



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 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 24 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

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holman called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holman.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF THE 2025-2026 NORMAN YOUTH COUNCIL.

Item 1 has been postponed to May 26, 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-40: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, AS KIDS TO PARKS DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation thanked Council and made comments.
2. Ms. Megan Phelan, Park Planner thanked Council and made comments.
3. Mr. Maxwell Norman made comments.
4. Ms. Isabel Norman made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-40 was Acknowledged.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-42: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2026 AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works, thanked Council and made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-42 was Acknowledged.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-43: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE THIRD WEEKEND IN MAY 2026, AS NORMAN ARTS FESTIVAL WEEKEND IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Carrie Hendricks, CEO/Founder of the Norman Arts Festival, thanked Council and made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-43 was Acknowledged.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-44: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026, AS BIKE MONTH AND FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026, AS BIKE-TO-WORK DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. John Sharp, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Deputy Director, thanked Council and made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-44 was Acknowledged.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-45: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026, AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Bruce Xu, Asian American Student Association at OU, thanked Council and made comments.
2. Ms. Ashley Wigglesworth, Norman High School Receptionist, thanked Council and made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-45 was Acknowledged.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCLAMATION P-2526-46: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026, AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Kitrena Hime, Director of Counseling and Advocacy at Norman Public Schools, thanked Council and made comments.

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

Receipt of Proclamation P-2526-46 was Acknowledged.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ward 1 - Councilmember Gandesbery

Councilmember Gandesbery highlighted a \$4 million Hitachi investment in Norman, recognized the Red Dirt Collective's community programs and sixth anniversary, and wished the Norman Regional Health System a happy 80th birthday.

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Ward 2 - Councilmember Peacock

Councilmember Peacock recognized Councilmember Gandesbery for his volunteer cleanup efforts at Food and Shelter and praised his dedication to the community.

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Ward 3 - Councilmember Bruce

Councilmember Bruce thanked residents for their continued communication through face-to-face conversations, emails, phone calls, and text messages.

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Ward 4 - Councilmember Grant

Councilmember Grant discussed youth involvement in City priorities, highlighted the Norman Arts Festival's youth focus, and addressed ongoing homelessness and housing challenges in Norman. She encouraged collaboration among community organizations, faith-based groups, and government partners to help address shelter and encampment issues.

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Ward 5 - Councilmember Kirby

Councilmember Kirby encouraged residents to support local farms and small businesses throughout the ward and highlighted several local businesses and vendors, while emphasizing the importance of supporting local commerce.

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Ward 7 - Councilmember Blodgett

Councilmember Blodgett promoted an upcoming blood drive on May 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Riverwind Casino. She expressed her appreciation for the Kids to Parks Day proclamation and shared the opening day for Westwood Family Aquatic Center on May 23, 2026.

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Ward 8 - Councilmember Dixon

Councilmember Dixon recognized the Norman High School girls' soccer team's successful season. He congratulated Dr. Brent Norwood for his appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Board, and Laura Doughty and Jason Bingham for their reappointments to the Norman Library Board.

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Council Announcements continued:

Mayor Holman

Mayor Holman recognized the Norman High boys and girls soccer team's success during the state playoff semifinals. He announced the upcoming Police Memorial Service at Legacy Park on Friday May 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., and discussed continued City conversations regarding homelessness, encampments, public transit, infrastructure, and TIF policy. The Mayor also congratulated graduating students from the University of Oklahoma and all local schools.

CONSENT DOCKET

This item is placed on the agenda so that the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine agenda items that they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any item proposed does not meet with approval of all Councilmembers, that item will be heard in regular order. Staff recommends that Item 8 through Item 23 be placed on the consent docket.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Items 8 through 23 were placed on the Consent Docket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, APRIL 14, 2026, AND APRIL 28, 2026.

NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, APRIL 14, 2026, AND APRIL 28, 2026.

NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, APRIL 14, 2026, AND APRIL 28, 2026.

NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, APRIL 14, 2026, AND APRIL 28, 2026.

NORMAN PARKING AND TRANSIT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2026; MARCH 24, 2026; APRIL 7, 2026; AND APRIL 14, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2026, AND APRIL 2, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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 minutes were Approved.

First Reading Ordinance

9. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-30 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE LOTS 14 THROUGH 22 AND LOTS 28 THROUGH 36, ALL OF BLOCK 4 IN HARDIE-RUCKER ADDITION, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND R-3, MULTIFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (PROPERTIES GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF E. LINDSEY STREET BETWEEN MCKINLEY AVENUE AND GEORGE AVENUE; WARD 7)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-30 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-53 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PARTIAL CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC PLATTED SIX-FOOT (6') WIDTH UTILITY EASEMENT. (WARD 7).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-53 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-39 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 36-201 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO REMOVE LOT THREE (3), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF SPRING BROOK ADDITION SECTION 11, A REPLAT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SPRING BROOK ADDITION SECTION 6, TO NORMAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FROM THE C-1, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND PLACE SAME IN A SPUD, SIMPLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (1130 RAMBLING OAKS DRIVE; WARD 3)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-39 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-51 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT IN CHAPTER 36 ("ZONING CODE") SECTION 36-101; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-51 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-52 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 ("SUBDIVISIONS") OF THE CODE, SECTION 30-302, IN ORDER TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO GREENBELT ENHANCEMENT STATEMENTS AND AMENDING THE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR PRELIMINARY PLATS AND IMPLEMENTING ANY NECESSARY RENUMBERING; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-52 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-66 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ADDING ARTICLE 12-VII TO THE CITY CODE CREATING PROCEDURES FOR THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-66 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

15. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-67 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING ARTICLE 12-V, TRANSIENT GUEST ROOM TAX, SECTIONS 12-501, 12-503 AND 12-504 OF THE NORMAN CITY CODE TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDE A CLEARER PROCESS FOR DOCUMENTING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TAX; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

Item 15, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-67 was Adopted on First Reading by Title.

Appointments

16. CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

TERM: 05-12-26 TO 08-13-27 BRENT NORWOOD – WARD 8

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

TERM 05-12-26 TO 07-13-27 ASHLEY KRIVOHLAVEK – WARD 7

NORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

TERM 05-01-26 TO 05-01-29 JODY FOOTE – WARD 3

TERM 05-01-26 TO 05-01-29 LAURA DOUGHTY – WARD 8

TERM 05-01-26 TO 05-01-29 JASON BINGHAM – WARD 8

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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 Appointments were Approved.

Donation

17. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FROM CROSSLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SERVICES AND ITEMS FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK EQUIPMENT RODEO AND COOKOUT AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Item 17, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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 Donation was Accepted.

Contracts

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

- 18. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-118: BY AND BETWEEN NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND RJN GROUP, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,960 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2022 SEWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND THE BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARDS 2 AND 8)**

Motion made by Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Contract K-2526-118 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

Acting as the Norman Utilities Authority

- 19. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-165: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,975 TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEE AND COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY AND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (CITY)**

Motion made by Trustee Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Trustee Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Contract K-2526-165 and Budget Appropriation were Approved.

20. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-169 AND PROJECT RESOLUTION R-2526-140: A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), FOR REFLECTORIZED BACKPLATES UPGRADES PHASE 2. (CITY)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Contract K-2526-169 was Approved and Project Resolution R-2526-140 was Adopted.

21. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-172 AND PROJECT RESOLUTION R-2526-143: A PROJECT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,393,893 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 4)

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Contract K-2526-172 and Budget Appropriation were Approved and Project Resolution R-2526-143 was Adopted.

Resolutions

Acting as the City Council and the Norman Municipal Authority

- 22. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-142: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TRANSFERRING \$41,000 FROM THE STREET MAINTENANCE BOND (GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2023B) FUND BALANCE TO ROBINSON STREET PROJECTS LOCATED BETWEEN 60TH AVENUE NE AND 72ND AVENUE N.E. AND 72ND AVENUE N.E. AND 84TH AVENUE N.E. AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 5)**

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Resolution R-2526-142 was Adopted.

- 23. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-144: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR NORMAN TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS; TRANSFERRING \$62,140.28 FROM THE TRANSIT CENTER CONCRETE PAVEMENT PROJECT (TR0128) TO THE NORMAN TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (TR0130); AND APPROPRIATING \$18,757.00 FROM THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUND 27 BALANCE.**

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Resolution R-2526-144 was Adopted.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Public Hearings

24. CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SECOND YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE NORMAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM TOTALING \$1,395,502.80 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Participants in discussion:

1. Ms. Lisa Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager
2. Ms. Tara Reynolds CDBG Financial Management Analyst
3. Ms. Heidi Smith Ward 5, proponent
4. Ms. Mary Katherine Long Ward 2, proponent
5. Mr. Caleb McGee Ward 4, proponent

The Public Hearing was Conducted.

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 Public Hearing was Closed.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant.

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

Submittal of the application to the United States Housing and Urban Development Office was Approved.

25. CONSIDERATION AND AWARDING OF THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026A OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND VOTE TO AWARD SAID BONDS TO THE LOWEST BIDDER COMPLYING WITH THE NOTICE OF SALE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Participants in discussion:

1. Mr. Clint Mercer, Finance Director
2. Ms. Mayumi Windler Ward 2, asked questions
3. Mr. Stephen Ellis Ward 4, asked questions

The Bid was awarded to TD Financial Products, L.L.C., as the Lowest and Best Bidder Meeting Specifications.

26. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-61 UPON FIRST, SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026A IN THE SUM OF \$10,000,000 BY THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION DULY CALLED AND HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF; DESIGNATING THE REGISTRAR FOR THE ISSUE; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE; APPROVING THE FORMS OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTIONS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Ordinance O-2526-61 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

Item 26, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Stephen Ellis Ward 4 made comments.

Ordinance O-2526-61 was Adopted Upon Second Reading Section by Section.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Emergency clause in Section 10 of Ordinance O-2526-61 was Approved.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Ordinance O-2526-61 was Adopted Upon Final Reading as a Whole.

27. CONSIDERATION AND AWARDED OF THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF \$17,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026B OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND VOTE TO AWARD SAID BONDS TO THE LOWEST BIDDER COMPLYING WITH THE NOTICE OF SALE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

Item 27, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Clint Mercer, Finance Director
2. Ms. Cindy Rogers Ward 4 made comments.

The Bid was awarded to TD Financial Products, L.L.C., as the Lowest and Best Bidder Meeting Specifications.

28. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-62 UPON FIRST, SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026B IN THE SUM OF \$17,000,000 BY THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION DULY CALLED AND HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF; DESIGNATING THE REGISTRAR FOR THE ISSUE; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE; APPROVING THE FORMS OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTIONS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-62 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Ordinance O-2526-62 was Adopted Upon Second Reading Section by Section.

Item 28, continued

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 2 Peacock.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Emergency clause in Section 10 of Ordinance O-2526-62 was Approved.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Ordinance O-2526-62 was Adopted Upon Final Reading as a Whole.

29. CONSIDERATION AND AWARDED OF THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF \$8,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026C OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND VOTE TO AWARD SAID BONDS TO THE LOWEST BIDDER COMPLYING WITH THE NOTICE OF SALE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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 Bid was awarded to Robert W. Baird and Company, Inc., as the Lowest and Best Bidder Meeting Specifications.

30. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2526-63 UPON FIRST, SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026C IN THE SUM OF \$8,000,000 BY THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION DULY CALLED AND HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF; DESIGNATING THE REGISTRAR FOR THE ISSUE; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE; APPROVING THE FORMS OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTIONS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Ordinance O-2526-63 was Adopted upon First Reading by Title.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, 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

Ordinance O-2526-63 was Adopted Upon Second Reading Section by Section.

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Emergency clause in Section 10 of Ordinance O-2526-63 was Approved.

Item 30 continued:

Motion made by Councilmember Ward 4 Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 6 Hinkle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ward 3 Bruce

Ordinance O-2526-63 was Adopted Upon Final Reading as a Whole.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for citizens to address City Council. Due to Open Meeting Act regulations, Council is not able to participate in discussion during miscellaneous comments. Remarks should be directed to the Council as a whole and limited to four minutes or less.

Stephen Ellis - Ward 4

Mr. Ellis urged Council to delay enforcement actions at the Francis Cate Park encampment. He encouraged the City to use enforcement discretion until alternative solutions are available.

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Mayumi Windler - Ward 2

Ms. Windler expressed concerns about the City's increasing use of bonds to finance projects and questioned the long-term impact of additional debt. She also noted that the City Attorney should represent the City as a whole.

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Megan Straughan - Ward 2

Ms. Straughan, a social worker, spoke in support of unhoused residents and urged Council not to remove the encampments without alternative housing options.

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Ella Crenshaw - Ward 6

Ms. Crenshaw stated that tent encampments can be managed safely and sanitarily with the proper resources. She encouraged the City to allow unhoused residents to remain in place.

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Marguerite Larson - Ward 6

Ms. Larson emphasized the community and support systems formed within unhoused encampments and expressed concern that relocating residents disrupts those connections. She encouraged compassionate solutions.

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Miscellaneous Comments, continued

Cindy Rogers - Ward 4

Ms. Rogers discussed concerns with the proposed TIF Ordinance. She raised concerns about economic analysis, staffing capacity, and potential impacts on school funding.

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Derek Hal – Ward 4

Mr. Hal spoke on behalf of the unhoused at Francis Cate Park, stating that residents are working together to maintain cleanliness, safety, and accountability within the encampment.

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Brooklyn Bills - Ward 4

Ms. Bills described efforts by residents to establish rules, maintain cleanliness, and address concerns, emphasizing that stability is needed to move toward permanent housing.

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Cara Tate – Ward 4

Ms. Tate shared her experience with homelessness and re-entry and efforts to access housing and mental health services. She urged the City not to force relocation and asked for expanded temporary shelter options.

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Nancy McCormick - Ward 4

Ms. McCormick thanked the Council and community, noting residents are working together to improve conditions and remain accountable. She expressed hope for future stable housing.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Stephen T. Holman