



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI.C.
8/2/2016

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Greenwell and Stonecipher

RE: Resolution requesting the State of Oklahoma establish a joint task force with appropriate representatives from the State, the Oklahoma Municipal League, Oklahoma municipalities, and Oklahoma counties to study all potential sustainable revenue streams which could be made available to fund essential government services and all potential sustainable budget cuts which could be implemented to avoid the waste of available public funds; further encouraging transparency in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma; and further encouraging other local governments to pass similar Resolutions.

Councilmembers Greenwell and Stonecipher propose the attached Resolution for consideration and approval by the Mayor and City Council. The purpose of the Resolution is to request that the State of Oklahoma establish a joint task force with representatives from the State, the Oklahoma Municipal League, and other local governments to study potential sustainable revenue streams which could be made available to all levels of government. Some examples of the potential sustainable revenue streams to be studied are ad valorem taxes, income taxes, excise taxes, and sales taxes. In addition, the task force should study all potential sustainable budget cuts which could be implemented across the different levels of government.

In addition, the Resolution reflects the Mayor and City Council's desire to encourage transparency in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma. The Resolution also encourages other local governments across the State of Oklahoma to pass similar Resolutions.

If approved, the request for a joint task force will be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.