



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2026

REQUESTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-64: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE LANDSCAPING PORTION OF THE LINDSEY WATER TOWER LIGHTING AND PARK PROJECT. (WARD 7)

BACKGROUND:

The Lindsey Tower is an elevated water storage tank at the intersection of E. Lindsey Street and Classen Boulevard, originally built nearly 100 years ago to serve Norman's potable water system. However, as Norman's potable water system expanded over the years, the system also changed. In 2014, it was determined that Lindsey Tank no longer had the hydraulic characteristics necessary to function as a viable potable water storage for Norman's system. However, because of the potential for Lindsey Tower to be used as dedicated storage for a non-potable reuse system and stakeholders' desire to keep the structure, demolition was put on hold.

Contract K-2627-10 with TMI Coatings, L.L.C., for \$532,200 (expense) was approved on July 21, 2026, for recoating of the Lindsey Water Tower. Additionally, Contract K-2627-26 with Dr. Pepper/Seven Up, Inc., for \$500,000 (revenue), was approved on July 28, 2026, to allow the Dr. Pepper logo to be painted on the tower, along with other conditions.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks Department will operate and maintain the property surrounding the water tower as a special-use park once the work is completed and the tower is open to the public. The Parks department is requesting \$50,000 for landscaping and signage of the future park.

Parks Department Staff recommends that funding for Tower Park landscaping be appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (account 50-29000) (\$50,000) to Lindsey Water Tower Lighting and Park Project (Project PR0178, account 50798813-46101 Construction).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve Resolution R-2627-64 appropriating \$50,000 for the Lindsey Water Tower Lighting and Park Project as outlined in the staff report.