

Good & Frugal Government

We need a customer service attitude at city hall. It is bad public policy and sloppy operations implementation if citizens stand in lines for extended periods of time to access city services. The city's website can provide complete and accurate information about accessing city services. City policies will be examined and where needed (and possible) adjusted to allow for doing business via the city's website and/or by email or telephone.

Rethinking subsidies. Oklahoma City hands out a lot of money, and I am not sure that all of its subsidies are going for prudent causes. We need to examine each and every subsidy in the City's budget and determine if it is to be continued or handled in another way.

Environmental Sustainability

Oklahoma City needs a municipal composting system, with mandatory recycling of all organic wastes from both households and businesses. We are presently burying important natural resources in landfills that could better be used to enhance the fertility of the soils within the city.

Economic Prosperity

The first economic development job is to plug the leaks! The more times a dollar circulates in central Oklahoma, the more prosperity for everybody! We do this by supporting locally owned businesses, banking with a credit union or a locally owned bank (borrow money from financial institutions that do not sell their mortgages outside of the state), and buying food directly from Oklahoma farmers, ranchers, and food producers. Instead of using Community Block Development Grants to lure businesses today that may flee the state tomorrow, we can use them to stimulate local entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on worker and consumer owned cooperatives.

Next we can make sure that we have an infrastructure system that can support economic prosperity as the price of fossil fuels like gasoline and diesel steadily escalates in the coming years. An effective, multi-modal public transportation system is pro-business and pro-prosperity and is an essential aspect of this Safe Community infrastructure that is tough enough to more than meet 21st century challenges.

Economic development can be greatly boosted when money or assets that politicians have been sitting on is invested in the local economy.

Safe Community

We need responsible investments in police and fire departments and emergency services. We can incorporate ambulance service as part of the Fire Department's mission and thus do something to help reduce the cost of medical care and insurance premiums in Oklahoma City. The City has to be prepared for unexpected catastrophes and be able to respond appropriately in the event of a large-scale disaster over a long period of time, during which assistance from outside the area might not be available..

With some smart work and effort, the City can guarantee water and sewer service even if there is damage to the electrical lines in some places. The equipment necessary to provide these services needs to be better protected so it can survive terrorist attacks or weather disasters.

Effective public transportation is essential to ensuring that the central Oklahoma economy can remain strong in the face of the expected rapid increases in the prices of gasoline and diesel.