

CITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS _____

A CONSENSUS DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AND DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOWING VOTERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO AMEND THE TULSA CITY CHARTER TO ADOPT THE OKLAHOMA STATE STATUTES PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR RUNOFF ELECTIONS IF NO CANDIDATE RECEIVES GREATER THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THAT POSITION IN A PRIMARY ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council created an Election Reform Taskforce consisting of all City Councilors, interested parties, and citizens to review the election process for City of Tulsa officials;

WHEREAS, after reviewing existing laws, receiving comments and considerable deliberation, the Election Reform Taskforce made several recommendations to change the City of Tulsa's election process;

WHEREAS, many of the changes recommended by the Election Reform Taskforce require a vote of the citizens of Tulsa to amend the City Charter. One of the items being brought forward at this time is whether the City should adopt the State of Oklahoma's practices for run-off elections, requiring a majority of votes cast for a particular seat for a primary election victory;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that these changes be set for a special election on the November 2, 2010 election date; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that proper documents be prepared by the City Attorney's Office for calling a special election to present the proposed charter amendments to the voters.

THEREFORE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TULSA:

Section 1. The City Council requests the City Attorney's Office to prepare the proper documents for calling a special election to present the following proposed charter amendments to the voters:

1. The City should adopt the State of Oklahoma's practices for run-off elections, requiring a majority of votes cast for a particular seat for a primary election victory.

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Chairman of the Council

ATTEST:

Secretary of the City Council

Approved:

Approved as to form:

Council Attorney

City Attorney