



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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 19th day of March, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Lauren Schueler
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Matthew Peacock

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION FROM RED ROCK BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERVICES REGARDING THE NEW RED ROCK CRISIS CENTER.

Ms. Verna Foust, CEO, Red Rock Behavioral Health Services (Red Rock), provided background on Red Rock and the services they provide. She said Red Rock's mission is to provide high quality, technology driven, evidence based practices so all Oklahomans will achieve better health and wellness. She said there are 12 behavioral health organizations in Oklahoma and Red Rock operates 25 facilities throughout Oklahoma.

The screening and monitoring process at Red Rock includes: screening of key health indicators and health risk is completed within 30 days of intake appointment; adult body mass index screening; weight assessment and counseling for nutrition for children and adolescents; blood pressure; tobacco use, screening and cessation intervention; screening for clinical depressions; unhealthy alcohol use; and diabetes screening for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder diagnosis who are prescribed anti-psychotics. All of the processes receive follow-up. Ms. Foust said Red Rock's annual number of consumers increase each year and in 2022 17,860 consumers received services. She said 75% of adults seen have a serious mental illness and 73% of children seen have a serious emotional disturbance.

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Ms. Foust said through a Request for Proposal process, on October 6, 2023, Red Rock was approved as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) to provide services to Cleveland and McClain counties.

Ms. Foust said people with mental health and substance abuse die 25-30 years earlier than others. Part of the grant program will be an Equal Ops outreach van going out into the community to provide these services where the people are at.

Mr. Steve Norwood, Specialized Crisis Services, Red Rock, said in 2006 Griffin Memorial Hospital (Griffin) was over capacity in their crisis area of the clinic. Griffin reached out to Red Rock looking for a potential partnership. Red Rock opened a Crisis Center with 26 beds in November 2006. He said since opening the Norman Crisis Center, Red Rock has served over 80,000 consumers and about 40% come from Cleveland County. He said today, Red Rock operates 40 crisis beds on the Griffin campus.

Mr. Norwood said with Griffin scheduled to move to Oklahoma City in the near future, Red Rock is looking for land to build a new Crisis Center. He said Red Rock is also opening an outpatient clinic on the Norman Regional Porter Campus. Ms. Foust said when the new Crisis Center is built, it will just be for Norman.

Councilmember Grant asked if Red Rock has located any property for the facility and Ms. Foust said they are currently working with Cleveland County on a piece of property, but it is not finalized.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER REUSE PILOT PROGRAM.

Mr. Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities, introduced Cole Niblett from Garver Engineering, who presented the latest findings on the Water Reuse Pilot Program. Mr. Niblett leads the Oklahoma Water Team for Garver and has worked with the City of Norman on projects the past eight years. He provided the project history and background.

Mr. Niblett highlighted the findings of the pilot study to date. He said the goal of the Pilot is to identify a treatment approach that does not produce a brine system, and can reliably provide potable reuse quality water. He said the pilot trains encompassed two existing aeration basins, a secondary clarifier, and more at the Water Reclamation Facility. The two process trains simulated the multi-barrier approach needed at full scale.

Mr. Niblett said it was a two pilot-scale, tertiary filtration technologies were piloted. Filtered effluents were further treated with advanced technologies. He said the Pilot was successful in tracking the fate of three major contaminant groups, i.e., nutrients, nitrogen/phosphorus; pathogens and indicator organisms; and organics, contaminants of emerging concern, which will impact future operations and monitoring.

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Mr. Niblett said there is still much more work to be done, but the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has finished their review of the Pilot Project and has issued its letter of support. He said the City was able to receive a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to provide a predictive lake optimization tool and that project is still on going. He said Garver is now working with the National Water Research Institute advisory panel and they will provide their review of the pilot results.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor