



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Conference of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in conference in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:00 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Jacy Deck
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
Councilmember Ward 6 Kyle Steele
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING A RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE.

Presenter: Rick Knighton, City Attorney

Mr. Knighton presented a proposed approach to address residential light trespass. He reviewed previous residential lighting proposals and the City's existing commercial lighting ordinance, noting that enforcement of a residential ordinance through Code Compliance would require nighttime staffing and additional resources. Staff recommended amending the existing Disturbing the Peace Ordinance to prohibit light trespass that substantially interferes with the peace, comfort, or reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring property. The proposed approach would allow law enforcement to issue citations that could be referred to mediation, providing a faster and more collaborative way for neighbors to resolve disputes. Mr. Knighton emphasized that mediation could address underlying conflicts between neighbors while reducing the need for continued police involvement.

Item 1, continued:

Councilmembers discussed whether the Ordinance would apply to private roads and residential construction, the treatment of apartments under the existing commercial lighting Ordinance, anonymous complaints, and resolving neighbor disputes and the potential need to evaluate enforcement resources if complaints increase. Staff explained the limitations on anonymous complaints and noted that certain City employees are available after hours, while streetlight complaints are generally forwarded to the appropriate utility provider.

Councilmembers expressed support for the proposed approach of addressing residential light trespass through the existing Disturbing the Peace Ordinance and using mediation as a preferred means of resolving disputes. Staff will prepare the proposed Ordinance for consideration on a future Council agenda, with enforcement and resource impacts to be evaluated after implementation. Councilmembers also encouraged residents to attempt to resolve lighting disputes with their neighbors before involving police or the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman