

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA APPOINTING THE AD HOC PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE SUSTAINABLE METHODOLOGIES FOR FUNDING LONG TERM PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL AND STAFFING NEEDS.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the voters of Norman approved a temporary, seven-year dedicated portion of sales tax (0.5%) for funding public safety needs in 2008 ("PSST I"); and
- § 2. WHEREAS, PSST I funding, to the extent feasible from the revenues generated from the dedicated sales tax, was designated for the addition of forty-one (41) additional police personnel and thirty (30) additional fire personnel, vehicles and equipment for such personnel, acquiring, constructing, and equipping Fire Stations 8 and 9, and the promotion of community policing; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of PSST I, the voters approved a permanent dedicated portion of sales tax (0.5%) to replace PSST I upon its expiration ("PSST II"), for the purposes of funding, to the extent feasible from the revenues generated from the dedicated sales tax, the retention of the seventy-one public safety personnel funded by PSST I, the addition of thirteen (13) police personnel to implement a school resource officer program, the addition of four emergency communication officers, the addition of two emergency vehicle mechanics, replacement of city radio communication systems, construction of emergency operations and dispatch facility, replacement of fire trucks and apparatus, relocation and reconstruction of Fire Station No. 5, and any associated debt service for these purposes; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City has worked to fully implement the promised PSST II program, with the final remaining project, relocation and reconstruction of Fire Station No. 5, beginning in the coming months; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City has undertaken studies evaluating future staffing and facility needs for the Police and Fire Departments; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, PSST II funding is insufficient to meet these future staffing and facility needs; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council desires formal citizen input and recommendation on long term funding mechanisms to ensure the public safety needs of the community are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Establishment of the Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee. The Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding is established to review long-term public safety staffing and facility needs and recommend funding mechanisms to City Council to address such needs.



- § 9. Appointment and Number of Members. Members of the Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee shall be appointed as set forth herein. The Committee shall consist of 13 voting members and memberships shall not be current City employees, officials, contractors or vendors of the City.
- § 10. Purposes of the Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee. The Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee shall review existing and planned studies for the future staffing and facility needs related to the Police Department and the Fire Department; review other known or identified staffing, facility and equipment needs related to public safety, including, but not limited to cybersecurity and an outdoor warning siren replacement program; consider various long-term funding mechanisms to meet the identified needs; and make recommendations on long-term funding solutions for the identified public safety needs to the City Council.
- § 11. Monthly Reporting to City Council. Staff shall facilitate the submission of a written progress report of the Committee's activities for each month in which the Committee meets.
- § 12. Selection of a Chair; Committee Meeting Schedule. The Committee shall select a Chair and a Vice-Chair at its first meeting, and the Chair shall endeavor to set a meeting schedule for which all members can be available, and at a frequency that enables the Committee to complete its work and make its recommendation to Council within twelve (12) months of appointment.
- § 13. City Staff Support of Committee. The Committee will be primarily staffed by the City Finance Director, or his designee, with other staff support provided by the City Police Chief, the City Fire Chief, and the City Attorney or their respective designees.
- § 14. Appointments to Committee. The following residents of Norman shall be appointed to the Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee:
- (1) Tony Atteberry
 - (2) Becca Bean
 - (3) Robert Castleberry
 - (4) Crystal Cruz
 - (5) Jeffrey Fields
 - (6) Ann Gallagher
 - (7) Nicholos Heflin
 - (8) Larry Heikkila
 - (9) Kyle Hurley
 - (10) Meaghan Moulton
 - (11) Andrea Miller Myers
 - (12) Robert Post
 - (13) David Tuescher
- § 15. Ex-Officio Members of the Committee. One representative from the University of Oklahoma and one representative from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe shall be invited and allowed to participate in Committee meetings as non-voting ex-officio members.

§ 16. Meetings.

- (a) All Committee meetings will be open to the public and shall follow the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 301 et seq. Minutes of each meeting will be posted on the City's website.
- (b) A quorum of the committee shall consist of seven (7) members of the Committee.
- (c) Action by the Committee shall be by motion, duly seconded, and approved by a majority of the members present.

§ 17. Duration. The Ad Hoc Public Safety Planning and Funding Committee shall terminate automatically upon the receipt by the City Council of its final recommendations on long-term funding solutions, unless City Council takes affirmative action to continue to Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2026.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

City Clerk