

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES

May 25, 2021

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a virtual conference at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 25th day of May, 2021, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Hall, Holman, Nash,
Peacock, Petrone, Schueler, Studley,
Mayor Clark

ABSENT: Councilmember Foreman

Item 1, being:

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED CONVERSION THERAPY ORDINANCE FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney, said Staff was asked at the previous meeting to redraft the ordinance, which previously prohibited the use of City funds for conversion therapy. He said the ordinance now outright prohibits the practice of conversion therapy for minor children. The Human Rights Commission recommended approval of the previous ordinance and the proposed amendments being presented tonight.

Mr. Purinton said the changes to the proposed ordinance creates a new article in the Code establishing conversion therapy for minor an outright prohibition and adds a penalty section for such violations. The civil action subsection allows for the enforcement through injunctions, in addition to criminal charges in Municipal Court.

It was the consensus of Council to move the ordinance forward for formal consideration.

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated May 20, 2021, from Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney, and Cinthya Allen, Chief Diversity and Equity Officer, through Kathryn Walker, City Attorney, to Honorable City Councilmembers
2. Proposed legislatively notated copy of Ordinance O-2021-45
3. Proposed Ordinance O-2021-45 (clean)

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor