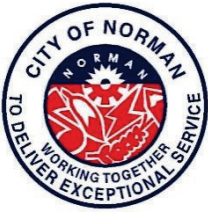


**File Attachments for Item:**

21. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-141: A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$3,600 FROM THE NORMAN FORWARD FUND BALANCE TO THE NORMAN FORWARD CANADIAN RIVER PARK AND TRAILS PROJECT FOR LAND APPRAISAL.



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** 4/28/2026

**REQUESTER:** Jason Olsen, Parks and Recreation Director

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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### BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, the Residents of Norman voted to fund the *Norman Forward* Quality of Life projects with a limited term ½% sales tax increase for 15 years. This initiative comprised several high-priority projects, including the design and construction of a Canadian River Park and Trails.

The Norman Forward Canadian River Park and Trails Project is intended to develop parkland, trails, wildlife areas, and nature-based amenities south of Lindsey Street, north of the Canadian River, and on the east and west sides of Interstate I-35. The project has a \$2 million budget, and land acquisition processes have impacted its timeline.

### DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Department obtained appraisals of property for the purchase of park land along the Canadian River to fulfill the promise to voters for a Canadian/Nature River Park and additions to the trail system in the Norman Forward initiative.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends an appropriation of \$3,600 from Norman Forward Fund Balance (Account No. 51-29000) and allocating it to the Norman Forward Canadian River Park Project Design (Project NFP113, Account No. 51792327-46201) to pay for land appraisal fees.

R-2526-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$3,600 FROM THE NORMAN FORWARD FUND BALANCE TO THE NORMAN FORWARD CANADIAN RIVER PARK AND TRAILS PROJECT FUND TO BE USED FOR A LAND APPRAISAL.

- § 1. WHEREAS, on October 13, 2015, the citizens of Norman voted to fund the *Norman Forward Quality of Life* projects with a limited term ½% sales tax increase for 15 years. This initiative comprised several high-priority projects, including the design and construction of a Norman Forward (NF) Canadian River Park and Trails; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the NF Canadian River Park and Trails Project is intended to develop parkland, trails, wildlife areas, and nature-based amenities south of Lindsey Street, north of the Canadian River, and on the east and west sides of Interstate I-35. The project has a \$2 million budget, and its timeline has been impacted by land acquisition processes; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Jim R. Artman, with Artman Appraisal Company, appraised three unimproved contiguous tracts of land located at the west end of Jefferson Street, contiguous to the west of Isabella at Norman Apartments and Stoneridge Apartments. Artman Appraisal Company submitted an invoice for payment in the amount of \$3,600 for the appraisal; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department requests the appropriation of \$3,600 from the Norman Forward Fund Balance (51-29000) and the allocation of the funds to the Norman Forward Canadian River Park Project NFP113, Design (Account 51792327-46201) to pay for land appraisal fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 5. That the following transfer of funds be approved for the reason as stated above.

<u>Account Name</u> (Gaining Account)	<u>Losing Account</u>	<u>Gaining Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Norman Forward Canadian River Park Project	Norman Forward Fund Account 51-29000	NFP113, Design 51792327-46201	\$3,600

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2026

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Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

