

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Municipal Building Council Chambers
201 West Gray
Norman, Oklahoma

Thursday – June 27, 2013
6:30 p.m.

City Council, in its meeting of February 14, 2012, adopted Resolution No. R-1112-109 creating a Charter Review Commission to complete a targeted review of the City of Norman Charter. The items included in the targeted review are as follows:

- Review Article II, Section 1, of the City Charter to consider changing verbiage from “compensation” to “stipend” in regards to compensation of City Council members.
- Review Article III, Section 1, of the City Charter to consider simplifying the process for removal of the City Manager.
- Review Article III, Section 6, of the City Charter to consider creating a mechanism under which the City Council could request information regarding a specific City Department from the City Manager.
- Review Article III, Section 7, to consider requiring a City employee to take a leave of absence to run for partisan political office.
- Review Article XVI, Section 2, to consider whether City Council should be empowered to increase utility rates not more than three percent (3%) annually without requiring a city wide vote.
- Review Article XVII, Section 2, to consider whether employee compensation language needs to be modernized.
- Review Article XX, Section 2, to consider amending or updating the Reapportionment Commission process or procedure.
- Review whether or not there should be a required periodic review of the Charter within the Charter itself.

The resolution charged the Commission with reviewing the sections of the Charter stipulated above and consider whether or not those sections meet the current needs of the City or should be amended to meet the City’s current needs. The Commission was also charged with educating the community about the proposed amendments by holding one public hearing each quarter to discuss the topics and receive public input. In accordance therewith, this is the second public hearing to that effect.