



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:40 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Special Session in the Executive Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building on the 3rd day of June, 2025, at 5:40 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant *
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya

* Councilmember Grant arrived at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mayor Heikkila.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-132: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD TO FUND A THREE YEAR PARTNERSHIP AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Resolution R-2425-132 was Adopted.

2. UPDATE ON APRIL FLOODING EVENTS AND DISCUSSION OF STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the April 2025 flooding events, which resulted from an unusually high volume of rainfall that overwhelmed the City's existing stormwater infrastructure. Multiple areas throughout Norman experienced significant flooding, including neighborhoods near Little River Trails, where property damage and access issues were reported.

Staff presented an overview of the City's current stormwater systems, highlighting infrastructure limitations and the need for modernization to effectively manage increasingly severe weather patterns. The presentation underscored the importance of long-term planning and investment in stormwater capacity and resilience.

City Manager Mr. Darrel Pyle addressed the Council and emphasized that the City would begin gathering feedback through a survey of residents on the possibility of creating a stormwater utility. He noted that the establishment of such a utility would ultimately require a public vote, and that community input will be essential to shaping the proposal.

Councilmembers discussed various mitigation strategies, including:

- The potential establishment of a dedicated stormwater utility to fund needed improvements,
- The role of updated zoning and development standards in reducing flood risks, and
- The incorporation of green infrastructure and other modern flood control techniques.

The Council expressed collective support for prioritizing stormwater improvements and directed staff to further evaluate system needs and prepare detailed proposals for consideration in future planning.

No formal action was taken. Staff was directed to continue evaluating infrastructure needs and begin public engagement regarding the potential creation of a stormwater utility. Additional discussion of a possible stormwater utility will be had at the annual Council retreat.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, TITLE 25 § 307(B)(1) IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CITY MANAGER AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 17 OF CONTRACT K-2223-176, TO EVALUATE THE CITY ATTORNEY AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 18 OF CONTRACT K-2425-78; AND DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Schueler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; and Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney, were in attendance at the Executive Session.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Heikkila, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Nash, Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle, Councilmember Ward 7 Holman, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

The Executive Session was adjourned out of and the Special Session was reconvened at 10:02 p.m.

The City Manager and City Attorney received their annual performance evaluation and the employment of the Internal Auditor were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken and no votes were cast.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor