

Tribal Relations Committee
CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00am

MINUTES

August 9, 2022

1. *Call to Order:* Councilor McKee called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

Present:

a. **Tulsa City Council:**

- i. Councilor Vanessa Hall Harper (District 1)
- ii. Councilor Jeannie Cue (District 2)
- iii. Councilor Crista Patrick (District 3)
- iv. Councilor Kara Joy McKee (District 4)
- v. Councilor Lori Decter Wright (District 7)
- vi. Sarah Davis (City Council Staff)
- vii. Megan Boyd (City Council Staff)
- viii. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)

b. **City of Tulsa:**

- i. Krystal Reyes (Mayors Office of Resilience)
- ii. Lachelle King (Mayors Office of Resilience)

c. **Tribal Representatives:**

- i. Adam McCreery (Cherokee Nation)
- ii. Zach Harjo (Muscogee Nation)

2. Review and approve last meetings minutes.

Minutes were reviewed by the committee. Committee members discuss the structure of the minutes to better identify the members present at the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Decter Wright and seconded by Councilor Cue. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

3. Discussion and review of the proposed Cherokee Freedmen Resolution.

Councilor Decter Wright presented the resolution to the committee. Councilor Decter Wright provided the historical background to the resolution and informed the committee that she was assisted by Representative Deere. Councilor McKee discussed that she wanted to present this resolution to the committee to make sure that all tribes were included in the crafting of this resolution. Adam discussed that he would like to take this resolution to Chief Hoskins and Delegate Teehee to get their input on the resolution. Zach also expressed that he would like to take this draft to the Muscogee Nation Chief Hill. Councilor McKee also expressed the idea to share it with the Indian Affairs Commission. After further discussion the committee agreed that they would like to convene in a special meeting to discuss further this resolution. The committee staff will work to schedule this meeting with the committee members before the next committee meeting in November.

4. Discussion and review of the Tulsa City Council District Map with a Tribal Boundaries overlay.

Councilor McKee presented to the committee two maps created by the INCOG staff showing the Tulsa City Council boundaries with an overlay of tribal boundaries. Councilor Decter Wright discussed the need to work with the tribes in her district to encourage more tribal members of her district to apply to City of Tulsa authorities, boards, and commissions. Adam stated that if we provide him with the boundaries of the council districts he could shape a file with their GIS map to show Cherokee population in each district. Adam and city staff will work together to get this completed.

5. Discussion of universal resource list and events calendar for Tribal Relations Committee.

Committee members discussed the need for a universal resource list and calendar that would be accessible to residents. Councilor McKee talked about the survey that she sent out to committee members to help start the collection of this data. Discussion of the scope of the calendar was discussed. It was agreed upon that this calendar would be open to all possible event that members would like to add. It was also discussed that this landing page would be included on the Tulsa City Council Website.

6. Upcoming Tribal Relations Committee agenda items.

Committee members discussed the need for some topic specific special meetings to be scheduled in between the quarterly standing committee meetings. The first special meeting will be to discuss the freedmen resolution that was presented today. Other special meeting topics to be discussed in the upcoming year would be a housing specific meeting and an infrastructure specific meeting. Councilor Decter Wright discussed her possible housing policy summit and would include tribal representatives in that discussing. Councilor McKee discussed with the committee members about the possibility of the committee meetings to be recorded and streamed on TGOV. All committee members were comfortable with the meetings being recorded.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Councilor McKee and seconded by Councilor Cue at 11:12am.