



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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, April 14, 2026 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.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Brandon Nofire
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

SWEARING IN

1. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT TREY KIRBY, WARD 5.

Councilmember-Elect Ward 5 Kirby was Sworn in by Judge Blaylock and took his seat on the Dias.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTON R-2526-131: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO BRANDON NOFIRE FOR SERVING AS WARD FIVE COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Brandon Nofire, thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-131 was Adopted.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-130: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AWARDING THE 2026 NOMAN ANIMAL WELFARE VOLUNTEERISM AWARD.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Becca Bean Animal Welfare Oversight Committee Member, thanked Council and made comments.
2. Dr. Joe Carter Veterinarian, thanked Council and made comments.
3. Mr. Mark Howery thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-130 was Adopted.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-32: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 THROUGH 18, 2026, AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Jori Welch Community Development Committee member accepted the Proclamation.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-32 was Acknowledged.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-33: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Mary Dulan Metropolitan Fair Housing Council, thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-33 was Acknowledged.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-37: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026, AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Item 6, continued:

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Rebecca Craig Development Director for Mary Abbot House, thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-37 was Acknowledged.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-38: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026, AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Dr. Samer Shehata Associate Professor of Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma, thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-38 was Acknowledged.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-39: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026, AS NORMAN MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Item 8, continued:

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Shari Jackson, Norman Music Festival, thanked Council and made comments.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-39 was Acknowledged.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Councilmember Gandesbery acknowledged and congratulated Carla Atkinson on her three-year appointment to the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee. He also congratulated Amber Bui on being named Principal of the Year for the Norman Public School system and expressed appreciation for the many nonprofit organizations in Norman for their continued service to the community.

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Ward 2 - Councilmember Peacock

Councilmember Peacock congratulated Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby on his election victory and welcomed him to Council, noting that his experience and skills would be a valuable addition. He also encouraged residents to attend the upcoming Norman Music Festival and support local businesses and musicians.

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Ward 3 - Councilmember Bruce

Councilmember Bruce welcomed Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby and said he looked forward to working with him. He also thanked Ward 3 residents for their calls, invitations, and ongoing conversations, encouraging them to continue staying engaged.

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Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

Councilmember Grant thanked voters for approving the five ballot propositions, particularly the homeless shelter measure. He also encouraged residents to attend the Norman Music Festival, visit the industry expo at Love Works, and support the downtown student art exhibition.

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Council announcements continued:

Ward 5 - Councilmember Kirby

Councilmember Kirby thanked his wife, family, supporters, and the community for their support during the election. He stated that he would represent all residents of Ward 5 and encouraged constituents to contact him with concerns or needs.

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Ward 7 – Councilmember Blodgett

Councilmember Blodgett congratulated Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby on his election and reminded residents about the upcoming Earth Day Festival at Reaves Park on April 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

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Ward 8 – Councilmember Dixon

Councilmember Dixon welcomed Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby to the Council and congratulated former Councilmember Nofire for his time served on Council. He also noted the Council's recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month by wearing blue to show support for the cause.

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Mayor Holman

Mayor Holman thanked organizers and attendees of the Medieval Fair for another successful event and encouraged residents to attend the Norman Music Festival, Earth Day Festival, and the OU Spring Game. He welcomed Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby to Council and thanked all candidates who participated in the Ward 5 election. Mayor Holman also thanked voters for their participation in the recent election.

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 9 through Item 28 be placed on the consent docket.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Items 9 through 28 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2026, AND MARCH 24, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2026.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The minutes were Approved.

First Reading Ordinance

10. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-38 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 REMOVE PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE R-1, SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN THE SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (521 E FRANK STREET; WARD 4)

Item 10, continued:

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-38 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-43 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 REMOVE THE TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4), SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) AND SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE (35), TOWNSHIP NINE NORTH (T9N), RANGE THREE WEST (R3W) OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM A PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AND PLACE SAME IN A PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W MAIN STREET, WEST OF ED NOBLE PARKWAY, NORTH OF W LINDSEY STREET, AND EAST OF 36TH AVENUE SW; WARD 3)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-43 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-46 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CLOSING A SPECIFIC PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORMAN CENTER COURT LOCATED IN STRAWBERRY LAKE SECTION TWO IN NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (WARD 3)

Item 12, continued:

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-46 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-47 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 ("SUBDIVISIONS") OF THE CODE, SECTION 30-606(a) IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE 30-ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT FOR RURAL CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY WITH AN URBAN RESERVE LAND USE DESIGNATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-47 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-55 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 32-VI IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES, TITLED "WRECKER SERVICES," AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-55 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

Appointments

15. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

TERM:05-27-26 TO 05-27-29, CARLA ATKINSON - WARD 4

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Appointments were Approved.

Surplus

16. 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 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Declaration was Approved and the sale thereof was Authorized.

Settlements

17. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-129: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FILED BY NOEL MOHRMANN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASES OF *NOEL MOHRMANN V. THE CITY OF NORMAN*, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CASE 2025-02034 P; DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO THEN FILE SUCH SETTLEMENT AND ALL ATTENDANT COSTS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASE SUCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION JUDGMENT FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE FUND.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Settlement was Approved and Resolution R-2526-129 was Adopted.

Request for Payment

18. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF SPECIAL CLAIM SC-2526-1: SUBMITTED BY CLIFFORD JEMISON, THROUGH LEGAL COUNSEL JOE FARNAN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR PERSONAL INJURY DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF A COLLISION WITH A CITY VEHICLE THAT OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Special Claim SC-2526-1 was Approved.

Acceptance of Funds

19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF SUBMISSION OF THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (CLG) PROGRAM 2026-2027 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,875 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The submission of the Certified Local Governments Grant application was approved.

Contracts

20. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2223-175: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, THE NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE OPERATION AND RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TURF FIELD OUTDOOR LOCATED AT THE YOUNG FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER. (WARD 8)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Amendment One to Contract K-2223-175 was Approved.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

21. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-25: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND VORTEX SERVICES, LLC INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$310,702.95 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$5,612,735.95 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT TIME BY 30 CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE SEWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 (WARDS 2 AND 4).

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

Voting Yea: Chairman Holman, Trustee Ward 1 Gandesbery, Trustee Ward 2 Peacock, Trustee Ward 3 Bruce, Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Trustee Ward 5 Kirby, Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Trustee Ward 7 Blodgett, Trustee Ward 8 Dixon

Change Order One to Contract K-2526-25 was Approved.

22. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-21 AND CONTRACT K-2526-106: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND PARATHON CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 FOR THE FYE 2026 UNIT PRICE CONCRETE AND ALLEYS PROJECT, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-39; STATUTORY BOND B-2526-40; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-35, AND PROJECT AGENT RESOLUTION R-2526-90 GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. (CITY)

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

BID 2526-21 was Accepted, Contract K-2526-106 and accompanying bonds were Approved, and Resolution R-2526-90 was Adopted.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

23. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-112: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,500 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CARTER WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (WARD 4)

Item 23, continued:

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

Voting Yea: Chairman Holman, Trustee Ward 1 Gandesbery, Trustee Ward 2 Peacock, Trustee Ward 3 Bruce, Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Trustee Ward 5 Kirby, Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Trustee Ward 7 Blodgett, Trustee Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-112 was Approved.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

24. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-117: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND STV, INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,961 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FLOOD WATER LINE REPLACEMENT FROM FRANKLIN TO HUETTNER PROJECT (WARD 8)

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

Voting Yea: Chairman Holman, Trustee Ward 1 Gandesbery, Trustee Ward 2 Peacock, Trustee Ward 3 Bruce, Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Trustee Ward 5 Kirby, Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle, Trustee Ward 7 Blodgett, Trustee Ward 8 Dixon

Contract K-2526-117 was Approved.

25. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) PUBLIC FLEET CONVERSION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$984,463 TO THE CITY OF NORMAN TO BE USED FOR TWO (2) NATURAL GAS DRIVEN COMPRESSORS AND FOUR (4) BEAM SOLAR CHARGERS; APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2526-157 BETWEEN ACOG AND THE CITY OF NORMAN; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CITY OF NORMAN AND THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Grant from The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments was Accepted, and Contract K-2526-157 and Budget Appropriations were Approved.

Resolutions

26. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-133: A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026A TO MATURE EACH YEAR; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD; DESIGNATING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-133 was Adopted.

27. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-134: A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026B TO MATURE EACH YEAR; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD; DESIGNATING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-134 was Adopted.

28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-135: A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026C TO MATURE EACH YEAR; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD; DESIGNATING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2526-135 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Second Reading Ordinance

29. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-31 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 A REPLAT OF THE EAST 236 FEET OF LOT SIX (6) AND THE EAST 200 FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7), OF ELMWOOD ADDITION, AND LOT TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF PARKVIEW ADDITION, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM A CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AND PLACE SAME IN A CCPUD, CENTER CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (THE NOUN HOTEL 542 AND 534 S. UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD; WARD 4)

Item 29, continued:

Motion to adopt upon Second Reading Section by Section made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Sean Reiger, Reiger Sadler Joyce
2. Mr. Mohammed Khan SMC Consulting Engineers, P.C.

Motion to amend the Ordinance to adopt the revised CCPUD Narrative dated April 10, 2026 made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Wad 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Motion to amend Ordinance O-2526-31 to adopt the revised CCPUD narrative dated April 10, 2026, was Approved.

Back to main motion on the floor to adopt Ordinance O-2526-31 as amended on Second Reading.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Andrew Rosenow Ward 6 made comments.
2. Mr. Stephen Ellis Ward 4 made comments.
3. Ms. Mayumi Windler Ward 2 made comments.
4. Mr. Rob Norman Ward 3, proponent

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-31 was Adopted as amended on Second Reading Section by Section.

Motion to adopt as amended on Final Reading, made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-31 was Adopted as amended on Final Reading as a whole.

30. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO INITIATE LITIGATION TO OBTAIN A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT REGARDING THE CITY COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY, IF ANY, TO ORDER A LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ACT, 62 O.S. §§ 850-869.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery.

The Declaratory Judgement Failed due to lack of a Second.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for citizens to address City Council. Due to Open Meeting Act regulations, Council is not able to participate in discussion during miscellaneous comments. Remarks should be directed to the Council as a whole and limited to four minutes or less.

Rob Norman - Ward 5

Mr. Norman expressed disappointment that Councilmember Gandesbery's motion did not receive a second, stating that the Council rejected an opportunity to consider a lower-risk path toward a public vote on the arena project.

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Andrew Rosenow - Ward 6

Mr. Rosenow raised concerns about the arena process, including procurement and oversight issues, and urged the Council to require the trust to follow the project plan and applicable laws.

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Stephen Ellis - Ward 4

Mr. Ellis said he was surprised the motion was not seconded and expressed concern that poor communication from Council and staff was creating confusion and undermining public trust.

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Marguerite Larson - Ward 6

Ms. Larson said she was surprised no one seconded Councilmember Gandesbery's motion and believed the public deserved to have its voice heard.

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Mayumi Windler - Ward 2

Ms. Windler questioned what had happened with the agenda item and shared a positive update about activities for dogs at the Norman Animal Shelter.

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Diana Hardersen - Ward 1

Ms. Hardersen urged Council to allow residents to vote on the arena TIF, stating that citizens should decide on projects involving public tax dollars.

Miscellaneous comments continued:

Cynthia Rogers - Ward 4

Ms. Rogers reviewed the referendum effort and encouraged Council to continue seeking a lawful way to place the arena project before voters.

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Paul Wilson - Ward 1

Mr. Wilson expressed disappointment with recent Council actions and encouraged the City to focus on practical infrastructure needs while supporting economic growth.

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Russell Rice - Ward 2

Mr. Rice - criticized the Council's handling of the issue and urged members to correct the situation quickly.

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Mike Lock - Ward 5

Mr. Lock said residents only wanted the opportunity to vote on the use of tax dollars and urged the Council to support that principle.

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Paul Arcaroli - Ward 3

Mr. Arcaroli said he was disappointed the Council did not publicly discuss the Declaratory Judgement, adding that the lack of conversation weakened public trust.

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Aisha Ali - Ward 3

Ms. Ali urged Council to let residents vote on the project and to consider the long-term impacts of development decisions on Norman.

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Chelsea Hinkle

Ms. Hinkle thanked the Council for not pursuing additional litigation and voiced support for the TIF district as an investment in Norman's future.

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Billy Jewell - Ward 5

Mr. Jewell said he felt Council was not listening to residents and expressed frustration with the evening's events.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman