



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - SWEARING IN
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, July 07, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Special Meeting of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Special Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, July 07, 2026 at 6:00 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 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL, NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND NORMAN PARKING AND TRANSIT AUTHORITY

You are required to sign up in advance of the meeting on the City's webpage, by calling the City Clerk's Office (405-366-5406), or at the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting with your name, ward, and item you wish to speak to including whether you are a proponent or opponent. When the time comes for public comments, the Clerk will call your name and you can make your way to the podium. Comments may be limited on items of higher interest, if so, the Mayor will announce that at the beginning of the meeting. Participants may speak one time only up to 4 minutes per person per item. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Sign up does not guarantee you will get to speak if the allotted time for that item has already been exhausted. If there is time remaining after those registered to speak have spoken, persons not previously signed up may have the opportunity to speak. Comments received must be limited to the motion on the floor only.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

1. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT JACY DECK, WARD 2; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT HELEN GRANT, WARD 4; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT KYLE STEELE, WARD 6; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT SCOTT DIXON, WARD 8.

Judge Drew Nichols, City of Norman Municipal Court Presiding Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-Elect Jacy Deck, Ward 2; Councilmember-Elect Helen Grant, Ward 4; Councilmember-Elect Ward 6, Kyle Steele; and Councilmember-Elect Scott Dixon, Ward 8.

Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, and Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon were sworn in and took their seats on the dias.

APPOINTMENTS

2. ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion to Elect Councilmember Grant as Mayor Pro Tem

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Grant was Elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

3. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Motion to Elect Mayor Holman as Representative and Councilmember Grant as Alternate Representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon.

Item 3 continued,

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Mayor Holman was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 4 Grant as Alternate Representative of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

4. ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Motion to Elect Mayor Holman as Representative and Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Mayor Holman was Elected as Representative and Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon was Elected as Alternate Representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

5. ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Motion to Elect Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Holman, Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery, Councilmember Ward 2 Deck, Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce, Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Councilmember Ward 5 Kirby, Councilmember Ward 6 Steele, Councilmember Ward 7 Blodgett, Councilmember Ward 8 Dixon

Councilmember Ward 1 Gandesbery was Elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

Council Farewells

Councilmember Gandesbery thanked all City crews that have worked tirelessly, assisting with storm cleanup. Also noting that neighbors came together to assist one another and exemplified the “Norman Way” through acts of service and community support.

Councilmember Deck reiterated Councilmember Gandesbery’s comments regarding the storm. She also expressed appreciation to Ward 2 residents and the City of Norman, and her family members for their support during the election process, especially recognizing her children and parents for their encouragement.

Councilmember Bruce thanked State and County officials for assisting with storm damage assessments and emergency declaration efforts, as well as City staff and utility crews for their response. He also commended residents, particularly older adults, for their resilience and willingness to help with storm cleanup efforts.

Councilmember Grant welcomed the new Councilmembers and thanked City staff for their storm response efforts. She shared the updated debris collection plan and suggested exploring a community resiliency plan focused on climate-related events and encouraged residents to strengthen neighborhood connections and preparedness.

Councilmember Kirby thanked City and County employees, utility workers, and residents for their hard work following the recent storm and welcomed the two new Councilmembers to Council.

Councilmember Steele thanked Ward 6 residents for their support and civic engagement throughout the election process and committed to maintaining open communication with constituents. He announced that on Saturday July 11, 2026, he would be at Beanstalk Coffee, 867 12th Avenue Northeast, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and at Hollywood Corners, 4712 N. Porter Avenue, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to meet with the community to discuss local issues and concerns.

Councilmember Blodgett welcomed Councilmembers Deck and Steele and thanked City staff, Utility crews, and residents for assisting neighbors during the storm recovery efforts and recognized the dedication of linemen and emergency responders.

Councilmember Dixon congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and expressed appreciation to residents who participated in the election process. He also thanked City staff, utility providers, and cleanup crews for their ongoing efforts to remove debris and restore services following the storm.

Mayor Holman welcomed Councilmembers Deck and Steele and reflected on the significant turnover of Council over the past year, noting the challenges of addressing major community issues while serving in largely volunteer roles. He encouraged residents to remain engaged in local government and consider public service opportunities. Mayor Holman also thanked utility workers, City employees, volunteers, and community organizations for their storm recovery efforts, specifically recognizing the Norman High School football team for assisting residents with debris removal. He also encouraged residents to monitor City communication channels for storm recovery updates and promoted upcoming community events, including the Downtown Art Walk and the rescheduled fireworks display at Reaves Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman