CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Special Meeting of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Special Session in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:30 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 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager
Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities
Mr. Ken Giannone, Capital Projects Engineer
Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney
Ms. Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. AshLynn Wilkerson, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works
Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jason Murphy, Stormwater Program Manager
Ms. Jane Hudson, Planning and Community Development Director
Ms. Daniela Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AWARDING BID-2627-04 AND CONTRACT K-2627-10: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND TMI COATINGS, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF $532,200, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2627-11, STATUTORY BOND B-2627-12, AND MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2627-06 FOR THE LINDSEY TOWER RESURFACING, TWO LOGOS, AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT (WARD 7)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Mr. Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities, explained that a timely bid from TMI Coatings, L.L.C. had been inadvertently overlooked during the bid opening process. Because the bid was below the engineer's estimate, staff recommended awarding the contract to avoid delaying the project while continuing discussions on a potential sponsorship agreement to help offset costs. He also reviewed options for the tower's final appearance, including City branding, third-party sponsorship, or a standard white finish.

Council discussed the bid amount, the water tower's structural condition, expected lifespan, maintenance, funding, and future branding opportunities. Staff confirmed the tower is structurally sound, the new coating is expected to last about 10 years, and the project will be funded through the Norman Utilities Authority water fund. Council also considered pursuing lighting improvements under a separate project and highlighted the potential tourism and economic benefits of enhanced tower graphics.

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

BID 2627-04 was Accepted and awarded to TMI Coatings, L.L.C., Contract K-2627-10, associated Bonds, and Budget Transfer were Approved.

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2. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS E-2627-1 THROUGH E-2627-4: FOR THE SUMMIT HOLLOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works, presented temporary construction easements for the Summit Hollow Drainage Improvement Project, explaining that the project will replace failing drainage infrastructure that has caused repeated flooding and property damage. He noted the improvements will provide a long-term solution by installing a reinforced concrete box structure, restoring affected properties, and improving drainage. All impacted property owners voluntarily signed the temporary easements, which will expire upon completion of construction.

Council discussed the temporary easements, coordination with residents, and the City's responsibility to address the infrastructure failure. Council also expressed appreciation to staff, Councilmember Gandesbery, and the affected homeowners for their cooperation in advancing the project

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

Easements E-2627-1 through E-2627-4 were Accepted.

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3. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, TITLE 25 §307(B)(4) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

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

Item 3, continued:

The City Council adjourned into Executive session at 5:56 p.m. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager; Ms. AshLynn Wilkerson, Assistant City Attorney; and Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works, were in attendance at the Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

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 Executive Session was adjourned out of and the Special Session was reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

The possible litigation regarding the acquisition of right-of-way in connection with the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project from Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue was discussed. No action was taken and no votes were cast.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman