

RESOLUTION

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 BUDGETS 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.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is organized by government bodies at the State, County, and Municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, these levels of government use various revenue streams available to them by law, including ad valorem taxes, income taxes, excise taxes, and sales taxes, to provide essential government services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Municipal League is an organization made up of municipalities working together for their mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, a downturn in the price of oil and gas has led to budget shortfalls and significant cuts in spending for the essential government services provided at the State, County, and Municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, given the funding crisis at all levels of government, it is critical that appropriate officials from all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma join together in the immediate future to study all potential sustainable revenue streams and all potential sustainable budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, to address these budgetary issues, the City Council of The City of Oklahoma City believes it would be beneficial for the State, the Oklahoma Municipal League, Oklahoma municipalities, and Oklahoma counties to work together in a joint task force to study all potential sustainable revenue streams which could be made available to the different levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the joint task force should also study all potential sustainable budget cuts which could be implemented by the different levels of government; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the City Council of The City of Oklahoma City wishes to encourage transparency in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Oklahoma City encourages other local governments across the state of Oklahoma to pass similar Resolutions requesting the formation of a joint task force to study all potential sustainable revenue streams and potential sustainable budget cuts which could be made available to the different levels of government and to encourage transparency in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City that:

1. A certified copy of this Resolution and a letter of request shall be sent 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 by the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City asking these prominent State officers to create and 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 and potential sustainable budget cuts which could be made available to fund essential government functions throughout the State of Oklahoma; and
2. Transparency is hereby encouraged in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma; and
3. Other local governments are hereby encouraged to pass similar Resolutions requesting the formation of a joint task force to study all potential sustainable revenue streams and potential sustainable budget cuts which could be made available to the different levels of government and to encourage transparency in the budgeting process at all levels of government across the State of Oklahoma.

APPROVED by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City and **SIGNED** by the Mayor
this _____ day of _____, 2016.

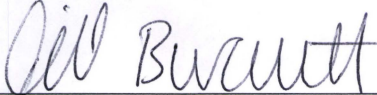
THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.



Assistant Municipal Counselor