



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council, Norman Utilities Authority, Norman Municipal Authority, and Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, July 08, 2025, at 6:30 PM, and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Heikkila.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-1: PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JULY 2025 AS WATER'S WORTH IT™ MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Item 1, continued:

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager
2. Ms. Eileen Grybawski, Environmental Control Advisory Board member, made comments and thanked the Council.

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

Receipt of the proclamation was Acknowledged.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Expressed appreciation to the Norman Police Department, Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation Department for a successful and safe Fourth of July celebration. Weather conditions were favorable, and no major incidents were reported.

Councilmember Gandesbery plans to host a meet-and-greet event later in the month to connect with Ward 1 residents.

Additionally, as the newly appointed lead of the CPAN Adopt-A-Street Program, the representative will be organizing a community cleanup event on Alameda Street (from 12th to 24th), tentatively scheduled around the 18th of the month.

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Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

Highlighted several arts and community events: Oil and Clay Studio's 10th Birthday Celebration located at 315 East Gray Street at The Standard. Celebrations will take place during the Second Friday ArtWalk, including studio tours, a free craft shop, and a champagne toast. Uncanny Art Hang Exhibition at 106 East Main Street, featuring local artists and interactive elements during the ArtWalk (Friday, 6:00–9:00 p.m.).

Firehouse Equality Club is hosting a free "Zine-Making" workshop taught by Jenna Bryan of Oscillator Press on Sunday, July 13th from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Firehouse Art Center (444 South Flood Avenue).

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Ward 6 - Councilmember Hinkle

Extended thanks to City Staff for organizing the successful Independence Day festival and acknowledged the many residents and out-of-town guests who attended. Gratitude was also expressed for everyone's safe participation.

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Council Announcements, continued

Ward 7 - Councilmember Blodgett

Thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for swiftly restoring a park cover in their neighborhood, noting the community's excitement as seen on local Facebook groups.

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Ward 8 - Councilmember Dixon

Echoed the compliments regarding the Fourth Fest at Reaves Park, noting a great turnout, though food truck lines were long due to high attendance.

CONSENT DOCKET

This item is placed on the agenda so that the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine agenda items that they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any item proposed does not meet with approval of all Councilmembers, that item will be heard in regular order. Staff recommends that Item 2 through Item 22 be placed on the consent docket.

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

Items 2 through 22 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2024, AND JUNE 3, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2024; AUGUST 20, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, DECEMBER 5, 2024, AND APRIL 3, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AND MAY 27, 2025.

Item 2, continued

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2024; AUGUST 20, 2024; SEPTEMBER 10, 2024; OCTOBER 8, 2024, JANUARY 14, 2025; AND MAY 27, 2025.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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 minutes were Approved.

Reports/Communications

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR REJECTION OF RECEIPT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT AND CHANGE ORDER REPORT AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Receipt of the City Manager's Contract and Change Order Report was acknowledged.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND/OR OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Item 4, continued

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 declaration of surplus was Approved and the sale thereof was Authorized.

Bids

5. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-49 SUBMITTED BY US LIME COMPANY-ST CLAIR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$328.59 PER TON FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIME FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-49 was Accepted and Awarded to US Lime Company St. Clair.

6. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-50 SUBMITTED BY PENCCO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530 PER TON FOR 12% FOR THE PURCHASE OF FERRIC SULFATE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-50 was Accepted and Awarded to PENNCO, Inc.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-51 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID AMMONIUM SULFATE BULK FROM CHEMTRADE CHEMICALS US, LLC, FOR \$0.1620 PER POUND. FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID AMMONIUM SULFATE BULK FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-51 was Accepted and Awarded to Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-52 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID AMMONIA SULFATE TOTE FROM BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC. FOR \$0.34 PER POUND FOR FIRST QUARTER WITH PRICING CHANGES TO BE PROVIDED WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-52 was Accepted and Awarded to Brenntag Southwest, Inc.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-53 SUBMITTED BY PENCCO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.2735 PER POUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLUOROSILICIC ACID FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-53 was Accepted and Awarded to PENNCO, Inc.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-54 SUBMITTED BY POLYDYNE, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 0.75 PER POUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF CATIONIC POLYMER FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

Motion made by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Trustee Ward 8 Dixon.

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

BID-2425-54 was Accepted and Awarded to Polydyne, Inc.

Request for Payment

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PAYMENT OF FYE 2026 DUES ASSESSMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (OML) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Payment of FYE 2026 OML dues was Approved.

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PAYMENT OF FYE 2026 PROPORTIONATE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,848 TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (ACOG) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Payment of FYE 2026 ACOG dues was Approved.

Donation

13. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000 FROM ROBERT AND TRUDY RICHARDSON TO BE USED AT THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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 donation Robert and Trudy Richardson was Accepted.

Acceptance of Funds

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT TWO TO THE HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Amendment Two to the Home America Rescue Plan was Approved.

Easement

15. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF E-2526-3 (WATER) AND E-2526-4 (SANITARY SEWER) FOR MOORE NORMAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WEST FRANKLIN ROAD AND 12TH AVE NW (5200 12TH AVENUE NW).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Easement E-2526-3 and E-2526-4 were Accepted and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was Directed.

Contracts

16. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT FOUR TO CONTRACT K-2223-164: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND RIVER NORTH TRANSIT, LLC, (VIA TRANSPORTATION, INC.), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$691,985, FOR A REVISED NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2,243,470, FOR EXTENSION OF THE NORMAN ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT PROGRAM BEGINNING AUGUST 21, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Amendment Four to Contract K-2223-164 with River North Transit, LLC, was Approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT THREE TO CONTRACT K-2324-50: AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,447.16 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$373,707.55 FOR EXPANSION OF THE NORMAN ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT PROGRAM BEGINNING AUGUST 21, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Amendment Three to Contract K-2324-50 with the University of Oklahoma was Approved.

18. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-15: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY, WILDLIFE SERVICES DIVISION FOR CONTROL OF AQUATIC RODENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Contract K-2526-15 with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Wildlife Services Division was Approved.

19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-19: PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH GOLDEN TWINS, LLC, FOR PURCHASE OF LOT ONE (1), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF TRIAD ADDITION SECTION 8, TO THE CITY OF NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO EFFECTUATE THE AGREEMENT.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, asked questions
2. Ms. Mary Katherine Long, Ward 2, proponent
3. Ms. Karen Canavan, Norman Housing Authority, proponent
4. Mr. Evan Dunn, Ward 7, made comments
5. Ms. Heidi Smith, Continuum of Care, made comments
6. Ms. Lee Hall, Ward 4, proponent
7. Ms. Nancy Ashton, Ward 1, opponent
8. Ms. Veronica Hawkins, Ward 1, opponent
9. Mr. David Davila, Ward 1, opponent
10. Ms. Lisa Krieg, Grants Manager
11. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager
12. Mr. Russell Rice, Ward 2, proponent

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

Contract K-2526-19 with Golden Twins, LLC, was Approved.

Resolutions

20. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-8: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT, EXECUTE, AND FILE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF PLANNING, CAPITAL AND/OR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 AND SECTION 5339 AND AUTHORIZING, THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SET FORTH AND EXECUTE POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, BUDGETS, AND PROCUREMENT NEEDS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Resolution R-2526-8 was Adopted.

21. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$114,270.47 FROM THE WESTWOOD FUND BALANCE FOR A LEAK REPAIR AT THE WESTWOOD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Resolution R-2526-12 was Adopted.

22. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION FOR THE 2026 STATE OF OKLAHOMA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, 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

Resolution R-2526-13 was Adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Permanent Supportive Housing on Triad Village Drive

John Scamehorn, Ward 1, introduced himself as a retired chemical engineer and 44-year resident of Ward 1. He expressed appreciation to Councilmember David Gandesbery for pulling the item off the consent agenda. He voiced strong opposition to permanent supportive housing projects, particularly the proposed development on Triad Village Drive. His concerns included proximity of units to senior housing and a children's playground; negative impacts observed from similar facilities, such as "Friend's House" in Ward 4; potential safety concerns for seniors, including fears of panhandling; and decline in quality of life and property value for Ward 1 residents. He felt this project is part of a larger plan to expand permanent supportive housing across Norman and criticized the City's prioritization of the needs of the chronically homeless over the "honest, hardworking citizens" of Norman. He called for the Council to refocus on initiatives beneficial to senior citizens and working-class neighborhoods.

Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Permanent Supportive Housing on Triad Village Drive, continued

Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, inquired about zoning for Greek houses, questioning whether such zoning could accommodate supportive housing models.

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Council Annual Retreat

Dan Munson, Ward 7, recommended that the Council discuss implementing an entertainment tax for the UNP (University North Park) during the upcoming Council retreat. He suggested the tax could fund a 230-foot aerial lift fire truck to support high-rise developments such as Embassy Suites and the arena.

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Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Dan Munson, Ward 7, expressed concern over the Oklahoma Highway Patrol ceasing patrol of I-35 in November, requiring additional local police for traffic enforcement.

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University North Park (UNP)

Dan Munson, Ward 7, commended the Parks and Recreation team for excellent maintenance at Legacy Park and criticized the rest of the UNP area for poor infrastructure and landscaping, including potholes, dead trees, and unsafe drainage ditches. He recommended an ordinance to hold property owners accountable for maintaining standards equivalent to Legacy Park.

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Racism Stinks

Richard Baxter, Founder, Racism Stinks, introduced himself and noted disappointment over missing the recent swearing-in ceremony due to lack of notice. He expressed eagerness to work with the new council and commended them for their dedication to public service.

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Aquatic Rodents

Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, commented on Item 18 regarding the relocation of aquatic rodents; questioned where the animals are relocated and highlighted potential stormwater issues. She raised concerns about flood risk in Norman, citing firsthand experiences at Lion's Park during rainstorms and asked what preparations the City has in place for flood warnings and response.

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Texas Flooding

Mary Katherine Long, Ward 1, expressed appreciation for the Norman Fire Department's assistance in Texas during recent flooding.

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Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Public Transit

Mary Katherine Long, Ward 1, thanked the City for its public transit system, specifically citing her reliance on buses after a vehicle breakdown. She praised bus routes 24, 111, and 112, and issued a light-hearted challenge for Councilmembers to ride the bus with her. She commended City staff, especially Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager, for responsiveness to transit-related concerns and highlighted the importance of public workers who improve everyday life.

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Health-Conscious Lifestyle

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, advocated for health-conscious lifestyle changes, including better nutrition and reduced use of plastics. He promoted the local farmer's market and recommended using biodegradable products like bamboo toothbrushes. He also shared details about completing a three-day fast, promoting bone broth as a healthy transition back to eating and encouraged others to read the book *Breath* and emphasized the role of oxygen and metabolism in weight loss.

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Small Business Administration (SBA) Funding

Maryann Bradfield, Ward 3, SBA Public Information Officer, announced that the deadline to apply for disaster assistance for wildfires and straight-line winds is in two weeks. She explained that the SBA offers low-interest loans up to \$500,000 for homeowners and \$100,000 for renters. She said loans can include damaged vehicles, even when insurance is insufficient. She urged residents to apply early even if unsure they need assistance, and emphasized there are no fees, obligations, or penalties associated with applying. She provided information about working with FEMA and shared materials with City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor