



Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Conference in the Executive Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building on the 14th day of January, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heikkila called the Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
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

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN.

Mr. John Sharp, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), presented ACOG's role in regional transportation planning, funding allocation, and strategic collaboration among municipal governments. He highlighted ACOG's responsibilities under the Metropolitan Planning Organization designation; the coordination of long-range transportation plans, including roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure; current planning priorities and regional transportation needs, with emphasis on the Norman area; funding programs available through ACOG, including Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) and Active Transportation funding; performance-based planning requirements and the importance of aligning local plans with regional goals; and encouragement for City of Norman to actively participate in project applications and regional coordination.

Item 1, continued

Several Councilmembers expressed appreciation for ACOG's collaboration and asked questions about project eligibility and deadlines.

Staff will review current and upcoming transportation projects for eligibility under ACOG's funding programs.

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2. UPDATE ON THE LITTER CREW AND WRAP AROUND SERVICES.

Ms. Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, provided an update on the City's Litter Crew Program and its integration with wrap around services to address both environmental and social concerns.

Key points included:

Overview of the Litter Crew Program's inception and objectives to clean high-traffic and problem areas. Areas covered in the overview include:

- Statistics on the volume of litter collected, number of cleanups, and geographic areas covered.
- Description of partnerships with social service agencies and the development of Wrap Around Services to provide support to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Emphasis on treating participants with dignity and creating pathways to employment and services.
- Coordination with the City's Housing and Community Development division and nonprofit partners.
- Challenges faced including funding limitations, staffing, and logistical considerations.
- Positive outcomes observed in both environmental beautification and individual stabilization efforts.

Councilmembers expressed support for the dual benefit of public space improvement and human services for the unhoused population. There was interest in connecting these services with broader city-wide homelessness strategies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor