



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 01, 2025 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building on the 1st day of July, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., 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.

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CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heikkila called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Heikkila.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF MAYOR-ELECT STEPHEN TYLER HOLMAN, COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT DAVID GANDESBERY, WARD 1; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT BREE MONTOYA, WARD 3, COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT MICHAEL NASH, WARD 5; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT KIMBERLY BLODGETT, WARD 7.

Judge Drew Nichols, City of Norman Municipal Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Stephen T. Holman, Councilmember-Elect David Gandesbery, Ward 1; Councilmember-Elect Bree Montoya, Ward 3; Councilmember-Elect Michael Nash, Ward 5; and Councilmember-Elect Kimberly Blodgett, Ward 7.

Mayor Stephen T. Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery; Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Ward 5; and Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Ward 7 were Sworn in and took their Seats on the Dias.

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Appointments

2. ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion to Elect Councilmember Peacock as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Peacock was Elected as Mayor Pro Tem

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3. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Motion to Elect Mayor Holman as Representative and Councilmember Ward 4 Grant as Alternate Representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Item 3, continued

Mayor Holman was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 4 Grant as Alternate Representative of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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4. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Motion to Elect Mayor Holman as Representative and Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Mayor Holman was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon was Elected as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

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5. ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Motion to Elect Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle was Elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

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6. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO LARRY HEIKKILA FOR SERVING AS MAYOR IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-6 was Adopted.

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Larry Heikkila, accepted the Resolution and thanked the Council and residents of Norman

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7. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO AUSTIN BALL FOR SERVING AS COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD ONE IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 5 Nash.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Montoya, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-7 was Adopted.

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Council Farewells.

Councilmember Gandesbery expressed gratitude to residents for their support. He emphasized his commitment to compassion, unity, and accessibility, pledging to answer calls, return emails, and invite open dialogue. His priorities include fostering business growth, peace, and understanding within Ward 1, while working toward a better future for Norman's children.

Council Farewells, continued

Councilmember Peacock congratulated colleagues and extended thanks to outgoing Mayor Larry Heikkila for his service, while welcoming incoming Mayor Stephen Holman. He voiced enthusiasm for working collaboratively with returning and new councilmembers.

Councilmember Montoya offered congratulations to incoming and continuing members and thanked former Mayor Heikkila for his guidance and service. Appreciation was expressed for the opportunity to continue building on collaborative work.

Councilmember Grant briefly congratulated new members and thanked former Mayor Heikkila, noting while they sometimes disagreed, their relationship ended on good terms.

Councilmember Nash kept remarks brief, stating, "Time to get back to work."

Councilmember Hinkle congratulated newly sworn-in officials, welcomed Mayor Holman, and thanked community members for their strong turnout and participation.

Councilmember Blodgett thanked residents for their warm reception during the campaign and celebrated the opportunity to serve. She encouraged residents to continue attending meetings and engaging with local government.

Councilmember Dixon thanked former Mayor Heikkila for his service and expressed eagerness to work with Mayor Holman and new members. He welcomed incoming councilmembers and encouraged them to embrace the rewarding nature of the work despite the long hours.

Mayor Holman extended appreciation to former Mayor Heikkila for his decades of service to both the city and the country. He reflected on the importance of compromise and collaboration in local government. Holman also shared gratitude for the encouragement he received to initially run for office, and his dedication to serving Norman thoughtfully as the city continues to grow. He invited the public to remain engaged in civic life and attend local events, emphasizing openness and accessibility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor