



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 28, 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, July 28, 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

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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 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
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.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2627-4: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7TH, 2026, AS PURPLE HEART DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Commander Joe Gil, American Legion Post 88, thanked Council and made comments.

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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Councilmember Gandesbery expressed his appreciation and respect for Commander Joe Gil, recipient of the Purple Heart Day Proclamation.

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Ward 2 – Councilmember Deck

Councilmember Deck thanked the Communications Department for providing timely storm cleanup updates and expressed appreciation to City staff for their continued efforts in storm debris removal and recovery.

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Ward 3 - Councilmember Bruce

Councilmember Bruce echoed Councilmember Deck's appreciation for City staff's storm recovery efforts and thanked his constituents for their continued communication through emails and phone calls.

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Ward 4 – Councilmember Grant

Councilmember Grant thanked City staff for their ongoing storm cleanup efforts and noted that, due to the extent of the storm damage, Norman may be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. She also highlighted the upcoming Taste of Downtown event, scheduled for August 8, 2026, featuring several local restaurants.

Mayor Holman

Mayor Holman highlighted several recent and upcoming community events, including Taste of Norman and the Art Walk on Friday, August 14, 2026. He reminded residents that storm cleanup updates are available on the City's website and through his social media page. He concluded by thanking the Council and City staff for their collaboration in planning and conducting a successful Council Retreat.

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 17 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 17 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AMENDED MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2025, AND AUGUST 16, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 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.

First Reading Ordinance

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-64 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 NORTHRIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK SECTION 7 LOT 8A AKA LOTS 8 AND 9 BLK 2, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (3201 DESKIN DRIVE; 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

Ordinance O-2526-64 was Adopted on First Reading by title.

Appointments

4. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIRMATION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 CITY OF NORMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

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

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2026, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Item 5, 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 Finance Director's Investment Report was Acknowledged.

6. 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.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 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.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE NORMAN REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM 2027 BUDGET.

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 Norman Regional Health System 2027 Budget was Acknowledged.

Contracts

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-191: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN JAMES GARNER AVENUE AND ACRES STREET AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-151 ADOPTING ODOT PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE ODOT PROJECT AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 4)

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-2526-191, budget transfer, were Approved and Resolution R-2526-151 was Adopted.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING OR REJECTING RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION AWARDDING 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)

Item 10, continued:

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

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

The Ratification of Council action awarding Bid 2526-04, approving Contract K-2627-10, associated bonds, and budget transfer were Approved.

Acting as the City Council and the Norman Utilities Authority

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-26: A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, AND DR. PEPPER/SEVEN UP, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A LONG-TERM TOURISM, BRANDING, AND EVENT-ACTIVATION PARTNERSHIP IN RELATION TO THE LINDSEY STREET WATER TOWER. (WARD 7)

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-2627-26 was Approved.

Acting as the City Council and the Norman Municipal Authority

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K2627-27: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF NORMAN, AND FRANKFURT-SHORT-BRUZA, ASSOCIATES, D/B/A FSB, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$107,312 FOR THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF THE HOMELESS SHELTER A.K.A THE NORMAN HOUSING HUB; AND BUDGET TRANSFERS. (WARD 4)

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-2627-27 and budget transfer were Approved.

Resolutions

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-8: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT, EXECUTE, AND FILE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF PLANNING, CAPITAL AND/OR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 AND SECTION 5339 AND AUTHORIZING, THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SET FORTH AND EXECUTE POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, BUDGETS, AND PROCUREMENT NEEDS.**

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-2627-8 was Adopted.

- 14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PARTIALLY VACATING THE FINAL PLAT FOR VICKSBURG VILLAGE LOCATED AT 188 VICKSBURG AVE, CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.**

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-2627-10 was Adopted.

- 15. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$2,488,500.00 FROM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) STORMWATER GRANT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO THE FINDLAY DRIVE DRAINAGE PROJECT ACCOUNT.**

Item 15, 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

Resolution R-2627-11 was Adopted.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADOPTING AN UPDATED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE(S) TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

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-2627-12 was Adopted.

17. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF NORMAN, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR - PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE 2019 BOND PROJECT IN THE CITY OF NORMAN; AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING SAID PROPERTY FOR ROADWAY, UTILITY AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Item 17, 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

Resolution R-2627-17 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Second Reading Ordinance

18. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-68 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 ADOPT A ZONING DESIGNATION FOR A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP NINE NORTH (T9N), RANGE TWO WEST (R2W), OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN (I.M.), NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AND PLACE IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF REED AVENUE AND EUFAULA STREET. WARD 4)

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

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney
2. Mr. Shawn Lorg, FSB
3. Mr. Caleb McGee, Ward 4, made comments
4. Ms. Heidi Smith, Ward 5, proponent
5. Mr. Evan Taylor, Ward 4, proponent
6. Ms. Lisa Schmidt, Ward 2, proponent
7. Mr. Alex Lanphere, Ward 2, proponent
8. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, proponent
9. Ms. Mayumi Windler, Ward 2, proponent
10. Mr. Dan Straughan, Ward 6, proponent
11. Mr. James Cramer, Ward 5, opponent
12. Mr. Rod Worster, Ward 4, opponent
13. Mr. Billy Jewell, Ward 5, opponent
14. Ms. Judy Moss, Ward 4, made comments
15. Mr. Jackson Foote, Ward 4, made comments
16. Mr. Russell Rice, Ward 4, made comments
17. Mr. Rodney Johnson, Ward 2, made comments

Item 18, continued:

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby

Ordinance O-2526-68 was Adopted on Second Reading Section by Section.

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

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby

Ordinance O-2526-68 was Adopted upon Final Reading as a Whole.

19. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2627-7 UPON FIRST, SECOND AND FINAL READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING SECTION 24-510 TO CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN; PROHIBITING CAMPING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENCAMPMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, EASEMENTS, AND ACCESS ROUTES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to postpone Ordinance O-2627-7 indefinitely made by Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Steele.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Russell Rice, Ward 2, proponent
2. Ms. Ella Crenshaw, Ward 6, proponent
3. Ms. Marguerite Larson, Ward 6, proponent
4. Mr. Alex Lanphere, Ward 2, proponent
5. Mr. Evan Taylor, Ward 4, opponent
6. Mr. Rodney Johnson, Ward 2, opponent
7. Mr. Jackson Foote, Ward 4, opponent

Item 19, continued:

Motion to amend the indefinite postponement and place on the agenda on October 27, 2026, made by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby.

Councilmember Gandesbery and Councilmember Steele withdrew the motion to postpone indefinitely.

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-2627-7 was postponed to October 27, 2026.

20. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2627-8 UPON FIRST, SECOND, AND FINAL READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 2-316 AND SECTION 24-507 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT; PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC PARKS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to postpone to October 27, 2026, made by Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby

Ordinance O-2627-8 was postponed to October 27, 2026.

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.

Lisa Schmidt – Ward 2

Ms. Schmidt thanked the City's Utility Services Department and debris removal crews for their prompt response and professionalism during storm recovery, sharing her appreciation for staff who quickly assisted with an emergency water meter issue.

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Marguerite Larson – Ward 6

Ms. Larson encouraged the City to consider planting additional vegetation around the proposed shelter site to improve drainage and help reduce flooding.

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Mayumi Windler – Ward 2

Ms. Windler commented on the June financial report, noting revenues were below budget while expenditures were also lower than projected, and encouraged continued monitoring of the City's finances.

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Rodney Johnson – Ward 2

Mr. Johnson requested that Councilmembers speak louder and closer to their microphones to improve audio quality for residents attending meetings and watching online.

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Billy Jewell – Ward 5

Mr. Jewell expressed frustration over the lack of follow-up regarding concerns with a development site plan and requested better communication and action from City staff.

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Gary King – Ward 5

Mr. King reiterated concerns about drainage issues associated with the Western Farmers/OEC substation project, stating that construction has impacted his property and requested additional City oversight.

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Jackson Foote – Ward 4

Mr. Foote had concerns about the public process surrounding the Dr. Pepper water tower agreement and encouraged Council to consider access to transportation when discussing future policies affecting unhoused residents.

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Cross Ferguson – Ward 4

Mr. Ferguson expressed disappointment that there was limited public input regarding the Dr. Pepper water tower agreement and encouraged the City to seek greater public engagement on similar projects in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman