

**NORMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 8th day of September, 2022.

Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and online at <https://norman-ok.municodemeetings.com> at least twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Chair Erica Bird called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Item No. 1, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cameron Brewer
Kevan Parker
Liz McKown
Steven McDaniel
Erica Bird
Jim Griffith
Michael Jablonski

MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug McClure
Shaun Axton

A quorum was present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Hudson, Director, Planning &
Community Development
Roné Tromble, Recording Secretary
Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
Colton Wayman, Planner I
Logan Hubble, Planner I
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development
Manager
Jami Short, Traffic Engineer
Beth Muckala, Asst. City Attorney
Todd McLellan, Development Engineer
Bryce Holland, Multimedia Specialist

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Item No. 7, being:

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2223-10: RONALD K. DODGION REQUESTS CLOSURE AND VACATION OF A PORTION OF CRESTON WAY, LOCATED BETWEEN LOT 4, BLOCK 7 AND LOT 1, BLOCK 8 OF HANLY ADDITION.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD:

1. Location Map
2. Staff Report
3. Request to Vacate/Close Public Easement with Attachments

PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

1. Ken Danner reviewed the staff report, a copy of which is filed with the minutes.
2. Mr. Jablonski asked who will own the property if the right-of-way is given up. Mr. Danner responded. Ms. Bird provided further clarification.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION:

1. Sean Rieger, 136 Thompson Drive, representing the applicant, presented the request. He noted the applicant is open to maintaining a pedestrian or bicycle easement through the property.
2. Mr. Parker asked if the applicant owns one of the adjacent properties. Mr. Rieger responded.
3. Ms. Bird asked the intent. Mr. Rieger responded the applicant's concern is that the property to the east not connect to the neighborhood.
4. Mr. Parker asked where the easements are. Mr. Rieger responded they are happy to retain easements for utilities. Mr. Danner noted the City has nothing in the subject area; utility easements run north-south on the east.
5. Mr. Jablonski asked about adding a pedestrian/bike easement. Ms. Bird responded it could be included with the motion.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Karen Diers, 200 12th Avenue S.E., spoke in opposition.
2. Skye Diers, 3605 Sun Valley Drive, spoke in opposition.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Mr. Jablonski spoke in opposition to future commercial traffic through this right-of-way, but supported the family to the east using it for access, and a possible future residential neighborhood to the east could use that access.
2. Ms. Bird noted the protest from the property to the east which was 36.9%. This is an asset of that property.
3. Mr. Brewer supports a pedestrian/bicycle easement and believes that connectivity is essential.
4. Mr. Parker commented that closing this right-of-way limits future development of the property to the east. If it is left open, there is potential for a residential development on the west part of that property.
5. Ms. Bird spoke in support of a motion which included a pedestrian/bicycle easement and right of access.

Michael Jablonski moved to recommend rejection of Ordinance No. O-2223-10 to City Council. Jim Griffith seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Kevan Parker, Liz McKown, Jim Griffith, Michael Jablonski
NAYES	Cameron Brewer, Steven McDaniel, Erica Bird,
ABSENT:	Doug McClure, Shaun Axton

Ms. Tromble announced that the motion, to recommend rejection of Ordinance No. O-2223-10 to City Council, passed by a vote of 4-3.

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