

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

Council Agenda
Item No. XI.A.1, 2 & 3
8/18/2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

1. Public hearing regarding Resolution proposing amendments to the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City.
2. Resolution proposing amendments to the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, as amended; calling a Special Election to submit the proposed Charter amendments to the registered voters of the City; setting the date of November 3, 2020, for the Special Election; and directing that notice of the proposed Charter amendments and Special Election be given by the City Clerk by publication of notice as required by law.
3. Resolution notifying the Oklahoma County Election Board of the Special Election called by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City for Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting proposed amendments to the Oklahoma City Charter to a vote of the qualified electors of said City; setting forth the facts required by Section 13-102 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and directing the City Clerk to forthwith submit this resolution, plus other legally required items, to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board.

Charter Update Committee 2020

From February 25, 2020, through June 23, 2020, a Charter Update Committee 2020 appointed by Mayor David Holt met and considered a number of possible amendments to the Oklahoma City Charter. The persons who generously gave of their time to serve on the Committee were the following:

Councilmember Mark K. Stonecipher, Ward 8, as Co-Chair
Sharon Voorhees, Co-Chair
Leslie Batchelor
Miriam Campos
James Cooper
Stan Evans
Rachel Pappy

After a number of meetings to consider and debate various ideas for Charter amendments, some submitted by the members of the Committee, some by City staff, and two by residents of Ward 2, the Committee voted on June 23, 2020, to recommend nine amendments to the Oklahoma City Charter. The members of the Committee did an excellent job on the nine being recommended, including in many instances recommending specific wording for the amendments.

The nine recommended Charter amendments are attached to both of the Resolutions before you as Exhibits A-1 through A-9, inclusive. The nine propositions for the Special Election, one for each proposed Charter amendment, are attached to both Resolutions as Exhibits B-1 through B-9, inclusive.

As an aid for understanding each proposed amendment, please find attached to this memo a packet containing bullet-points covering the main elements of each amendment.

Recommendation: Resolutions be introduced and set for final hearing on August 18, 2020.