



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

ITEM TITLE: 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.

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.