



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Study Session in the Executive Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 5:30 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 Larry Heikkila
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
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING EXCHANGE OF A PORTION OF LAND IN WOODSLAWN PARK NEAR ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND A PORTION OF LAND ON THE 12TH AVENUE RECREATION CENTER PROPERTY FOR A CONNECTING PIECE OF LAND TO NE LIONS PARK AT EISENHOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, said Staff is proposing to exchange property abutting two City parks between the City of Norman and Norman Public Schools (NPS). He said the first property owned by the City of Norman is on the 12th Avenue Recreation Center property where it abuts NPS property at Eisenhower Elementary School. He said Staff was approached by a representative from Norman Public Schools about the need for additional parking for Eisenhower Elementary School. NPS would swap property on the east side of the school property, which abuts N.E. Lion's Park. Mr. Olsen said the playground at N.E. Lion's Park is somewhat isolated and is the most vandalized park in Norman. Staff would like to move the playground to this new piece of land, which would make it more visible from the street.

He said the second property is adjacent to Woodslawn Park next to Adams Elementary School. NPS currently has a playground on the property in question. The City's would receive a total of 2.502 acres from NPS and NPS would receive 0.878 acre from the City.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the exchange.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, UNDER TITLE 25 § 307(B)(3) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CLEVELAND COUNTY A/K/A GRIFFIN SOCCER PARK AND SUTTON URBAN WILDERNESS.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, 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 City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Rick Knighton, City Attorney; Ms. AshLynn Wilkerson, Assistant City Attorney; and Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, were in attendance at the Executive Session.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, 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 Executive Session was adjourned out of and the Special Session was reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

Potential purchase of real property described as the east half of Section 20, Township 9 North, Range 2 West, Cleveland County a/k/a Griffin Soccer Park and Sutton Urban Wilderness was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken and no votes were cast.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor