



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, March 11, 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.

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

Mayor Heikkila called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Josh Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Heikkila.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2425-16: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, AS EARTH DAY AND MARCH 22 THROUGH MAY 18, 2025, AS GREEN NORMAN ECOBRATION IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in Discussion:

1. Ms. Michele Loundenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

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

Proclamation P-2425-16 was Acknowledged.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2425-18: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 18, 2025, AS PUBLIC TRANSIT PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in Discussion:

1. Mr. Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

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

Proclamation P-2425-18 was Acknowledged.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2425-19: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025, AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Participants in Discussion:

1. Ms. Polly Henderson, Norman High School, Girls Basketball Booster Club President, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

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

Proclamation P-2425-19 was Acknowledged.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 8 -Councilmember Dixon

- Reported attending the Norman High School girls' basketball game at the Oklahoma City Arena. Noted the team's comeback victory over Tulsa Union, highlighted standout performances by Halen Browning and Key Parks, and congratulated the Norman High Lady Tigers on advancing in the state tournament.

Ward 7 – Councilmember Holman

- Thanked Principal Hallie Wright for inviting him to the Norman High Career Job Fair, commended the wide variety of career booths, and expressed appreciation for the City of Norman's participation.
- Provided an update on the Jenkins Avenue Widening Project, a \$15.5 million voter-approved initiative with over \$10 million in federal funding. Construction began last week, is expected to last up to two years, and will keep two lanes open at all times to minimize disruption.
- Announced the upcoming Art Walk on Main Street this Friday and encouraged attendance.

Ward 4 – Councilmember Grant

- Announced a partnership between the City of Norman and the Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma for an informational meeting with Utilities Director Chris Mattingly regarding property service line issues. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Highlighted the upcoming Art Walk on Friday, March 14th from 6:00–9:00 p.m., including the opening of Indian Time, a new exhibition by Tulsa Fellowship artist Alicia Smith at Uncanny Art House.
- Announced the upcoming fundraiser One Spring Night, hosted by MainSite Contemporary Art, to be held on Saturday, March 29th. Ticket pricing details were provided, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$125 depending on the purchase date.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued

Ward 3 – Councilmember Montoya

Announced the schedule for residential spring cleanup:

- Monday trash service: cleanup day is March 29th.
- Tuesday trash service: cleanup day is April 5th.

Ward 2 – Councilmember Peacock

- Reminded the public that the Norman Music Festival will be held the last weekend of April. Emphasized that it is Norman's premier event outside of OU football and is free to attend, funded through donations and community support. Encouraged public attendance and support.

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 4 through Item 14 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion to place Item 4 through 14 on Consent Docket was made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

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

Item 4 through 14 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2024, JUNE 11, 2024 AND JUNE 25, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

The Minutes were Approved.

First Reading Ordinance

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-19 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), IN BLOCK SEVEN (7), OF D.L. LARSH'S FIRST ADDITION, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE CCFBC, CENTER CITY FORM-BASED CODE, URBAN RESIDENTIAL FRONTAGE, AND PLACE SAME IN THE CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (201 W APACHE ST)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Ordinance O-2425-19 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-25 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO GRANT SPECIAL USE FOR MUNICIPAL USE IN THE RE, RESIDENTIAL ESTATES DWELLING DISTRICT FOR PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N/2 NW/4) OF SECTION FOURTEEN (14), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (4020 E TECUMSEH ROAD)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Ordinance O-2425-25 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

Reports/Communications

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE NORMAN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, INC., (VISIT/NORMAN) ANNUAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Receipt of the Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Report was Acknowledged.

Donation

8. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FROM GAMMA KAPPA OF THE KAPPA SIGMA TO BE USED AT THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

The donation was Accepted.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 FROM RAMON COVARRUBIAS-AVILA OF NORMAN TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SERVICES AND ITEMS FOR THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND STAFF SERVICES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

The donation was Accepted.

Permits

10. SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMIT WL000014240672 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF JENKINS WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WA0353).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Receipt of the permit was Acknowledged.

11. SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMIT WL000014240362 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF JAMES GARNER WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WA0338).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Receipt of the permit was Acknowledged.

Easement

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF NORMAN RURAL CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY COS-2425-5: FOR CREEKSIDE ESTATES AND EASEMENT NUMBERS E-2425-16 AND E-2425-17 (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF 108TH AVENUE S.E. APPROXIMATELY 1/4 MILE NORTH OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 9).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Norman Rural Certificate of Survey COS-2425-5 was Approved, Easements E-2425-16 and E-2425-17 were Accepted, and the filing there with the Cleveland County Clerk was Directed.

Contracts

13. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVAL REJECTION AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RFP 2425-32, AND CONTRACT K-2425-100: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND NOVO, FOR PRICING ON MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 SKU'S AS OUTLINED IN THE RFP AND SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT OFFICE 365 AND MIGRATION OF OUR ON PREMISE EXCHANGE TO CLOUD SERVICES AND THE DECOMMISSION OF THE ON PREMISE SERVER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Request for Proposal RFP-2425-32 was Accepted and Contract K-2425-100 was Approved.

Resolutions

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-90: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$26,830.62 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS/REFUNDS ACCOUNT TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL PARTS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

Item 14, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Resolution R-2425-90 was Adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Water Treatment Discharge

Jared Miller, Ward 5, reported chlorine discharge from the Robinson Water Treatment Facility into Rock Creek. He noted tens of thousands of fish were killed, with six miles of Rock Creek affected and impacts reaching Little River and Lake Thunderbird. He opposed the proposed new water treatment plant, citing risks to his recently purchased pond due to upstream discharge.

Use of Chloramine in City Water

Ben Plummer, Ward 4, raised concerns about the City's use of chloramine instead of chlorine. He explained chloramine lingers longer than chlorine, making removal difficult and creating challenges for gardeners and agriculture. He noted many local farmers and gardeners avoid full reliance on City water because of plant damage.

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Community Unity and Public Safety

Richard Baxter introduced himself as founder of the nonprofit Racism Stinks and an OU student. He announced the Norman Cultural Unity Parade and Healing Exchange campaign on May 3rd and emphasized themes of unity, rebuilding trust in law enforcement, and broad participation. He requested Council support, encouraged \$5 donations, and thanked local leaders for their assistance.

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Turnpike Authority South Extension

Kelly Wilson, Ward 6, reported that the Turnpike Authority announced it would restart work on the South Extension after denial of the current route. She recommended that Council request inclusion on all communications from the design team and suggested the City host its own public meetings to ensure meaningful feedback and citizen engagement, citing past Turnpike Authority meetings as unresponsive.

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Farmers Market and Environmental Awareness

Evan Dunn, Ward 7, announced the Farmers Market will take place on Saturday. He spoke on environmental and health concerns, including water chlorination, exposed soil, and conscious choices about food and chemical intake. He urged community resilience, creativity, and empowerment through environmental and dietary awareness.

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Acknowledgements and Personal Reflections

Floyd Carroll, Ward 4, thanked the Mayor and Police Chief for their service. He shared personal stories involving family experiences, local businesses, and law enforcement interactions and expressed appreciation for Council's time and willingness to listen.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor