



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/13/2026

REQUESTER: Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works

PRESENTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-29 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF NORMAN, STATE OF OKLAHOMA (THE "CITY"), ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS OF SAID CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF THIRTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$35,000,000) TO BE ISSUED IN SERIES TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING, AND REHABILITATING EXISTING STREETS, ROADS, AND INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY (INCLUDING LIGHTING, SIDEWALKS/BIKEPATHS, LANDSCAPING, RELATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRIVEWAY RECONSTRUCTION, AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS); AND LEVYING AND COLLECTING AN ANNUAL TAX, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES, UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Norman first implemented a Street Maintenance Bond program funded through general obligation bonds in 2005. The citizens of Norman approved the Street Maintenance bond Program in 2005 (53.6% voter approval), 2010 (64.7% voter approval), 2016 (67% voter approval), and 2021 (66.2% voter approval). Each iteration of the Street Maintenance Bond Program has been a 5-year, multi-phase program to address maintenance needs in neighborhood streets. The categories have included Urban Asphalt Street Rehabilitation, Urban Concrete Street Rehabilitation, Urban Road Reconstruction, Rural Road Rehabilitation, and beginning with the 2021 program, Preventative Maintenance. Prior to each election, the City provided a list of all streets included in the program based upon the pavement condition date from the City's Pavement Management System. The renewal of the program in 2010, 2016, and

2021 did not increase the property tax mill levy. With the 2021 program ending in 2026, it is time to forward the question of renewing the program for an additional 5 years to the voters.

DISCUSSION:

Ordinance O-2526-29 poses the question to the voters of incurring indebtedness of \$35 million to provide funds for the Street Maintenance Bond Program among four categories of improvements: (1) Rural Road Improvements, (2) Urban Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation, (3) Urban Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation, and (4) Preventative Maintenance. The \$35 million program will be funded within the existing property tax mill levy. Section 2 of Ordinance O-2526-29 lists all of the streets slated for maintenance, rehabilitation, and/or improvements. A map is also attached to this item for reference. The ordinance directs the setting of a special election for the purpose of proposing renewal of the program to the voters on April 7, 2026. In order to meet the deadlines set forth for calling the election, the Ordinance is scheduled for First Reading on January 13, 2026 and Second and Final Reading on January 27, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval on Second and Final Reading of Ordinance O-2526-29.