiscal year commencing on July 1 of such year. The proposed budget shall be prepared in compliance with the Oklahoma Municipal Budget Act, now codified in Section 17-201, et seq., of Article XVII of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or any successor or supplemental state laws governing municipal budgets.

(b) The proposed budget posted on the City website, as required by Subsection (a) of this section, shall be presented to the Council at a regular or special meeting of the City Council held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

(c) From and after the date on which the proposed budget is posted on the City website, a required public comment period shall commence and public comments on the budget may be filed by the public with the Clerk. The City Clerk shall forward all such comments to the City Manager, who shall provide the comments to the City Council at its next regular or special meeting. The required comment period shall end 20 calendar days after the proposed budget is posted on the City website; however, the expiration of the required comment period shall not preclude additional comments on the budget being filed with the City Clerk. After the proposed budget is filed on the City

website, the City Council may make amendments to such budget at any regular or special Council meeting at which it is considered.

(d) At any time after the end of the required comment period provided for in Subsection (c) of this section, the City Council may and shall adopt a budget for the operation of the City for the ensuing fiscal year in compliance with the Oklahoma Municipal Budget Act, now codified in Section 17-201, et seq., of Article XVII of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or any successor or supplemental state laws governing municipal budgets.

(e) Amendment(s) to any adopted fiscal year budget may be approved at any time by the City Council in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Oklahoma Municipal Budget Act, now codified in Section 2-201, et seq. of Article XVII of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or any successor or supplemental state laws governing municipal budgets.

(f) The term “proposed budget” as used in this section means the City Manager’s proposed plan of financial operations for a fiscal year, including an estimate of proposed expenditures for given purposes and the proposed means for financing them.

~~On or before the first Monday in July of each year, or at such other times as the Council may require, the heads of all departments shall prepare and submit to the Council and City Manager an estimate in writing of the amounts required for the business and proper conduct of their respective departments during the next ensuing fiscal year, specifying same and the objects thereof in detail.~~

~~On or before the last day of July of each year, or at such other times as the City Council may require, the City Manager shall submit to the Council an estimate in detail of the probable expenditure of the City Government for the next ensuing fiscal year, including amount needed to meet interest and sinking funds for outstanding bonded indebtedness, special assessments on City property and all other forms of indebtedness.~~

~~The City Council shall meet on the first Tuesday in July of each year, or at such other times as may be fixed by law, and shall, in the manner and within the time provided by the laws of the State and this Charter, prepare, publish and file with the County Excise Board a financial statement, showing the true fiscal condition of the municipality as of the close of the previous year, and an itemized statement of estimated needs, and probable income from sources other than ad valorem tax for the current fiscal year and such statements shall in all respects meet the requirements of the State law with respect thereto. On~~

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