



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, August 25, 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, August 25, 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, NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN PARKING AND TRANSIT AUTHORITY

You are required to sign up in advance of the meeting on the City's webpage, by calling the City Clerk's Office (405-366-5406), or at the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting with your name, ward, and item you wish to speak to including whether you are a proponent or opponent. When the time comes for public comments, the Clerk will call your name and you can make your way to the podium. Comments may be limited on items of higher interest, if so, the Mayor will announce that at the beginning of the meeting. Participants may speak one time only up to 4 minutes per person per item. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Sign up does not guarantee you will get to speak if the allotted time for that item has already been exhausted. If there is time remaining after those registered to speak have spoken, persons not previously signed up may have the opportunity to speak. Comments received must be limited to the motion on the floor only.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Councilmember Gandesbery provided an update regarding storm debris limb removal in Ward One, noting that Utilities staff had been contacted to ensure the area was identified and would be addressed after other wards were completed. He also welcomed the temporary Spirit Halloween location inside the Homeland store on Alameda Street.

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Ward 3 - Councilmember Bruce

Councilmember Bruce thanked residents for their calls, texts, emails, and in-person discussions regarding storm debris pickup and assured residents in Fountain Gate and Cambridge Place that their areas remained on the cleanup list and would be addressed shortly.

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Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

Councilmember Grant recognized Haley Hopper for her reappointment to the Economic Development Advisory Board and former Councilmember Elizabeth Foreman for joining the board. She highlighted opportunities for incremental development in Ward Four, including potential mixed-use development at 916 and 920 Monnet Avenue, and encouraged developers to participate in an upcoming development boot camp. Councilmember Grant also congratulated the organizers of the Spark event benefiting the Firehouse Art Center and recognized its arts, veteran, and pottery programs; she also highlighted the City's social services office and thanked staff and community partners for helping residents experiencing homelessness connect with available services.

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Ward 5 - Councilmember Kirby

Councilmember Kirby thanked residents who volunteered for the ad hoc and other City committees, attended the meeting, provided public comment, and contacted Council regarding community concerns. He also thanked former Councilmember Elizabeth Foreman for joining the Economic Development Advisory.

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Ward 6 - Councilmember Steele

Councilmember Steele encouraged Ward Six residents to reach out by phone or email regarding items on the evening's agenda. He additionally suggested that items receiving the greatest public interest be placed toward the top of the non-consent agenda when possible.

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Ward 8 - Councilmember Dixon

Councilmember Dixon highlighted several Ward Eight projects on the agenda, including street resurfacing, a proposed traffic signal at 36th Avenue and Rock Creek Road, and resurfacing and engineering work along 48th Avenue and Rock Creek Road toward Tecumseh.

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Council announcements, continued:

Mayor Holman

Mayor Holman reminded residents to be patient around school pick up and drop-off areas as school resumes. He also noted record enrollment at the University of Oklahoma and discussed the resulting need for student housing and its impact on housing availability and affordability. Upcoming local sporting events were highlighted; an update was provided on storm debris cleanup, encouraging residents to monitor the City's daily debris map and website for progress and to remain patient as crews work extended hours. Mayor Holman also explained that the City must initially fund cleanup and seek reimbursement through FEMA and other assistance, and thanked City crews and a resident who provided property for debris disposal. Finally, residents were encouraged to attend or watch committee meetings on Thursdays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2026, AND JUNE 11, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Minutes were Approved.

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 2 through Item 21 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Items 2 through 21 were placed on the Consent Docket.

Appointments

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

TERM: 08-13-26 TO 08-13-29, HAILEY HOPPER - WARD 4

TERM: 08-25-26 TO 08-13-29, ELIZABETH FOREMAN - WARD 6

ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

TERM: 08-25-26 TO 05-27-29, RACHEL HOPKIN - WARD 5

DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR TIF DISTRICT 2

TERM: 04-10-26 TO 04-10-29, STEVEN MCDANIEL - WARD 3

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Appointments were Approved.

Reports/Communications

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR REJECTION OF RECEIPT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT AND CHANGE ORDER REPORT AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The City Manager's Contract and Change Order Report was Acknowledged.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2026, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Finance Director's Investment Report was Acknowledged.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Monthly Departmental Report was Acknowledged.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CARRY ITS OWN RISK WITHOUT WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Application was Approved.

Certificate of Survey

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF NORMAN RURAL CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY COS-2526-3: FOR ROADRUNNER ESTATES, A VARIANCE IN THE MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK WIDTH REQUIREMENT FROM 330' TO 275.98' FOR TRACTS 1 AND 2 AND A VARIANCE IN THE TEN ACRES REQUIREMENT FROM 10 ACRES TO 9.61 ACRES FOR TRACTS 1 AND 2 (GENERALLY LOCATED ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF 48TH AVENUE N.E. ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALAMEDA STREET). (WARD 5)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Certificate of Survey COS-2526-3 for Roadrunner Estates was Approved.

Release of Easement

8. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT R-2627-20, FOUND IN BOOK 316, PAGE 188 (WATER) AND THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT RE-2627-21 FOUND IN BOOK 404, PAGE 290 (WATER) WITHIN THE PROPERTY PLATTED AS BLOCK 1, THE SECOND STATE UNIVERSITY ADDITION (LOCATED AT 310 EAST BOYD STREET) (WARD 4).

Item 8, continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Release of Easements RE-2627-20 and RE-2627-21 were Accepted and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was Directed.

Final Plat

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2627-2: FINAL PLAT FOR BELLATONA ADDITION, SECTION 5. (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY 9 AND EAST OF 36TH AVENUE SE) (WARD 5).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Final Plat FP-2627-2 for Bellatona Addition was Approved.

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF FP-2627-3: FINAL PLAT/FINAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ST. JAMES PARK SECTION 7 ADDITION, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CEDAR LANE ROAD AND ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF CLASSEN BOULEVARD (WARD 5).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Final Plat FP-2627-3 and Site Development Plan for St. James Park Section 7 Addition were Approved.

Contracts

- 11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT TASK ORDER NUMBER ONE, TWO AND THREE TO CONTRACT K-2425-79: TO COLLECT STORM DEBRIS BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN OKLAHOMA AND T.F.R ENTERPRISES, INC., AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.**

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Ratification of Contract Task Orders One, Two, and Three to Contract K-2425-79 and Budget Transfer were Approved.

- 12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-63: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AND ELLSWORTH CONSTRUCTION OKC, L.L.C., REDUCING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$71,794.78 FOR A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$661,071.62, THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$33,053.58 FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE BOND PROGRAM - FYE 2026 URBAN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (WARDS 2 AND 3).**

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Change Order One to Contract K-2526-63, Final Acceptance, and Final Payment were Approved.

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF WORK ORDER PW1 TO ON-CALL CONTRACT K-2526-71: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND COWAN GROUP ENGINEERING, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,500 FOR THE PRELIMINARY STUDY AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN REPORT FOR THE MAIN STREET TWO-WAY PROJECT AND BUDGET TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 4)**

Item 13, continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Work Order PW1 to Contract K-2526-71 and Budget Transfers were Approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-4: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND INNOVATIVE ROADWAY SOLUTIONS, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$538,180.62 FOR THE FYE 2027 STREET MAINTENANCE BOND - PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2627-7; STATUTORY BOND B-2627-8; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2627-4, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2627-2 GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS (WARDS 8 AND 3).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2627-4, associated Bonds were Approved, and Resolution R-2627-2 was Adopted.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-25: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND THE NORMAN FIREHOUSE ART CENTER, LOCATED AT 444 SOUTH FLOOD AVENUE, FOR THE USE OF THE FIREHOUSE ART CENTER IN LIONS PARK FOR AN INITIAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM WITH AN OPTION OF FIVE (5) FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS FOR A MAXIMUM TERM OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE INITIAL TERM.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2627-25 was Approved.

16. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-32: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND THE PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO, INC. D/B/A THE DEPOT FOR THE USE OF THE SANTA FE TRAIN STATION, LOCATED AT 200 SOUTH JONES AVE., FOR AN INITIAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM WITH AN OPTION OF FIVE (5) FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS FOR A MAXIMUM TERM OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE INITIAL TERM.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2526-32 Approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-36: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND BECK DESIGN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,000 FOR THE SOONER THEATRE MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2526-36 Approved.

18. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-37: A SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 36TH AVENUE NW WITH BART CONNER DRIVE PROJECT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2627-19 (Ward 8).

Item 18, continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2526-37 was Approved and Resolution R-2627-19 was Adopted.

19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-45: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND COWAN GROUP ENGINEERING, L.L.C., FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE 48TH AVENUE NW PHASE 2 PROJECT – ROCK CREEK ROAD TO TECUMSEH ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$503,750 FOR THE 2019 BOND PROJECT. (WARD 3, WARD 8)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Contract K-2526-45 was Approved.

Resolutions

20. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$18,797.31 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS/REFUNDS ACCOUNT TO REPAIR AND REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAFFIC SIGNS DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS (CITYWIDE).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Resolution R-2627-16 was Adopted.

21. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF R-2627-23: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUPPORT A JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING AUTHORITY, DBA EMBARK, AND THE CITY OF EDMOND TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FFY2026 INNOVATIVE COORDINATED ACCESS AND MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM (ICAM) FOR PLANNING FOR REGIONAL PARATRANSIT SERVICE; AND EXPRESSING ITS COMMITMENT TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL MATCH (\$10,000) IF SUCH A GRANT IS AWARDED AND PROJECT APPROVED.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Resolution R-2627-23 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Public Hearings

22. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,456 TO THE CITY OF NORMAN, THE MOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (DOJ/BJA) THROUGH THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM WITH NORMAN'S PORTION OF \$35,325 TO BE USED BY THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FORENSIC EQUIPMENT REPAIR/RECALIBRATION, ADVANCED SPECIALTY TRAINING (AND ASSOCIATED TRAVEL) AND DIGITAL SIGNAGE; CONTRACT K-2627-47; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE SPECIAL GRANT FUND BALANCE AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion to open the Public Hearing made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Public Hearing was Opened.

Item 22, continued:

Participants in Discussion:

1. Mr. John Stege, Standards Administrator
2. Mr. Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, asked questions.
3. Major Chad Vincent, Norman Police Department

Motion to Close the Public Hearing made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Public Hearing Was Closed.

Motion to Accept the Grant and Approve Contract K-2627-47 and Budget Appropriation made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

The Grant was Accepted, Contract K-2627-47 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

Second Reading Ordinance

23. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-44 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REPEALING ORDINANCE O-2122-10, AND AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE A PART OF THE NORTH HALF (N/2) OF SECTION TWENTY-SIX (26), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM A PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AND REINSTATING THE A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ZONING FOR THE SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (3766 EAST ROBINSON STREET; WARD 5)

Item 23, continued:

Motion to adopt on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Steele.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Geoffrey Arce, presenter
2. Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney

Motion to postpone to November 24, 2026, made by Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Ordinance O-2526-44 was postponed to November 24, 2026.

24. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-54 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 GRANT SPECIAL USE FOR MINI-WAREHOUSE IN THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, FOR THE TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 8 IN SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (1 VAN BUREN STREET; WARD 2)

Motion to adopt on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Brandon McDonald, Barefoot Land Co.
2. Mr. Braden Shaffer, Crafton Tull

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

Ordinance O-2526-54 was Adopted on Second Reading Section by Section.

Item 24, continued:

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Ordinance O-2526-54 was Adopted on Final Reading as a whole.

25. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PP-2627-1: PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR VAN BUREN SELF-STORAGE, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH AND WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 24TH AVENUE S.W. AND VAN BUREN STREET (WARD 2).

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

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

Preliminary Plat PP-2627-1 for Van Buren Self-Storage was Approved.

26. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-73 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE (35), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST AND THE WEST HALF (W/2) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, AND A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE (35), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, AND A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CITY OF NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, RM-6, MEDIUM DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT, AND A-1, GENERAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN THE A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (WEST OF I-35 AND SOUTH OF W LINDSEY ST AND 36TH AVE SW; WARD 3)

Motion to adopt on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Armando Rosell, Representative of the applicant.

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

Ordinance O-2627-73 was Adopted on Second Reading Section by Section.

Motion to adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Ordinance O-2627-73 was Adopted on Final Reading as a whole.

27. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-74 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 A TRACT OF LAND IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION SEVEN (7), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK ONE (1) OF CANADIAN TRAILS ADDITION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 15, PAGES 39 AND 40, PLAT RECORDS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY, FROM THE C-1, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (801 S CANADIAN TRAILS DRIVE; WARD 2)

Motion to adopt on Second Reading made by Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Sean Rieger, Rieger Sadler Joyce
2. Ms. Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney
3. Mr. Rick McKinney, McKinney Partnership Architects
4. Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
5. Ms. Ellen Feaver, Ward 2, opponent
6. Mr. Stephen Ellis, Ward 4, opponent
7. Ms. Maurine Garton Ward 2, opponent
8. Ms. Kathy Blakely, Ward 2, opponent
9. Ms. Pamela Wallace, Ward 2, opponent
10. Mr. Jim Jenkins, Ward 2, opponent
11. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, opponent
12. Mr. Joseph Grzybowski, Ward 4, opponent
13. Mr. Stephen Long, Ward 2, opponent
14. Mr. A.C. Raines, Ward 2, opponent
15. Ms. Ruth Mojica, Ward 2, opponent
16. Ms. Steffanie Allen, Ward 2, opponent
17. Mr. Rodney Johnson, Ward 2, opponent
18. Mr. Jackson Foote, Ward 4, made comments

Motion to postpone to September 8, 2026, made by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele

Ordinance O-2526-74 was postponed to September 8, 2026.

28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-75 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: 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 HIGHLAND LOTS 5-13 BLK 4, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM R-3, MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (314 E. HAYES STREET; WARD 4)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

Participants in discussion:

1. Major Paul Ryerson, Area Commander - Salvation Army
2. Mr. Rob Norman, Ward 3, proponent

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

Ordinance O-2526-75 was Adopted on Second Reading Section by Section.

Motion to Adopt on Final Reading made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett.

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

Ordinance O-2526-75 was Adopted on Final Reading as a whole.

The Council took a break from 10:44 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.

Resolutions

29. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-31: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGES ALONG THE SOUTH EXTENSION TURNPIKE LIMITED TO LOCATIONS AT TECUMSEH ROAD, ALAMEDA STREET, AND ETOWAH ROAD, AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING SOUND BARRIERS, ENHANCED LANDSCAPING, AND LAND, FUNDING, AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS, PROPERTY AND TRAVELERS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Clint Mercer, Finance Director
2. Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney
3. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager
4. Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works
5. Mr. Collin O'Leary, Poe and Associates
6. Ms. Jane Hudson, Planning and Community Development Director
7. Mr. Travis King, Fire Chief
8. Ms. Amy Cerato, Ward 5, opponent
9. Ms. Julie Sondag, Ward 5, made comments
10. Mr. Rick Sondag, Ward 5, made comments
11. Mr. Jessie Matlock, Ward 5, opponent
12. Mr. Dave Moore, Ward 3, made comments
13. Ms. Tracey Williamson, Ward 5, opponent
14. Ms. Tiffany Stephens, Ward 5, opponent
15. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, opponent
16. Ms. Cindy Rogers, Ward 4, opponent
17. Ms. Kelly Wilson, Ward 6, opponent
18. Ms. Tassie Hirschfeld, Ward 5, opponent
19. Ms. Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, opponent
20. Mr. Bob Post, Ward 5, opponent
21. Mr. Rob Norman, Ward 3, opponent
22. Ms. Pam Post, Ward 5, opponent
23. Mr. Jim Adair, Ward 8, opponent
24. Mr. Greg Fitter, Ward 5, opponent
25. Ms. Kate Contreras, Ward 5, opponent
26. Mr. Rodney Johnson, Ward 2, made comments

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Voting Nay: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett

Motion Failed and Resolution R-2627-31 was Rejected.

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.

Amy Cerato – Ward 5

Ms. Cerato thanked the Council for its decision regarding the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA). She expressed concerns about OTAA's environmental review process and traffic noise impacts, particularly the decision not to construct a sound wall due to cost.

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Dave Moore - Ward 3

Mr. Moore expressed concern about a speaker being interrupted and emphasized the importance of respecting free speech and allowing citizens to fully share their comments.

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Tracey Williamson - Ward 5

Ms. Williamson thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for listening to residents and opposing the OTA proposal.

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Marguerite Larson - Ward 6

Mr. Larson thanked Councilmembers and Mayor Holman for considering the broader impacts of the issue and expressed appreciation for their support of residents.

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Kelly Wilson - Ward 6

Ms. Wilson expressed disappointment that she was initially unable to share information she believed was relevant to Council's questions. She ultimately shared the information regarding an Oklahoma County agreement with OTA and concerns about costs related to road damage.

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Tassie Hirschfeld - Ward 5

Ms. Hirschfeld thanked the Council for its decision and specifically commended Mayor Holman for his thoughtful consideration of the issue. She also encouraged Council to listen to information provided by Kelly Wilson.

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Mayumi Windler - Ward 2

Ms. Windler asked about ethical and conflict-of-interest requirements applicable to City staff and whether staff are subject to standards like those governing elected officials.

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Miscellaneous Comments, continued:

Rob Norman – Ward 3

Mr. Norman raised concerns about OTA's mitigation commitments and urged Council to carefully scrutinize information from the agency. He encouraged residents to use elections and citizen initiatives to influence major decisions affecting the community.

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Pam Post – Ward 5

Ms. Post expressed concerns about unequal access to City staff and thanked the Council for representing Norman residents in its decision regarding OTA.

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Jackson Foote – Ward 4

Mr. Foote expressed concern about potential compromises on the OTA issue and urged Council to remain accountable to residents and prioritize the public interest.

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Tanner Naher – Ward 5

Mr. Naher thanked the Council for allowing him to speak and encouraged Councilmembers to communicate with affected landowners and consider the impacts of the proposed turnpike on local families.

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Mike Bruehl – Ward 5

Ms. Bruehl opposed the use of eminent domain to take family property and discussed Knox gate systems as an alternative for providing emergency access without a turnpike interchange.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Holman

The Mayor emphasized that every vote counts, noting that approximately 400,000 people voted in the Governor's runoff, which was decided by a margin of only 2,000 votes. He thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 2:13 a.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman