



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 02, 2026 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Special Meeting of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, June 02, 2026, 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 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Matthew Peacock
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
Councilmember Ward 6 Joshua Hinkle
Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-178: A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA) WORLD CUP EVENTS IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Kathryn Walker, City Attorney, presented Contract K-2526-178, a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Police Commissioners to provide law enforcement assistance during the 2026 FIFA World Cup events in Kansas City.

Ms. Walker explained that Kansas City requested assistance from the Norman Police Department to provide additional security for the international event. She noted that the opportunity would also provide Norman officers with experience supporting a large-scale international event in preparation for potential mutual aid requests associated with future Olympic events.

Under the agreement, Norman would send seven police officers under the direction of Captain Carl Pendleton. Officers could be assigned to security duties associated with FIFA matches or the FIFA Fan Festival. Kansas City would provide lodging and one meal during each shift.

Council discussed liability associated with Norman officers working outside the state. Staff explained that Norman would remain responsible for claims, damages, workers' compensation, salaries, benefits, and other liabilities associated with its officers, consistent with the City's other mutual aid arrangements.

Council also discussed the effect of the deployment on local police staffing. Police Department staff advised that participating officers were selected from across the agency and were primarily patrol officers scheduled to be off during the deployment. The Department had planned for the deployment to minimize any impact on police services in Norman.

Additional discussion included participating jurisdictions, transportation and equipment, and whether Norman Police Department drone assets would be deployed. Staff advised that Norman vehicles would be used for transportation to Kansas City but would remain parked while officers were shuttled to their assignments, and Norman's drone assets would not be deployed as part of the mutual aid assignment.

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

Contract K-2526-178 was approved.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-179: A MUTUAL AID PAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KC2026, A MISSOURI NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

Kathryn Walker, City Attorney, presented Contract K-2526-179 in conjunction with the Mutual Aid Agreement. Ms. Walker explained that the agreement provides for reimbursement to the City for the law enforcement assistance provided during the FIFA World Cup events.

Norman officers were scheduled to travel to Kansas City on June 10, work 12-hour shifts on June 11 and June 12, and return June 13. Staff estimated that the seven participating officers would provide approximately 210 hours of service.

Under the agreement, the City would be reimbursed at a rate of \$150 per hour, up to a maximum of \$35,000. Ms. Walker explained that funding for the reimbursement was being provided through federal grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security. As a result, applicable federal grant requirements were incorporated into the payment agreement.

Council discussed provisions of the agreement relating to equipment and federal requirements. Staff clarified that certain provisions were standard federal grant requirements applicable to multiple participating entities and were not necessarily specific to Norman's deployment.

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

Contract K-2526-179 was approved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES, TITLE 25 § 307(B)(1) IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CITY MANAGER AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 17 OF CONTRACT K-2223-176, TO EVALUATE THE CITY ATTORNEY AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 18 OF CONTRACT K-2425-78; AND DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Item 3, continued

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager; and Mr. Rick Knighton, City Attorney, were in attendance at the Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

The Executive Session was adjourned out of and the Special Session was reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

The City Manager and City Attorney received their annual performance evaluation and the employment of the Internal Auditor were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken and no votes were cast.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor