



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING

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

Tuesday, October 08, 2024 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Conference in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, October 08, 2024 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 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Heikkila
Councilmember Ward 1 Austin Ball
Councilmember Ward 3 Bree Montoya
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Michael Nash
Councilmember Ward 6 Josh Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EMERGENCY SHELTER.

Mr. Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney II, gave a quick recap of the discussion about Food and Shelter and where Council left off. The Food and Shelter Board President was unable to get a quorum for a meeting earlier than October 21; they also did not support the revised contract and wish to continue under their existing agreement. Mr. Purinton shared a budget comparison graph between the current budget (2022 contract flat fee) and the proposed 2024 new contract (reimbursement based). He discussed Resolution R-2425-53 which would direct staff to terminate the contract. With a "yes" vote, staff would provide a minimum of 30 days' notice of termination (60 days are recommended if wishing to operate ourselves or with a different operator). A "no" vote would keep the original agreement in place until termination (120-day contract).

Councilmember Grant asked if 60 days would give staff enough time to get the new staff ready to take over and if they would be able to move with the new construction. She also commented that 90 days may be better because the 60 days would fall in the beginning of December in the middle of the Holidays.

Item 1, continued:

Councilmembers Montoya, Holman, and Hinkle were also in agreement to a 90-day notice. Councilmember Ball was opposed to 90 days or any continuation at all, he said there are currently underutilized resources and doing this would only prolong the issue.

Mayor Heikkila suggested a compromise of 60 days, and if another 30 days are needed at the end, this could be revisited then. Councilmembers Dixon and Nash were in agreement. Councilmembers Montoya, Hinkle, and Holman were agreeable to 60 or 90 days.

Councilmember Montoya asked what the status of the property at Griffin Park was. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager, responded by saying the state is getting new appraisals to make sure they got a fair price, and it was currently unknown if it would be available for leasing.

Council consensus was to give a 60 or 90 day notice but not to prolong it, this would give current employees time to find other employment as well as City staff time to interview and hire a new coordinator for the shelter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Heikkila adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor