



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Special Session in the Executive Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building on the 8th day of July, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A VISITABILITY ORDINANCE.

Mr. Greg Clark, Development Services Manager, provided background on the Visitability Pilot Program. He said the Program was approved by Council on June 22, 2021, for a two year period. Amendments to extend the program were subsequently approved by Council and is scheduled to expire on August 1, 2025.

A visitable dwelling offers a few specific features making a home easier for mobility-impaired people to live or visit. An accessible building is to allow a person with a physical disability to independently get to, enter, and use a site, facility, building or element. Mr. Clark said there were 67 applications enrolled; 10 have completed the Program and received credit, 47 withdrew or did not pass the program, and 10 are still in the program.

Mr. Clark said Staff recommends keeping the program and making it a permanent program by Ordinance. He said by making the program permanent future builders and developers can certainly consider this as a cost savings option for future developments. He said over time, Staff could see builders gravitate to the Visitable Home Program if the Energy Code Compliance becomes more difficult.

There was consensus from Council to move forward with a permanent program.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, UNDER TITLE 25 § 307(B)(3):

OWNED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (ODMHSAS) LOCATED IN NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA LOCATED WITHIN THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST;

OWNED BY ODMHSAS LOCATED IN NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA LOCATED WITHIN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST;

OWNED BY ODMHSAS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA LOCATED WITHIN THE E ½ OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST;

LOCATED ON LOT ONE (1), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF TRIAD ADDITION, SECTION 8, BEING A RE-PLAT OF THE EAST 149.83 FEET OF BLOCK 4 OF TRIAD ADDITION, SECTION 3, AND BEING A PART OF THE NW/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND

LOCATED ON LOT TWO (2), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF MIDDLE EARTH, NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

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

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager; and Ms. Shaakira Calnick, Internal Auditor, were in attendance at the Executive Session.

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

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

The Executive Session was adjourned out of and the Special Session was reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

The purchase of real property, at stated above, was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken and no votes were cast.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor