



Questionnaire with Edmond Mayor Candidate Richard Prawdzienski (Candidates answers are recorded in red)

1. If elected to City Council/Mayor, what will be your top priorities?

Transparency and Communications

2. Do you support the continued use of the Edmond Development Authority's incentive policy to recruit new business and assist existing business? Why or why not?

Incentives are kind of bribes. City should focus of recruiting businesses that can survive in a Free Market Economy

3. Do you support allowing voters to decide whether to tax themselves to build a Regional Transit/Commuter Rail System in central Oklahoma (to connect, for example, Norman, Edmond, OKC and Tinker AFB)? Why or why not?

Yes, but only if 50%+1 of registered voter say yes and knowing the cost, debt, and subsidies to operate. Citizens need to know the debt that their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's debt will be inherited. One can kick the can down the road for just so long.

4. Do you support the use of city funds to implement a railroad quiet zone in Edmond city limits? Why or why not?

Depends on the cost. I would rather have road tunnels and bridges as a way to reduce train whistle.

5. Are you aware of the Federal Opportunity Zone located in downtown Edmond and what is your view on how this area should be developed?

Many citizens want smaller government and less taxes, they believe in free market vs socialism. If we want to shrink government we need to say, "No Thank You. Too many strings attached".

Think what George Washington said about entanglements “...a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils”; know the evils.

6. What is your view on the best solutions for the increased traffic areas that are part of the future growth of Edmond?

Businesses should increase their sales transaction ways. If Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc. can deliver in one day, local business can do it in hours. Future driverless cars and drones will change the way we shop. Businesses need to plan and act for the future, don't wait for a slow and inefficient government to do it.

7. As you know, sales tax is the primary source of revenue for cities in Oklahoma. What is your opinion on how to drive sales tax generation and growth for Edmond?

How to drive sales - Service, service, service; know your customer. Instead of just generating more taxes, cut government spending, spend wiser. And remember, fees are a significant source; fees pay for only what a person wants. If someone wants a high-tech trailing golf center or art performing center who should provide? A want vs needs issue. Members should be talking about the proper functions of Business and the proper functions of Government.