

Show Up to Council

Your one-page guide to public comment at OKC City Council

Renewal vote: early July 2026

The basics

Where	City Hall, 200 N. Walker Ave, Oklahoma City - Council Chamber, 3rd floor
When	Every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM (verify the agenda at okc.primegov.com)
How long	3 minutes at the microphone if you choose to speak
Cost	Free. Open to the public. No appointment needed.
Sign-up	Arrive 20-30 minutes early. Sign up to speak at the table near the chamber entrance.
ID	Not required to sign up. You can sign up under "Citizens to be heard" or by item number.

What to bring

- Your name and the ward you live in. (If you don't know your ward, look it up at okc.gov/Government/Administration/Government-Relations/Find-your-elected-officials.)
- Three minutes of comments. Less is fine. Reading from your phone or a printed sheet is fine.
- Patience. The agenda will likely have other items first. The Flock item will be called when it comes up.
- A friend if you can. Two voices on one issue is twice the signal.

3-minute talking points

You don't have to memorize anything. Pick the lines that resonate with you and string them together. Each block below stands on its own and runs about 30-45 seconds.

OPENING

My name is [name]. I'm a Ward [number] resident. I'm here because the Flock Safety contract renewal is on this agenda, and I am asking you to vote against renewal.

THE MEMO

OKCPD confirmed in writing that no access controls, no audit procedures, no use policies, no discipline standards, and no transparency reporting exist for this system. That's not my characterization. That's the department's own memo, on official letterhead, in response to a public records request.

THE VENDOR

Flock Safety has been documented misrepresenting its product to other city councils. In Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the council rescinded their contract within 24 hours because Flock lied during the meeting. Flock's CEO sent emails to police departments calling residents who ask questions "activists who want to defund the police." This is not a vendor we should be paying with public money.

THE LAW

Oklahoma statute Section 47-7-606.1 limits ALPR use to insurance enforcement. The Flock contract authorizes use far beyond that. The Institute for Justice has filed federal lawsuits in Norfolk and San Jose arguing this exact deployment model violates the Fourth Amendment. We are participating in a system whose legality is actively being challenged.

THE NUMBERS

Nearly 50 cities have ended their Flock contracts since January of last year. Guthrie, Oklahoma already terminated theirs. The ACLU and the Institute for Justice - organizations that rarely agree on anything - both oppose Flock. This is not a partisan issue.

THE ASK

Cancel this contract. If the Council is not prepared to do that today, at minimum support published use policies, mandatory audits, council approval for new surveillance features, and a formal effectiveness report. We deserve to know how many cases these cameras have actually contributed to before we spend another year of public funds on them.

CLOSING

Thank you for your time.

Tips for the microphone

- Speak to the room, not just the council. The TV camera and the residents in the chamber are also your audience.
- Slow down. Three minutes feels longer than you think. Pauses are powerful.
- Personal beats persuasive. "I have a teenager who drives" lands harder than "residents deserve."
- Be civil. Council members - even the ones who disagree with you - are doing a job. Respect makes them likelier to listen.
- Don't read for three solid minutes if you don't want to. Saying "I oppose this contract because of A, B, and C - thank you" in 45 seconds is also a complete public comment.

If you can't make the meeting

Email your council member with our editable template - linked at DeFlockOKC.com/take-action.html.

Send a written comment for the record. Email cityclerk@okc.gov before the meeting. Reference the agenda item by number once it's posted.

Watch the meeting live on Cox Channel 20 or the City's YouTube stream. Tell five neighbors what you saw.

All findings and sources: [**DeFlockOKC.com/the-case.html**](http://DeFlockOKC.com/the-case.html) | Questions: OKCFlockWatch@gmail.com